
PHS Actions for Building Capacity in Assurance

Assurance: Guaranteeing the benefits of public health for all. The goal is to ensure that services necessary to achieve agreed-upon goals are provided. The means to accomplish the goal is by encouraging the actions of others, private and public; requiring action through regulation; and by providing funds and other resources, or providing services directly.

Assurance strategy 1: Developing and maintaining the capacity of public health agencies at the State and local levels, and other organizations, to plan, implement, and assure the quality of the services that they provide or need to provide

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)

1. Provide technical assistance to local agencies that receive Adolescent Family Life programs to assure that services provided are of high quality (*Office of Population Affairs*).

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1992 and beyond

2. Continue to provide technical assistance to community-based organizations that receive grants under the Minority HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention Grant Program or the Minority Community Health Coalition Demonstration Grants Program (*Office of Minority Health*).

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National Institutes of Health (NIH)

1. Support regional conferences to provide State and local directors with opportunities to share their successes, problems, and concerns in addressing regional problems. Collaborate with State health departments to cosponsor regional conferences and periodic workshops on cardiovascular disease, smoking prevention, and cancer control, and provide for national meetings and workshops of minority health care workers.

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2. Sponsor periodic State health department workshops to provide updates on critical science and public health issues and offer opportunities to attain capacity building skills for more effective program implementation.

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3. Involve State and local health officials more directly in programs of basic and applied sciences research. For example, the National Cancer Institute supports a national system linking community-