



Prevention and Wellness Trust

Ch. 224 of the Acts of 2012

Prevention and Wellness Evaluation Committee

May 5th, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Met quorum (3/4 in person)

Stephenie Lemon (UMass), Marilyn Kramer (CHIA), and Laura Nasuti (DPH). Michael Powell, designee from EHS was on the phone.

Other attendees included

Harvard: Charles Deutsch, Michelle Williams, Chandra Jackson, Abby
DPH: Carlene Pavlos, Amy Bettano, Tom Soare, Tom Land

Objectives

Harvard Catalyst was selected for the independent evaluator for PWTF

- Define independence for outside evaluation
- Define parameters of DPH's role in contract management
- Define role of evaluation working group

Discussion

- The group decided that what mattered most in the evaluation was who had the locus of control. This evaluation could remain unbiased Since Harvard had been awarded the evaluation contract, Harvard would be the lead on the evaluation – but DPH and PWTF grantees would be able to support the evaluation through data collection activities, suggestions of appropriate outcomes.
- DPH & grantees have a role in helping Harvard understand what is happening “on the ground” and in data collection.
- DPH will help facilitate the IRB application.
- Harvard will start contributing to the annual report. Specifically Harvard will be running any outcome oriented data so that DPH and Harvard are not producing different results.
- Harvard will be working with the grantees and DPH to develop a “final” evaluation plan, but resulting analyses will be fully under Harvard control.
- Group decided there was a need for a publications committee because this is an important project that has already garnered nationwide attention. This committee

would help establish boundaries on publications. There was a discussion around no publications with major results/outcomes until after the legislative report has been submitted.

- The group also discussed the hardship of getting results given the data lag (APCD 1-2 years behind).
- PWAB evaluation working group will be responsible for interfacing between PWAB and external evaluators. This working group will represent the interests of the PWAB to Harvard. Should meet quarterly before PWAB meetings.
- Stephenie will present at next PWAB on this meeting, including talking about defining unbiased evaluation and the publications working group.