

Climate & Health Initiative

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health



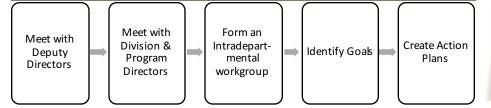
Project Overview

Mission: Create a self-sustaining work culture within the Department of Public Health that will encourage, recognize, and organize climate change work

Inputs **Outputs Outcomes Impact** and engage the general public about the nature of climate change and the Resources Participants & health co-benefits associated with taking action to reduce carbon emissions Increased awareness among the public Activities Reduced public Trained public health Audience about the public health impacts of health risks staff climate change and the co-benefits of Public health Early associated with local planning, land use, transportation, water, and energy policies that Staff engagement taking action staff and climate change reduce carbon emissions and support the design of healthy and Set 5 climate through monthly leadership Increased prominence of public health goals pursuant to Healthier, more meetings voice in climate-related decision making Five Point Plan Residents resilient, more throughout other sectors Technical assistance to equitable Develop Other guidance on climate preparedness to local government and community support staff in communities · Higher level of preparedness concrete action government partners to reduce health risks and create more resilient communities. implementation throughout DPH and the county for plans to meet agencies impacts of climate change Research on health goals Research effects of climate the capacity of Departmental staff and programs to monitor health Later Increased staff awareness of and institutions change and vulnerable impacts, integrate climate preparedness, and improve climate response engagement in climate change work Implement populations Private sector action plans Greater participation by DPH in internal Existing protocols and through crossclimate mitigation activities best management practices to reduce carbon emissions associated best management program with Departmental facilities and internal operations. practices collaboration

Preparation

- Both bottom-up and top-down approaches
 - Build staff interest and knowledge through workshop series
 - Build support among leadership through individual meetings



Next Steps

- Finalize 5 goals
- Develop action plans to meet goals
- Begin implementation

Set up a messaging system targeted at especially vulnerable communities

Gather research, information, and maps on aspects of climate vulnerability

Reduce vehicles miles traveled by County employees Expand support for the Asthma Coalition and support policies that reduce air pollution

Add climate change component to New Employee Orientation



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