



CONNECTING CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH: *NEXT STEPS*

*Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., Public Health Officer & Director,
Public Health Services
Health and Human Services Agency, County of San Diego*

*November 5, 2019
Health Services Advisory Board Meeting*



EMERGING LEADERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH (ELPH) INITIATIVE: CURRENT STATUS



- Public Health Services presented to the Health Services Advisory Board Meeting on September 3, 2019 on the Kresge Initiative and Public Health Services' new role as the **Public Health Cross-Jurisdictional Strategist**.
- As an outcome of this Initiative, Public Health Services is now in the process of finalizing a MOA between the City of San Diego and the County.



Role: Public Health Services' transformative role is to become a **Cross-Jurisdictional Public Health Strategist**. The AIM is to proactively and emergently engage the 19 jurisdictions of San Diego County as a trusted public health authority and leader.

Functions are to:

- **Build capacity** for the local health department and municipalities to establish clear enhance rapid response, as needed.
- **Communicate** with city jurisdiction on routine and emergent public health issues to enhance rapid response, as needed.
- **Develop coordinated relationships** with city government departments, such as administration, planners, law enforcement, and housing, to address routine and emergent public health concerns.



The intent of the San Diego County Kresge Initiative is for City and County leaders to work more closely together to identify and focus on mutual goals to improve health outcomes for our local region.

Meet with **City Managers** or their designee of all **18 municipalities** and **unincorporated areas** individually over the next 6 months to discuss initiative

Greater collaborative efforts between various **city sectors**, such as:

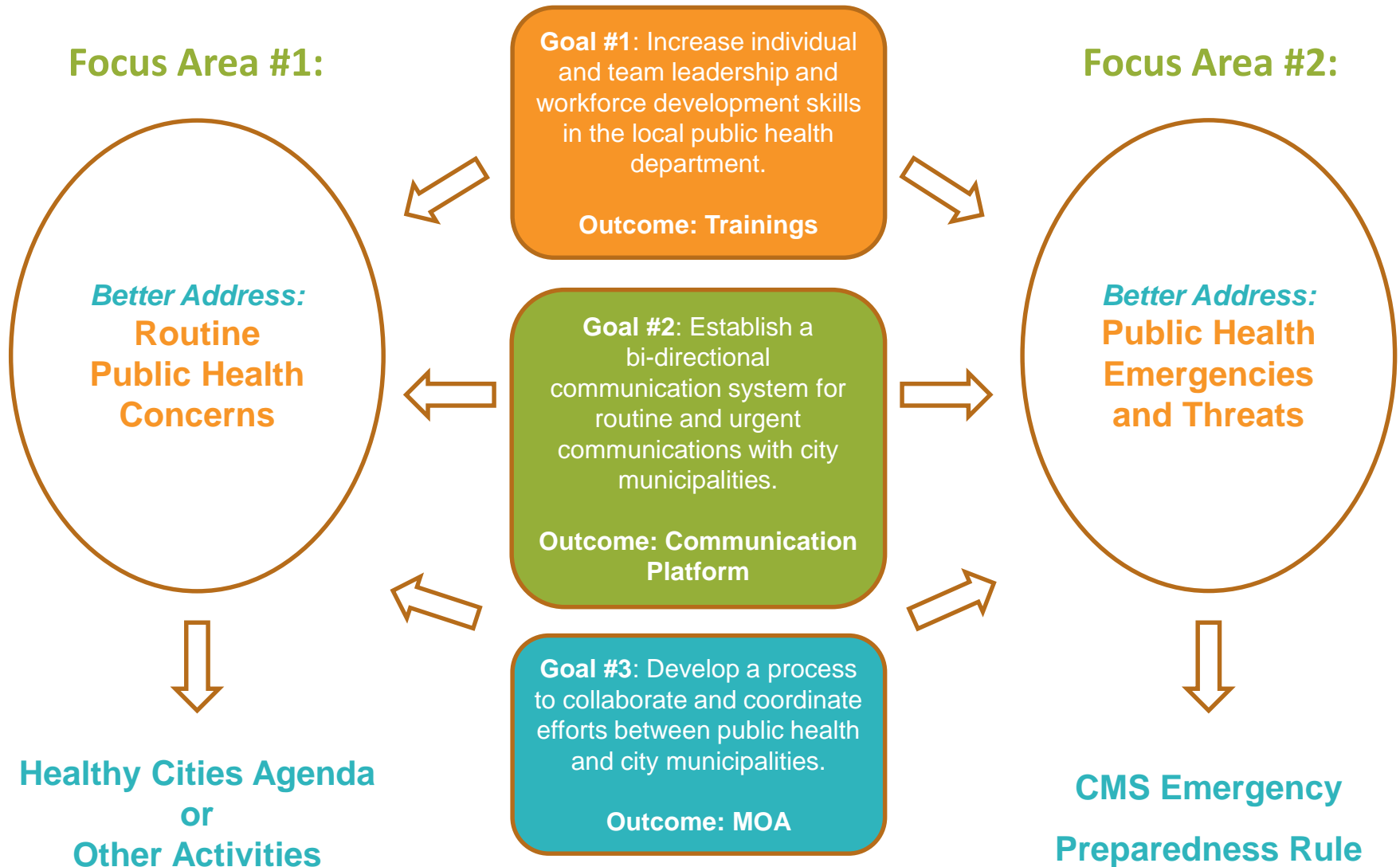
- **City planners**
- Law enforcement
- **Emergency managers**
- Environmental health
- Parks and recreation

Enhanced communication, coordination, and collaboration between City and County regarding routine public health issues and public health threats and emergencies



- **Goal #1:** Increase individual and team leadership and workforce development skills in the local public health department
- **Goal #2:** Establish a bi-directional communication system for routine and urgent communication with city municipalities
- **Goal #3:** Develop a process to coordinate and collaborate efforts between public health and city municipalities

OVERVIEW





MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Parties

This Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) is made between the County of San Diego (County) and the City of XX (City). The parties to this Agreement may be referred to herein collectively as the "parties" or individually as a "party."

Recitals

WHEREAS, in 1953, the parties entered into a Basic Agreement for Public Health Services to be Furnished by the County to the City (Basic Agreement); and

WHEREAS, the Basic Agreement was superseded in 1977 by a Second Basic Agreement for Public Health Services to be Furnished by the County's Public Health Officer (Second Basic Agreement), which included environmental health services as a component of the County's Public Health Services; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the Second Basic Agreement State laws have directly authorized the County to administer certain environmental programs throughout the County, and the County created the position of Director of Environmental Health to administer and enforce environmental health programs and to oversee a separate County Department of Environmental Health (DEH); and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2018, the City reaffirmed by resolution its commitment to a contractual relationship with the County for public health services; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2019, the parties entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to Ensure Awareness and Appropriate Response in Public Health Matters (MOU); and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to update and clarify their contractual relationship related to public health and environmental health services within the City, where those services depend in part on a contractual relationship; and,

WHEREAS, this Agreement will supersede the Basic Agreement, Second Basic Agreement, and the MOU.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual covenants and promises set forth below, and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Administration of Agreement:** Each party identifies the following individual to serve as the authorized administrative representative for that party. Either party may change its administrative representative by notifying the other party in writing of such change. Any such change will become effective upon the receipt of such notice by the other party to this Agreement. Notice of a change to the authorized representative shall be sent to each party as follows:

- PHS has completed a MOA between the County and the City of San Diego.
- The template of the MOA will be used to draft MOAs with each of the city municipalities in the County.



- Parties' responsibilities in public health matters related to routine day to day operations **and** emerging public health concerns that may lead to communicable disease outbreaks:
 - County
 - City
 - Both Parties
- Governing Laws



Public Health Services is requesting that the Health Services Advisory Board approve the request to the Board of Supervisors to accept the MOA, or 3rd Agreement, between the County and the City of San Diego.

FEEDBACK & QUESTIONS





For more information contact:

Wilma J. Wooten, M.D., M.P.H.

Health Officer & Director

Public Health Services

County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency

3851 Rosecrans Street (MS: P-578)

San Diego, CA 92110

Phone: (619) 542-4181

wilma.wooten@sdcounty.ca.gov

www.LiveWellSD.org