Climate Action Team Public Health Work Group: Priorities for 2010

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Background

- Each CAT workgroup asked by CalEPA to submit prioritized activities for 2010
- Need to address mitigation and adaptation
- Once priorities established, need to develop more detailed implementation plans

Documents

- Proposed Strategy Priorities
  - Evaluation of strategies with public health co-benefits
  - Outreach, training, and technical assistance
  - Public health preparedness and emergency response
  - Surveillance and data collection
  - Promote community resilience
  - Research and program evaluation

Discussion

- Work Group Priorities
  - Are these appropriate priorities from larger work plan?
  - Suggestions for HIA topics?
  - Agree with heat focus?
  - Specific TA / training needs?
  - Anything we’ve missed?
- More detail for each priority
  - Specific tasks and deliverables?
  - Who should be involved?
  - Timeline?

Evaluation of Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies with Public Health Co-Benefits
- Ongoing Cap and Trade HIA
- Additional HIA of AB 32 mitigation measure (contingent on resources)
- HIA of adaptation strategy (long-term)

Outreach, Training and Technical Assistance
- Increase local capacity to promote strategies with health co-benefits, e.g.,
  - May 2010 CCLHO semi-annual conference
  - MPO/LHD Modeling trainings

Improve Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response
- Improve preparedness for heat-related events (climate change perspective)
  - Model heat preparedness plan for LHDs
  - Integrate resilience/adaptation

Surveillance and Data Collection
- Monitor heat-related deaths and illnesses
- Begin to incorporate CSTE climate health indicators
- Heat warning systems (long-term)
- Surveillance systems to evaluate impacts of AB 32 mitigation measures, including disparate impacts on vulnerable communities (long-term)

Promote Community Resilience to Reduce Vulnerability to Climate Change
- Materials to help promote active community engagement in extreme heat adaptation and response
- HIA Guide

Research and Program Evaluation
- Vulnerability assessments
  - CEC
- Public Health research agenda (long-term)
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