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Performance Improvement: The Story of St. John’s County, Florida

TRAIN Course ID: 1029705

Presenters: Dawn C. Allicock, MD, MPH, CPH, Director, St. John’s County Health Department; Yvonne Simmons Howze, PhD, Section Director, Department of State Health Services

Description: St. John’s County Health Department, like many health departments throughout the United States, faces budget cuts, potential layoffs, and an uncertain economic future. This medium-sized health department has undertaken an innovative performance improvement process to guide their future. Please join Dawn C. Allicock, MD, MPH, CPH, Director, St. John’s County Health Department and Yvonne Simmons Howze, PhD, Section Director, Department of State Health Services for a thought-provoking discussion of the models and strategies for improving performance and quality.

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Suggested resources:

Online Resources
1) From Silos to Systems: Using Performance Management to Improve the Public’s Health.
4) Northeast Florida Counts Community Dashboard.
5) Q12 Meta-Analysis: The Relationship between Engagement at Work and Organizational Outcomes (Gallup, Inc.)
6) Quality Improvement Project Storyboards
7) Quality Improvement (QI) Toolbox with the Public Health Memory Jogger.
8) Results-Oriented Cultures: Creating a Clear Linkage between Individual Performance and Organizational Success. U.S. General

9) **Turning Point Public Health Collaborative Toolkit.**

**Articles**

**Books**

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**Healthy Texas Babies Initiative: An Evidence-Based Approach to Reduce Infant Mortality in Texas**

**TRAIN Course ID:** 1029707

**Presenters:** Richard Kurz, PhD, Chair of the Healthy Texas Babies Expert Panel; Evelyn Delgado, Assistant Commissioner for Family and Community Health Services, DSHS; Michael Speer, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Ethics, Baylor College of Medicine and Incoming President of the Texas Medical Association

**Description:** The Healthy Texas Babies Initiative is a concerted effort to bring together stakeholders in maternal and child health in Texas, from patients to insurance companies and providers, to develop a coordinated plan to reduce infant mortality. This Grand Rounds will feature a discussion with panelists Richard Kurz, PhD, Chair of the Healthy Texas Babies Expert Panel; Evelyn Delgado, DSHS Assistant Commissioner for Family and Community Health Services; and Michael Speer, MD, Baylor College of Medicine and Incoming President of the Texas Medical Association.

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Illegal Pain Clinics: Implications for Public Health

TRAIN Course ID: 1029710

Presenter: Mari Robinson, JD, Executive Director, Texas Medical Board

Description: The non-medical use of pain killers, sedatives, and muscle relaxers is a serious and growing health problem in the United States. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) estimates that 48 million people have used prescription drugs for non-medical reasons. The clinics responsible for the highest numbers of abusable medications are known as “pill mills” because they appear more like mass-production factories than actual medical clinics. Please join Mari Robinson, JD, Executive Director of the Texas Medical Board, for a discussion of the implications of illegal pain clinics, including the statistics, case studies, and the investigative work of the Texas Medical Board.

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The Science and Study of Suicide Prevention

TRAIN Course ID: 1029711

Presenters: Alex Crosby MD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Merily Keller, Texas Suicide Prevention Council; John Hellsten, PhD, Department of State Health Services

Description: Recent years have seen significant advances in the theories, research, and practice of suicide prevention. Please join Dr. Alex Crosby, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Merily Keller, Texas Suicide Prevention Council, and Dr. John Hellsten, Department of State Health Services, for a discussion of Texas data on suicide; the CDC's strategic direction in self-directed violence; and evidence-based suicide prevention practices currently being implemented in Texas.

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Suggested resources:

Online videos:
1) Always Tell Someone: Krista’s True Story of Help and Hope for Teen Suicide Prevention;
2) ASK the Question: Kurt’s True Story of Help and Hope for College Suicide Prevention;
3) You Can Never Count the Stars: Shania and Sydney’s True Story of Help and Hope

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6) Means Matter Campaign Website


24) Suicide coverage in U.S. newspapers following the publication of the media guidelines. Tatum PT, Canetto SS, Slater MD. Suicide Life Threat Behav. 2010 Oct;40(5):524-34.


26) Suicide Prevention Resource Center Website


29) Texas Suicide Prevention Council Website
Managing Life’s Transitions: Evidence-based Practices for Healthy Aging

TRAIN Course ID: 1029712

Presenter: Marcia G. Ory, PhD, MPH, Regent Professor, Department of Social and Behavioral Health, School of Rural Public Health (SRPH) at The Texas A&M Health Science Center

Description: The largest generation in history—the boomers—is on the doorstep of retirement with approximately 10,000 boomers turning 65 every day. By 2030, the number of U.S. adults aged 65 or older will more than double to about 71 million and account for almost 20% of the population. Public health efforts to promote health and wellness among this aging population are critical strategies for reducing the potential burdens associated with this demographic shift. How will seniors experience their later years? About 80% of older adults have one chronic condition, and 50% have at least two. An essential component to keeping adults healthy and independent is postponing the onset of, or better managing, age-related chronic diseases and disabilities. Please join Marcia G. Ory, Ph.D., M.P.H., Regent Professor, Department of Social and Behavioral Health, and Director, Program on Healthy Aging, School of Rural Public Health at The Texas A&M Health Science Center for this thought-provoking discussion of the determinants of healthy aging as well as the evidence-based practices that promote healthy aging.

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2) Aging Texas Well Website
4) Building Healthy Communities for Active Aging
6) National Council on Aging – Mental Health/Substance Abuse website

Evidence and Evidence Based Programs
1) Cochrane Reviews
Utilizing Computational Tools for the Design and Analysis of Bio-Emergency Response Plans

TRAIN Course ID: 1029713

Presenter: Armin Mikler, PhD, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, Center for Computational Epidemiology and Response Analysis, University of North Texas

Description: Following the accidental or deliberate release of harmful biological agents, responders have little time to mount an adequate response. Researchers at the newly formed Center for Computational Epidemiology and Response Analysis at the University of North Texas are developing new tools that will help to prepare for such events. "Where?" and "How?" questions are the basis for developing efficient emergency response plans long before these health emergencies actually occur. Please join Dr. Armin R. Mikler, Center Director, to learn more about the tools and techniques used by the Center for simulation and forecasting.

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3) Cities Readiness Initiative, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
4) A Computational Framework for Assessing the Feasibility of Bio-emergency Response website and demo video, University of North Texas
15) The POD Game. Center for the Advancement of Distance Education, School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago.
21) Using Collaborative Virtual Environments in Preparedness and Emergency Response Planning. School of Public Health, University of Minnesota.

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