

PROMOTING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: Developing and Exploring Linkages Between PH Indicators, Exposure & Hazard Data

Panel III: Data Access, Translation & Communication

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Session Purpose

- What do we need in public data to promote
 - Linking public health indicators with health outcomes
 - Utilization of identified innovative methodologies
 - Policy Impacts
- Considering impacts of data accessibility on
 - increased understanding of local risk,
 - improved communication,
 - mitigation,
 - community health improvement,
 - disease or symptom reduction, and
 - cost reduction through outreach and education.

Potential Discussion Topics

- Available Data
 - How available are they? Process, Access, Time, Money
 - Large scale spatial indicators?
- Public Safety and Available Data
- Cultural Differences & Privacy
- Privacy & the Public Good
- Health Outcomes: Notifiable Disease
 - Coded Diagnosis by State in common format?
- Health Literacy and Communication
- Informed policy/Community Impact

Potential Discussion Topics

- How does data access promote sustainable high quality community health?
- Some nations have centralized access to diagnoses (at little or no additional cost) because of single payer insurance. Because we lack a central payer system , we lack centralized, numbered link-able health records
 - What could happen if we had them?
 - What opportunities are we missing for a healthier nation?