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?