

Program Element #19: Program Design and Evaluation Services (PDES)

OHA Program Responsible for Program Element:

Public Health Division/Office of the State Public Health Director/Program Design and Evaluation Services

1. Description.

Funds provided under this Agreement for this Program Element may only be used in accordance with, and subject to, the requirements and limitations set forth below, to deliver the PDES of applied public health data collection, research, evaluation and consultation services during the term of this Agreement to the satisfaction of OHA.

This Program Element, and all changes to this Program Element are effective the first day of the month noted in the Issue Date section of Exhibit C of the Financial Assistance Award unless otherwise noted in the Comments and Footnotes of Exhibit C of the Financial Assistance Award.

2. Definitions Specific to Program Design and Evaluation Services (PDES).

Not applicable

3. Alignment with Modernization Foundational Programs and Foundational Capabilities. The activities and services that the LPHA has agreed to deliver under this Program Element align with Foundational Programs and Foundational Capabilities and the public health accountability metrics (if applicable), as follows (see [Oregon's Public Health Modernization Manual](http://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/ABOUT/TASKFORCE/Documents/public_health_modernization_manual.pdf), (http://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/ABOUT/TASKFORCE/Documents/public_health_modernization_manual.pdf):

a. Foundational Programs and Capabilities: All services detailed in this Program Element fall under the Foundational Capability of Assessment and Evaluation. LPHA provides research and evaluation services to multiple OHA Public Health Division programs, thus increasing the program's assessment and evaluation capabilities.

b. The work in this Program Element helps Oregon's governmental public health system achieve the following Public Health Accountability Metric:

Not applicable

c. The work in this Program Element helps Oregon's governmental public health system achieve the following Public Health Modernization Process Measure:

Not applicable

4. Procedural and Operational Requirements. By accepting and using the Financial Assistance awarded under this Agreement and for this Program Element, LPHA agrees to conduct activities in accordance with the following requirements:

a. Staffing Requirements and Staff Qualifications. LPHA must assign qualified staff to provide the services, as may be required by the nature of the particular service. Assigned staff should include doctoral level psychologists, health educators, sociologists, epidemiologists, and masters-level research staff, as appropriate.

b. LPHA will submit a work plan and budget for OHA approval for each activity area noted below. OHA will retain the work plan and budget on file. LPHA will comply with the approved work plan and budget on file with OHA for the element.

c. Each of following specific PDES must be delivered in accordance with the indicated procedural and operational requirements and to OHA satisfaction:

(1) Administration of Behavioral Risk Surveys Unit (PE19-01)

The purpose of the Administration of Behavioral Risk Surveys Unit (Survey Unit) is to have LPHA management of the operation of the Survey Unit. The Survey Unit is responsible for coordination of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) and the Student Health Survey (SHS). The BRFSS is a collaborative project of the CDC and U.S. states and territories. The objective of the BRFSS is to collect uniform, state-specific data on preventive health practices and risk behaviors that are linked to chronic diseases, injuries, and preventable infectious diseases in the adult population. BRFSS data is collected monthly via telephone survey, and the data is managed and analyzed on an annual schedule. Factors assessed by the BRFSS include tobacco use, physical activity, dietary practices, safety-belt use, and use of cancer screening services, among others. SHS is Oregon's effort to monitor the health and well-being of adolescents. An anonymous and voluntary school-based survey, SHS is conducted annually among 6th, 8th and 11th grade students statewide. The SHS survey incorporates data from two preceding youth surveys: the Oregon Healthy Teens Survey and the Student Wellness Survey.

LPHA's responsibilities:

- (a) Provide technical oversight of the Survey Unit.
- (b) Manage the PDES portion of the Survey Unit budget.
- (c) Meet regularly with both the State Epidemiologist and Deputy State Epidemiologist to provide updates and receive direction regarding BRFSS and SHS administration.

(2) Technical Assistance to the Accountability & Metrics Subcommittee, Public Health Advisory Board (PE19-13)

The purpose of Technical Assistance to the Accountability & Metrics Subcommittee, Public Health Advisory Board is to have LPHA provide technical assistance to the Accountability & Metrics Subcommittee of the Public Health Advisory Board on public health data systems and local public health accountability metrics. LPHA must also provide consultation and technical oversight to PHD staff who are assisting the Subcommittee on assessment of data availability, feasibility of data collection, analysis, and reporting.

(3) Support for the Oregon Immunization Program (OIP) (PE19-09)

The purpose of OIP is for LPHA to provide external expertise on data governance for the Oregon Immunization Program.

(4) Evaluation Support for Public Health Modernization (PE19-14)

The purpose of Evaluation Support for Public Health Modernization is to have LPHA provide evaluation services related to the modernization of the public health surveillance system and evaluation of public health modernization in Oregon.

LPHA's responsibilities:

- (a) Modernization of Oregon Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) and Student Health Survey (SHS):
 - (i) Convene a youth data council comprised of diverse Oregon youth to inform SHS content, dissemination, and direction
 - (ii) Code and analyze open-ended responses from 2022 SHS administration with an equity lens

- (iii) Convene and run a SHS survey content committee to design 2024 SHS questionnaire
- (iv) Explore the feasibility of creating an online and interactive Oregon Health Data Center for BRFSS and SHS.
- (v) Develop, execute, and manage contracts with community partners for direction of survey modernization efforts
- (vi) Design, implement, and manage a BRFSS address-based sampling, push-to-web survey
- (vii) Convene a workgroup to develop social determinants of health questions for BRFSS
- (b) Work with OHA modernization evaluation contractor to evaluate public health modernization in Oregon:
 - (i) Disseminate findings from 2021-2023 modernization evaluation efforts
 - (ii) Develop a plan to evaluate 2023-2025 public health modernization implementation in partnership with OHA, LPHAs, and CBOs
 - (iii) Review and aid in development of LPHA, state, and CBO workplans
 - (iv) Assist with creation of public health accountability metrics 2024 baseline report

(5) Support to Public Health Institutional Review Board (PE19-21)

The purpose of the Public Health Institutional Review Board (PH IRB) is to review research studies and ensure that the rights and wellbeing of people who are subjects in research are adequately protected. LPHA will fulfill the role of Chairperson on the PH IRB by delegating an individual to serve as Chairperson.

LPHA's responsibilities:

- (a) Play a leadership role in establishing and implementing PH IRB policy.
- (b) Represent the PH IRB in discussions with other organizations and federal authorities.
- (c) Direct the proceedings and discussion of the monthly Board meetings.
- (d) Vote on all protocols reviewed at full committee meetings.
- (e) Understand ethical issues, state law, institutional policy, and federal regulations that are applicable to studies reviewed by the PH IRB.
- (f) Review and sign (or authorize for signature) PH IRB response and determination letters to investigators.
- (g) In collaboration with the PH IRB Coordinator, promptly review and make decisions regarding submitted research proposals and the investigators' responses to PH IRB conditions.

(6) Support to Oregon Immunization Program, Vaccine Hesitancy Study (PE19-27)

The purpose of Support to Oregon Immunization Program, Vaccine Hesitancy Study is to explore and document the barriers naturopathic doctors face providing pediatric immunizations in an effort to improve vaccine access throughout Oregon.

LPHA's responsibilities:

- (a) Develop key informant interview guide, consent, and protocols.

- (b) Conduct informational interviews with naturopathic doctors to learn about vaccine access barriers.
- (c) Conduct qualitative data analysis.
- (d) Prioritize recommendations from previous reports.
- (e) Deliver written report summarizing findings and recommendations.
- (f) Produce working draft of a manuscript for publication in the scientific literature.

(7) Support to Office of the State Public Health Director (PE19-29)

The purpose of Support to Office of the State Public Health Director is to support the Office's COVID-19 response.

(8) Evaluation and Consultation Support for Core State Injury Prevention Program Grant (PE19-34)

The purpose of Evaluation and Consultation Support for Core State Injury Prevention Program Grant is to evaluate and support the activities of the OHA Injury and Violence Prevention Program on the CDC awarded Core State Injury Prevention Program (Core SIPP) Grant.

The LPHA's local work plan for this element must include only activities that would be allowed under Core SIPP, and at a minimum the following:

- (a) Providing general evaluation support as needed for SIPP grant activities.
- (b) Supporting implementation of Return to School best practices for students with traumatic brain injuries.

(9) Evaluation of Oregon Aid and Assist Population (PE19-35)

The purpose of Evaluation of Oregon Aid and Assist Population is to establish an overall picture of Oregon's aid and assist population by examining patients' pathways to, and outcomes after restoration; how Oregon compares to other states; and what might be modified to improve the systems so OHA can meet the needs of this growing population and decrease the strain on its behavioral health system.

LPHA's responsibilities:

- (a) Address the following primary research questions:
 - i. What are the backgrounds of individuals determined to be incapacitated under ORS 161.370?
 - ii. What are the outcomes of individuals who receive restoration services in Oregon, both at the Oregon State Hospital (OSH) and in the community?
 - iii. What can be learned from other states about the successful management of the Aid and Assist patient population and the restoration process in general?
- (b) Collaborate closely with key subject matter experts at OHA, OSH, court systems, law enforcement, and Community Mental Health Programs to determine the best combination of methods to address the research questions.
- (c) Meet at least monthly with OHA staff to address any concerns or needs of the project, provide progress updates, and make any required decisions.
- (d) Draft interim research briefs and/or give presentations describing key findings to date and recommendations, as requested, to support OHA's legislative and programming priorities.

(10) Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery (PE19-37)

The purpose of Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery (OSPTR) project is to provide evaluation of the OSPTR Board (House Bill 4098 (2022)) efforts to allocate the State’s portion of Oregon’s opioid settlement funds.

LPHA’s responsibilities:

- (a)** Conduct an evaluation of OSPTR Board processes and function:
 - i.** Meet regularly with the OSPTR Board and Data Subcommittee, and with OHA Injury and Violence Prevention Program (IVPP) staff, to plan for evaluation and review results;
 - ii.** Create and implement an evaluation plan;
 - iii.** Provide a summary of evaluation findings to the OSPTR Board for discussion; and
 - iv.** Create a final evaluation report the includes recommendations.
- (b)** Conduct an evaluation of Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse:
 - i.** Meet regularly with Clearinghouse staff, IVPP staff, and leadership team to plan for evaluation and review results;
 - ii.** Create and implement an evaluation plan;
 - iii.** Provide a summary of evaluation findings to the OSPTR Board for discussion; and
 - iv.** Create a final evaluation report that includes recommendations.
- (c)** Conduct formative research to inform assessment methods for a study of those who utilize Oregon data on substance use:
 - i.** Meet regularly with the OSPTR Board and Data Subcommittee, and with IVPP staff, to plan for evaluation and review results;
 - ii.** Conduct formative research to inform a data system investigation, as agreed upon with the OSPTR Board; and
 - iii.** Provide a report to the OSPTR Board.

5. General Revenue and Expense Reporting. LPHA must complete an “Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division Expenditure and Revenue Report” located in Exhibit C of the Agreement. These reports must be submitted to OHA each quarter on the following schedule:

Fiscal Quarter	Due Date
First: July 1 – September 30	October 30
Second: October 1 – December 31	January 30
Third: January 1 – March 31	April 30
Fourth: April 1 – June 30	August 20

6. Performance Measures.

Not applicable