



# Health of King County

Board of Health

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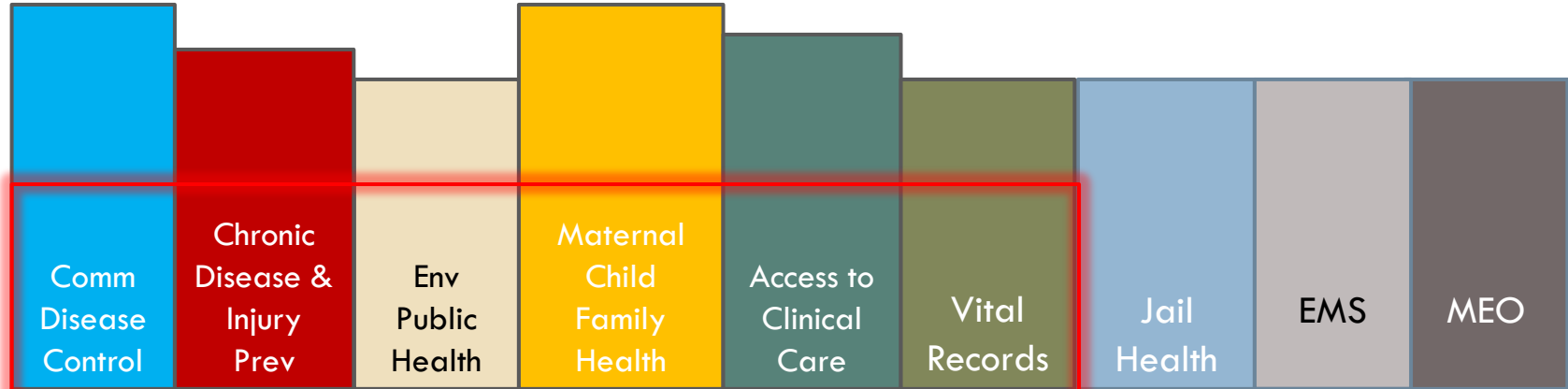
# Overview

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- Key accomplishments
- Focus areas for the year ahead
- Challenges and opportunities



# Framework for the Foundational Services: Large Metro Health Department



## Across all Programs

- Assessment (surveillance and epidemiology)
- Emergency preparedness and response (all hazards)
- Communications
- Policy development and support
- Community partnership development
- Business competencies

**FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

# Public Health

- **Prevention:** Provides core communicable and chronic disease services to reduce the leading causes of death and close disparity gaps in King County
- **Jail Health Services:** Provides constitutionally required health services to all King County inmates
- **Environmental Health:** Prevents disease through sanitation, safe food and water, proper disposal of wastes and toxics, and promoting safe and healthy environmental conditions
- **Community Health Services:** Provides maternal-child health, family planning, primary care, dental to high risk families and adults; regional access and outreach services
- **Emergency Medical Services:** Leads partnership with dispatch centers, paramedic providers, fire departments, and others to provide pre-hospital emergency care county-wide. Operates Medic One
- **Policy, Assessment & Communications:** Advances policies, partnerships and communications that protect and promote health, and collects data to assure evidence-based decision making
- **Preparedness:** Builds regional capacity for responding to public health emergencies
- **Business Practices:** Provides financial, contracting, compliance and human resource services



# Some of our Accomplishments

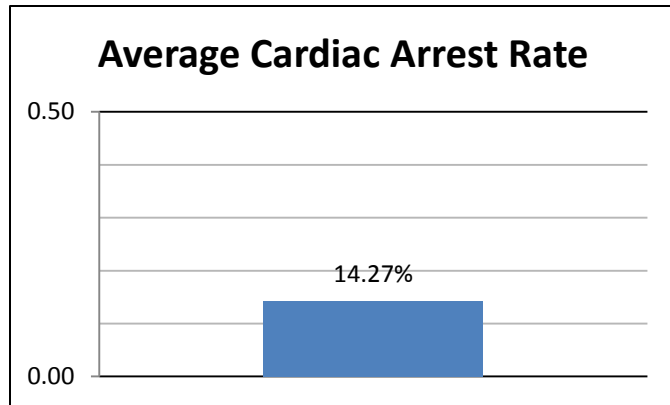
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- **Prevention division** – active outreach & new treatments reduced number of homeless individuals with TB
- **Prevention, Preparedness and Communications** – monitoring and coordinating on-going Ebola response
- **Jail Health Services** – training and creating continuous improvement
- **Community Health Services** – increasing partnerships for client benefit. Planned Parenthood, Community Health Centers, Cities, labor organizations and other non-profits
- **Board of Health** – Chair participates in the Foundational Public Health Services Policy Workgroup

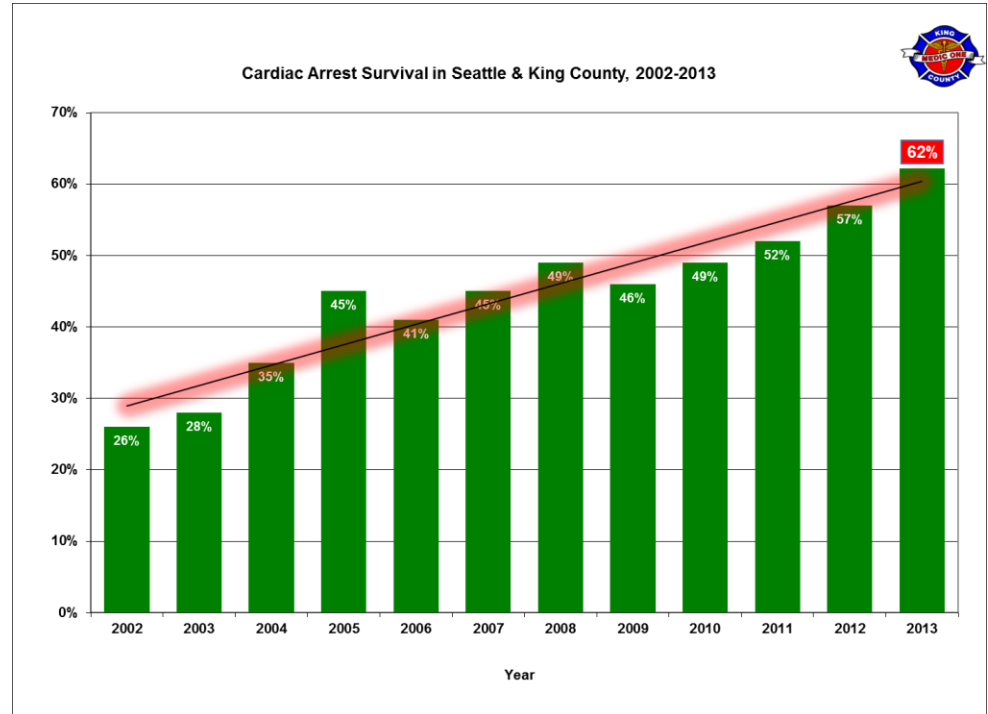
# Emergency Medical Services

- Cardiac arrest survival rate exceeds all past successes

**62% survival rate**



Chicago, Detroit, Fresno, Houston, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee County, Minneapolis, New York, Rochester, MN, Rochester, NY, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Tucson. 2011 data



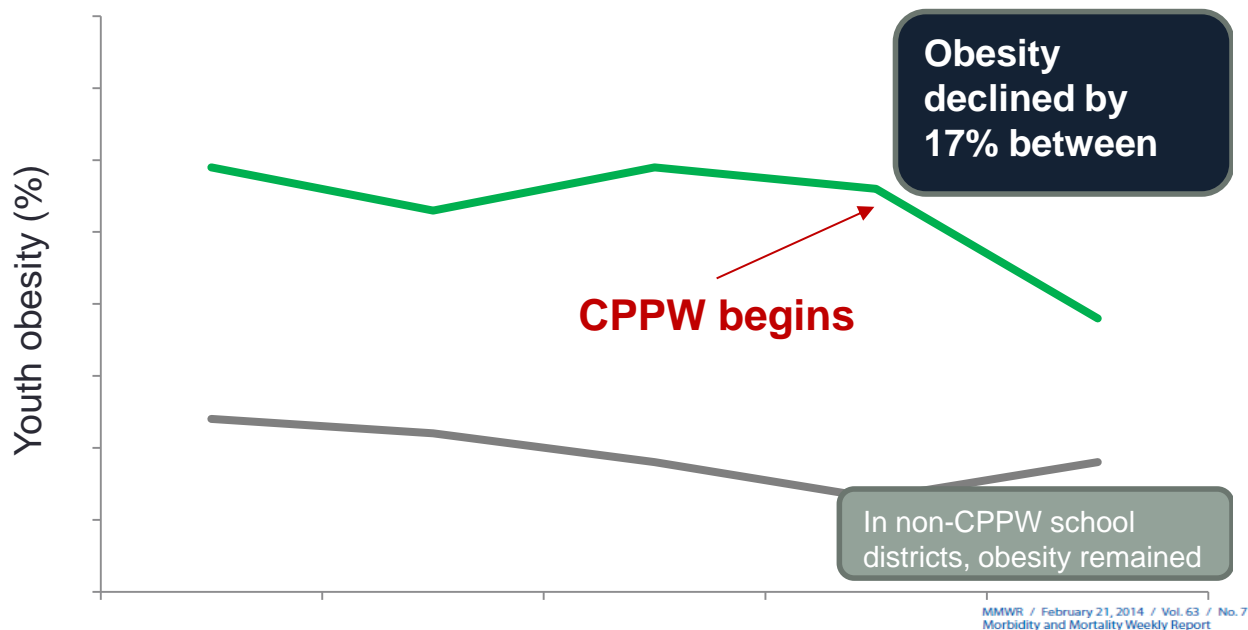


# Remote Area Medical Event

- Seattle/King County Clinic
  - 3,386 individuals received free dental, vision, and medical care
  - 75% had incomes below 200% of Federal Poverty level, over half identified as non-white
  - 184 Public Health Reserve Corps members provided over 1,500 volunteer hours over 4 days



# Closing the gap in obesity – community-based prevention initiatives matter



Declines in Student Obesity Prevalence Associated with a Prevention Initiative — King County, Washington, 2012



# Community Transformation Success

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Highline Medical Center has improved its offering of healthy meals offered in cafeterias at the Burien location. Since Highline is a part of the larger Franciscan Health System, the work is expanding to all eight Franciscan hospitals around the state: a great example of how work initiated through community transformation work can spread far beyond King County.

# Community Transformation Success



**RHA WELCOMES  
YOU TO OUR  
SMOKE FREE  
FACILITY**



**WE THANK YOU FOR NOT SMOKING  
WITHIN 25 FEET OF BUILDINGS**

Affordable housing agencies  
in South King County have  
adopted smoke-free policies  
including Navos Housing  
(serving those with mental  
illness) and the Senior  
Housing Assistance Group

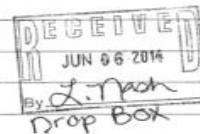
**And all public housing authorities in  
King County are now smoke-free!**

TO: RENTON HOUSING AUTHORITY  
ADMINISTRATION

DEAR R.H.A;  
WE SOME RESIDENTS, THAT LIVE  
IN YOUR APARTMENTS, ARE VERY  
THANKFULLY FOR WHAT YOU DID!  
TILL NOW, FOR US WERE IMPOSIBLE TO  
OPEN THE DOOR OR THE WINDOW  
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NOW THE THINGS ARE CHANGED.  
IT'S A LITTLE LATER, BUT BETTER LATER  
THAN NEVER.

WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH!  
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A **farm-to-school** program has been implemented in Auburn, Kent, and Renton School Districts with support from Washington State Department of Agriculture

The districts have purchased over **50,000 pounds of Washington-grown produce**, which has been offered to 33,200 students



# Multi-Division Departmental Response

- Contamination of a large public water system with E. coli
- Managed a large, complex boil water order on Mercer Island
- Led by Public Health Preparedness, involving Communicable Disease and Epidemiology, Environmental Health Food / Water programs, Communications team, and the Health Officer
- September 26 – October 8, 2014
- 62 permitted establishments
- 450 hours of staff time



Carole Coombs, right  
EH Food Inspector

Photo courtesy Seattle Times

There  
is much  
to be  
done  
in 2015



# Focus Areas

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Every division is working on these issue areas

**Focus Area 1:**

**Work toward financial stability**

**Focus Area 2:**

Create the capacity  
to protect the public from  
unexpected health risks

**Focus Area 3:**

Shape Public Health's role in  
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**Focus Area 4:**

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# Focus Area 1

## Work toward financial stability

- **Department: Financial Management Project**

18 month initiative with Executive branch aimed at improving Public Health's ability to monitor, report, and explain changes in its financial position.



- **Divisions: Variety of Projects**

- Sustainability of clinic funding (CHS)
- Basic Life Support Core Services (EMS)
- Overhead Allocations (EMS)
- Overall Efficiencies and Cost Reduction (EH)

# Focus Area 2

## Create the capacity to protect the public from unexpected health risks



- Disease outbreaks like Ebola / effective disease outbreak readiness
- Public Health Reserve Corp volunteer recruitment
- Toxic exposures (e.g. Wade's gun range lead exposure)
- Vulnerable Populations Action Team (VPAT)

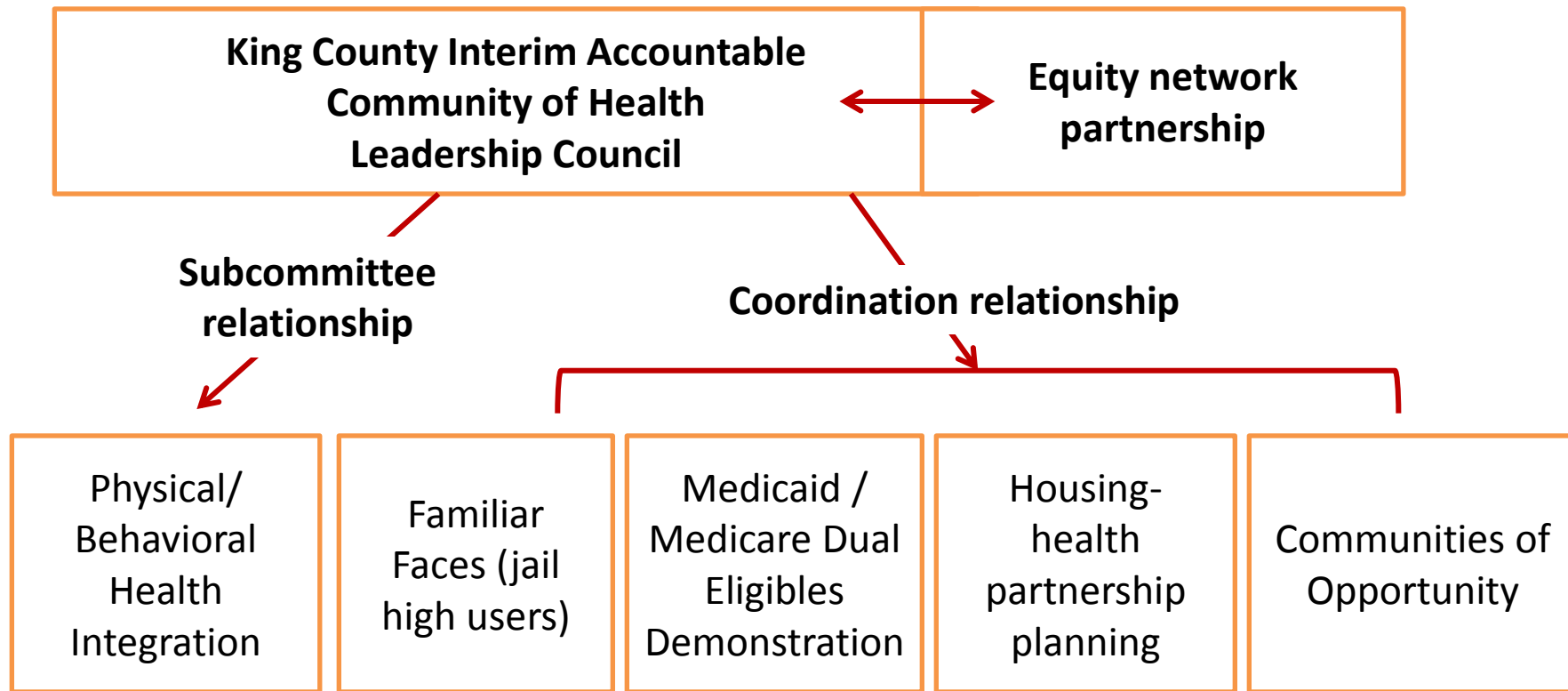
# Focus Area 3

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## Shape Public Health's role in transforming health care systems

- Enrollment (ACA) – Low income fare with Metro
- Familiar Faces
- Meridian Center for Health
- Accountable Community of Health development
- Communities Count & Community Health Needs Assessment

# King County 2015 ACH Design (draft)



# Focus Area 4

## Advance health and reduce inequities

- Healthy food community strategies
  - Healthy kids meals
  - SNAP program
- Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) Initiative:
  - Work with schools, childcares, community based organizations, and other community partners
  - Projects focus on tobacco, healthy food access, physical activity
- Local Hazardous Waste Management Program's equity focus
- Best Starts for Kids





# Focus Area 5

## Build support for Public Health

- Maintain and build partnerships
- Participate in public policymaking
- Innovative communication strategies
- Vashon Marine Recovery Area
- Board of Health 2015 work plan



# Focus Area 6

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## **Develop a skilled, adaptive, and diverse workforce**

- Anti-bias workshop
- Development of Lean culture
- Strengthening relationships with other agencies
  - Natural Resources & Parks
  - Community & Human Services
  - Metro
  - Permitting & Environmental Review
  - University of Washington

# Challenges & Opportunities

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- Sustainable funding
- Foundational Public Health Services – exploring how this model applies in King County
- Public Health's role in system change
- Capacity to address issues that arise
- Continued work on enrollment and connections to service
- Data linkage between systems

# Building a shared data system – a core component of Accountable Communities of Health

