



# Welcome to the Local Health IT Community of Practice

# Agenda

**February 13, 2020**

- Around the table: What are your priorities in 2020?
- Priority 1: Updates from our Government Affairs team on local health IT policy
- Priority 2: Sonya Norris on acquiring and implementing EHR
- Priority 3: Feedback on the NACCHO Toolbox and tools we can share
- Discussion: Partnership management tool

# Introductions



- Name
- Local Health Department
- [First-timers] What would you like to learn from this group?
- [Returning guests] What are your priorities this year?

## Health IT Updates

- President's FY2021 Budget Proposal Includes \$30 million for data modernization
- \$50 million was enacted for FY2020
- NACCHO is part of a coalition asking for \$100 million
  - "Investment in data modernization is needed to bring CDC and public health into the 21st century with shared platforms that support a networked set of systems that are interoperable, accessible, and provide data in way that supports timely action."
  - CDC will modernize the public health data infrastructure through support to state and local health departments to move their data capacities toward the desired future state, as well as improving CDC's own internal capacity to support advanced tools and capabilities.
- ONC received a \$10 million cut in the proposed budget
  - This is not expected to be enacted by Congress
- Coronavirus: Public health labs have asked for \$15 million
  - We are engaged with public health partners working to gather info to produce an emergency funding request



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# Best Practices Implementing EHR

## Project Overview

- **Sonya Norris, Public Health Systems Analyst, Sedgwick County Health Department**
  - The Sedgwick County Health Department is in the requirements definition phase of a project to acquire and implement an EHR platform.
  - We are simultaneously designing a distribution system for data access and reporting.
  - We are betting that this data distribution system will fill the gaps that the EHR market has not within the Public Health space.

# NACCHO Toolbox

## Project Overview

- We are working to move the Toolbox into Virtual Communities
- We'd like for you to be the first users.
- What are some tools we could share from LHIT?

[Link](#)

The screenshot shows the NACCHO Toolbox website interface. At the top right, there are navigation links: [Contact Us](#), [Code of Conduct](#), [How-to-Guide](#), [Back to NACCHO.org](#), and [Media](#). The NACCHO logo is prominently displayed in the center. Below the logo is a navigation bar with options: [Home](#), [Recent Tools](#), [Discuss Tools](#), and [Upload a Tool](#).

The main heading reads: "Searching for new ideas to advance your public health department?". Below this, a text block states: "NACCHO's Toolbox is a free online collection of tools created and shared by members of the public health community. Using the robust new search function below, you can explore a range of resources and tools."

A horizontal menu lists various categories: [Health & Disabilities](#), [Communications](#), [Clinical Services](#), [PPHR](#), [Food Safety](#), [Chronic Disease Prevention](#), [Environmental Health](#), [Accreditation Preparation](#), [Medical Countermeasures](#), [Breastfeeding](#), [Epidemiology](#), [Injury and Violence Prevention](#), [Local Health IT](#), [WASH Emergency Preparedness](#), and [Vector Control](#).

The search results section shows "10 results for 'epidemiology'". A search bar contains the text "epidemiology". Below the search bar, there are filters for "Categories" (1 to 10 of 10) and "Sort by" (Relevance). A "Refine by" section includes "Community" (checked) with "NACCHO Toolbox (10)" and "Formal Tags" with several checkboxes:  Outbreak (4),  Templates/Examples (4),  Created By Lhd (3),  Epidemiology (3),  Preparedness (3),  Emergency Planning (2), and  Guidelines (2).

The main search result is titled "Epidemiology Plan Example - Pima County" and is marked as a "Library Entry". The description reads: "Epidemiology Plan submitted to Project...County. The Disease Control Epidemiology...Control Epidemiology Section works closely...#EmergencyPreparedness #EmergencyPlanning #Epidemiology". Below the title is a link to "Epidemiology Plan Example Pima County Update (2).pdf".

Metadata for the result includes: **Author**, **Created by LHD**, **Resource Type** (Emergency Planning, Templates/Examples, Toolkit), **Keywords** (Emergency Preparedness, Epidemiology, Immunization, Outbreak, Project Public...), and **LHD Size** (Large (500,000+), Toolkit, PPHR Toolkit).

On the right side of the result, there is a "NACCHO Membership" badge with the text "Added 12-04-2019", "View Library", and "View Community".

## Question from Madison and Dane County, Wisconsin

Some colleagues and I have been doing some searching into the existence of a "partnership management tool." Some of the goals of such system include:

- Needing to know who from our organization is engaging with which partner, when, and around what
- Have the ability to track at both an organizational (whole vs unit/program-level) and individual level
- Searchable by multiple levels (for example, who from our organization is working on topics like "housing" "food safety" etc,- but also searchable by location, name of individual in our organization, etc.)
- Serve as an evaluation platform to meet the needs of accreditation and public health 3.0 goals
- Be easy to use- we need buy-in from the staff at our organization so they will update it regularly (ideally real-ish time)
- Be able to list partner entities and their characteristics (sector, organization type, geography, etc.)
- Specifies the strategic benefits to both the partner entities and our organization (power mapping variables?)

***Any insight you all may have to a system you have heard of, or experience with Sales Force or Microsoft Dynamics would be very helpful.***

# Next Meeting

- March 19, 2020 at 1pm ET
- Can get policy update, etc.
- Bring a friend



## Questions or Comments

- Any questions or comments about this CoP? Any overall website feedback, etc.?
- All additional comments and questions can be sent to [amcpherson@naccho.org](mailto:amcpherson@naccho.org).