ACHD Local Policy Engagement

For the Adams County Board of Health

6/15/2023
Background

- 10 incorporated municipalities within Adams County
- Arvada, Aurora, Bennett, Commerce City, Brighton, Federal Heights, Lochbuie, Northglenn, Thornton, Westminster
• Adams County Population: 519,000 (2020)
  • Population living within municipalities: approximately 415,000

• Populations cont’d
  • Aurora – 383,496
  • Thornton – 140,538
  • Arvada – 122,903
  • Westminster – 115,535
  • Commerce City – 61,516
  • Brighton – 39,895
  • Northglenn – 37,899

• Local Policy = Big Impact
ACHD’s Role in Local Policy: Chief Health Strategist

• Monitor Data: Collect/Utilize Data
• Inform, Educate & Empower: Best Practices re: Policy to Address Health
• Mobilize Community Partnerships: Foster Connections/Relationships
• Increase Capacity to Develop Policy: Toolkits
• Develop and Implement Policy
Mobilize Community Partnerships: Local Elected Event

• August 9th, 2023 from 12-2:30 p.m. – YOU’RE INVITED
• All Councilmembers/Trustees and City Managers invited
• Create space to discuss policy opportunities, intersections of work, best practices, information, relationship building, more
• Surveys & Data collection
• Goals:
  • Relationship building
  • Priority tracking
  • Building excitement & enthusiasm
Building Relationships: Individual Municipal Outreach

• Individual Municipal Outreach
  • Identify elected officials/city managers that want to pursue local health policy
  • Identify and track priorities for each municipality
  • Provide guidance and expertise, when appropriate, to capitalize on policy efforts
  • Maintain regular contact
Chief Health Strategist: Policy Recommendations and Development

• **Inform and Educate**
  - Provide local data to inform priorities: Well Sourced, Actionable
  - Educate about policy solutions and engage in dialogue
  - Data Driven

• **Strengthen Partnerships**
  - Input from municipalities and elected officials
  - Track Priorities from elected officials on the ground
  - Assist and collaborate when appropriate/called for – not a 1 way street

• **Create and Implement Policies that Impact Health**
  - Inventory existing policy actions
  - Recommendations & toolkits
  - Focus on equity and implementation throughout