# Population Health Division

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Epidemiology Bureau Health Equity
Bureau

Population Health & Informatics Bureau

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The Population Health Division provides timely and actionable data and plans to Department programs and partners to foundationally address health disparities and mitigate diseases that exist within our communities.



Actionable Data



Planning & Response



Advancing Health Equity



Prevention & Mitigation



#### **Prevent and Mitigate Disease**



Investigation: identify risk factors, sources of illness and contacts



Outbreak Response: response teams, education and prevention



Mitigation: preventative measures in policy and practice



Surveillance: identify cases and outbreaks; understand commonalities; and confirm linkage, provide actionable data



#### **West Nile**

- Epidemiology Bureau collaborates with 3 local Mosquito Abatement Districts, UDOH, local city leaders and community partners to track the spread of West Nile infected mosquitoes across the county each year
- 15 cases a year are investigated to assess severity of disease and identify potential sources of exposure
- Epidemiological data is used to guide abatement efforts and general public education
- Help provide DEET wipes to at-risk populations



LOCAL NEW

Utah confirms 11 human cases of West Nile virus & 1 death

Sep 8, 2021, 9:56 AM | Updated: 9:56 am

Utah eagles killed by West Nile virus

Wildlife • 27 birds have died; seeing the mosquito-borne virus in December "is a major development," wildlife-disease specialist says.

West Nile virus found in Riverton mosquitoes



#### **Foodborne Illness**

- Enteric Epidemiologists investigate 675
   cases of disease and 47 outbreaks each
   year
- Investigating cases of disease are critical to identifying the cause of outbreaks and removing the risk from the population
- Instrumental in identifying the causes of numerous state and national outbreaks
- Works closely with Environmental Health Division

27 ill with E. coli O103 in Utah – Second lawsuit filed against Jimmy John's restaurant.

By Bill Marler on April 15, 2020

POSTED IN FOODBORNE ILLNESS OUTBREAKS

FOOD

Salmonella outbreak linked to onions: Throw away onions if you don't know where they're from, CDC says



Published 8:14 p.m. ET Oct. 20, 2021 | Updated 4:51 p.m. ET Oct. 21, 2021



#### **Vital Records**

- 130,751 certificates issued-birth, death, marriage & divorce abstracts
- 1,045 amendments-changing or correcting information
- 9,141 death registration- final process for remains disposition & certificate creation
- 198 Indigent cases

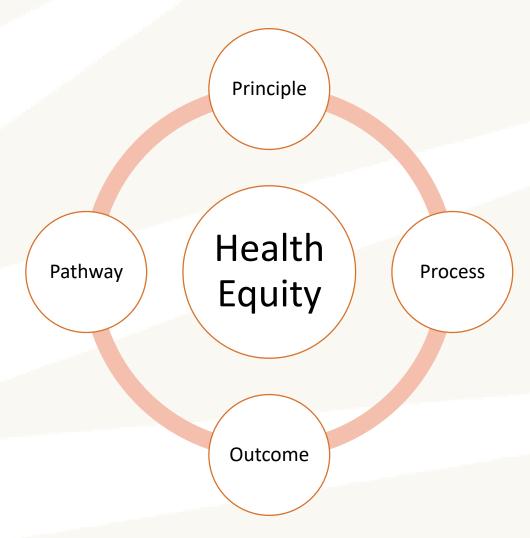


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# Health Equity Bureau

#### **Advancing Health Equity**

Guiding efforts to transform work internally, with communities and alongside other government agencies by fostering partnerships, developing a diverse workforce and prioritizing policies that facilitate upstream change to the social determinants of health (SDOH).





### Health Equity Bureau

#### **Community Heath Workers (CHWs)**

CHWs serve as a link between public health services and under-resourced communities, increasing connectedness, facilitating relationship building and trust, and comprehensively addressing SDOH.

- Diverse Workforce
  - 14 CHWs
  - 18 languages
  - 4 Certified Car Seat Tech
- Access to Services
  - 8,000+ referrals to wraparound services
  - 2,801 families received food boxes







### Health Equity Bureau

#### **Health Literacy Clinic Project**

- Health communication is vital to health equity and reduction of health disparity
- Expands health literacy in healthcare settings through tailored QI projects
- Target of 8 clinics within priority zip codes
- Low cost and upstream approach that can impact hundreds of patients

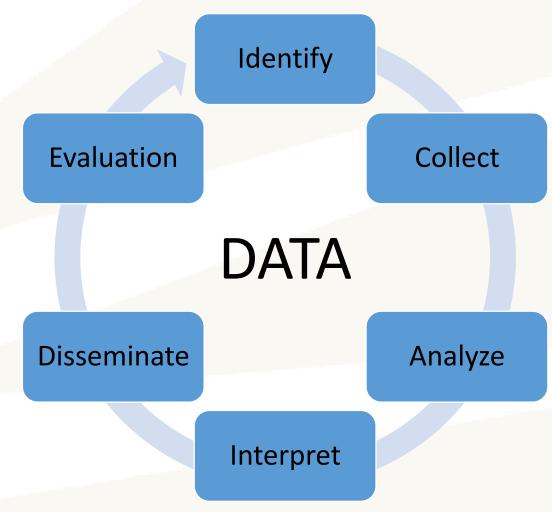




### Population Health & Informatics Bureau

#### **Actionable Data**

- Development and implementation of informatics solutions to increase availability to data and improve efficiency
- Data analysis to increase understanding of populations and inform programming/ interventions
- Utilization of evaluation framework to support quality improvement





### Population Health & Informatics Bureau

NFP\*, IHC, CBO# collaboration to improve maternal and child health outcomes

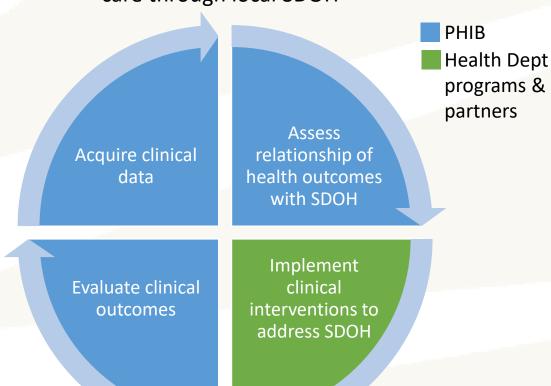
Prepare data & develop reporting tools

Conduct needs assessment & service gap analysis

Evaluate NFP processes and clinical outcomes

Implement culturally appropriate home visiting interventions

Working with clinics to improve patient care through local SDOH<sup>^</sup>





\*Nurse-Family Partnership

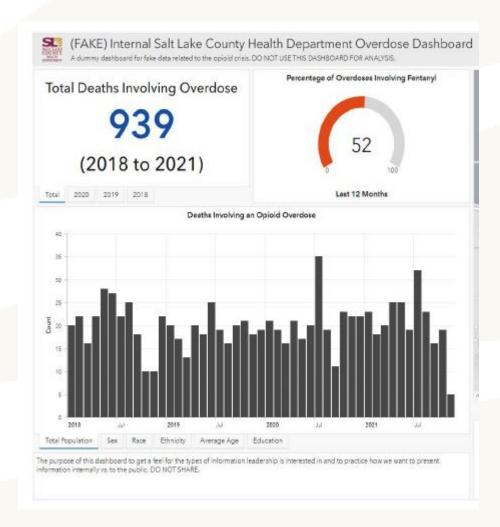
#Community Based Organizations

^Social/structural Determinants Of Health

### Population Health & Informatics Bureau

#### **Opioid Databank & Dashboard**

- Incorporates public health and public safety data sets
- Links records to understand the relationships between overdose and criminal justice → local opportunities for intervention & prevention
- Provide situational awareness for internal and external partners





### Emergency Preparedness Bureau

#### **Planning and Response**

- Promote preparedness through collaborative planning, exercising and evaluation
- Facilitate community resiliency through preparedness





### Emergency Preparedness Bureau

#### **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)**

- Has grown to over 2,000 volunteers in past two years
- Supports community events (SL Marathon), as well contributing medical and nonmedical personnel in Health Department surge (Employee Flu Clinics, Back to School Vaccinations) and response (Hepatitis A, COVID)
- Top MRC unit in FEMA Region 8 (CO, ND, SD, MT, UT, WY) for number of volunteers and hours committed





### Emergency Preparedness Bureau

#### **Exercises**

- Conducts 2-4 small- and large-scale exercises annually in partnership with hospitals and other healthcare facilities, first responders and community partners
- Integrates daily Health Department operations and logistics into planning and response functions
  - Use of HD warehouse to provide medical supplies to clinics
  - Use of Incident Command System (ICS) to manage large vaccination events (employee flu clinics, back to school vaccinations)



