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Note this meeting held virtually.

Attending:

- Penrose Jackson, Interim ED, VtPHI
- Laural Ruggles, VtPHI Advisor
- Sally Kerschner, VtPHI Advisor
- Heidi Klein, HRiA contractor in VT
- Ron Dendas, retired health care manager
- Belan Antensaye, Vt Health Equity Initiative
- Virginia Lyons, professor, Chittenden Co Senator
- Heidi Westerman, ASTHO
- Dan Olson, ED, Vt Public Health Assn
- Molly Lawrence, President Elect, VtPHA
- Joanne Crawford, Abenaki Health and Wellness
- Ruben Garza, ED, United Way, Windham Co
- Richard Amore, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Overview by Penrose and Introductions by attendees.

Presentation by Erin Marziale, MPH, Senior Director, Network Engagement, National Network of Public Health Institutes, Direct: 504.301.9823. Refer to her slide presentation. A summary of her key points:

- Refer to National Network of Public Health Institutes: (NNPHI) website: <https://nnphi.org>
- The national meeting of NNPHI is May 21 – 23 in New Orleans. Penrose, representing VtPHI, is presenting on the “VtCHEP” project.
- Review of the structure of NNPHI and the states’ PHIs - each PHI works differently.
- Elements/Competencies of a “full” PHI – need to have variety in programs and services for sustainability:
 - Budget, size, diversity and complexity
 - Staffing
 - Demonstrated partnerships
 - Population health programs/services in two or more competencies
- COVID 19 pandemic increased interest in PHI’s. New PHI’s started up quickly such as MT, WVa, NJ.
- Certain PHI are considered “high capacity” such as Georgia, Louisiana, HRiA (Massachusetts,) Michigan, etc.
- NNPHI Innovation Hubs are congruent with the ten HRSA Regions
- NNPHI partners with ASTHO, PHAB
- NNPHI provides TA as partner with the CDC Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG)
- Discuss NNPHI 4.0 – they are now working on 5.0
- 2024 NNPHI Member survey results reviewed

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- The most frequent areas of TA that are requested by state PHIs are building partnership, program management, and fiscal/administrative best practices.
- NNPHI receives CDC grant funding “Strengthening PH Systems and Services through Nation Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation’s Health.
- Partnership with Trust for America’s Health on Healthy Aging funding for state PHI’s based on a model from Mississippi.

Interactive Exercise by Heidi Klein of HRiA: Use of virtual “stickies” for the attendees to answer these questions:

- How does your work intersect with the mission of VtPHI?
- How could the Institute amplify work already underway in VT?
- Who else might be excited about the Institute? Who should we engage?

Penrose: next steps:

- Penrose will send poll for next meeting date in June.
- Penrose will investigate if people can receive stipends
- At our next meeting, we will hear from Steve Ridini, President and CEO of Health Resources in Action (HRiA) who is acting as the incubator organization for VtPHI.
- Plan for an in-person meeting in the fall.