

Caring Ambassadors 2nd Syndemic Roundtable

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Overview

About NACCHO and Local Health Departments

What LHDs are doing to address the opioid epidemic

NACCHO engagement with LHDs on HCV

NACCHOs work to address the syndemics

Working with LHDs

Federal advocacy for funding and authorizing legislation

Our Mission

NACCHO is comprised of nearly **3,000** **local health departments** across the United States. Our mission is to **improve the health of communities** by **strengthening** and **advocating** for local health departments.

Professional Home for Local Health Officials and Staff

The collage features several key digital assets from NACCHO:

- Top Left:** A screenshot of the NACCHO homepage with the tagline "Your Local Health Department's Biggest Advocate." and a sub-headline: "At NACCHO, we strive to be a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice for local health departments around the nation. All of our efforts focus on promoting health and equity, combating disease, and improving the quality and length of all lives."
- Top Center:** A banner for "NACCHO Exchange" featuring a group photo of people.
- Top Right:** A banner for "NACCHO ANNUAL 2016" titled "Cultivating a Culture of Health Equity" held from July 19-21 in Phoenix, Arizona.
- Middle Left:** A screenshot of the "BREASTFEEDING INITIATIVE" website, showing a "Community of Practice" section with a photo of a woman breastfeeding a child.
- Middle Center:** A screenshot of the "STORIES FROM THE FIELD" website, featuring a search bar and a list of articles such as "Our Branding Process: Improving Public Health Communications" and "Communication Lessons Learned from the 2015 Washington State Wildfires".
- Middle Right:** A banner for the "PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATICS CONFERENCE 2016" held from August 21-24, 2016.
- Bottom Right:** A banner for the "PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT" with the website "PREPAREDNESSSUMMIT.ORG".
- Bottom Center:** A social media link box with icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn, providing links to NACCHO's social media profiles.

National Expert and Voice of LHDs

Immunizations



Food safety



Tobacco control



Local health departments promote and protect the health of people and the communities where they live and work

Infectious disease



Emergency preparedness



Chronic disease



Maternal and child health



Injury and violence prevention

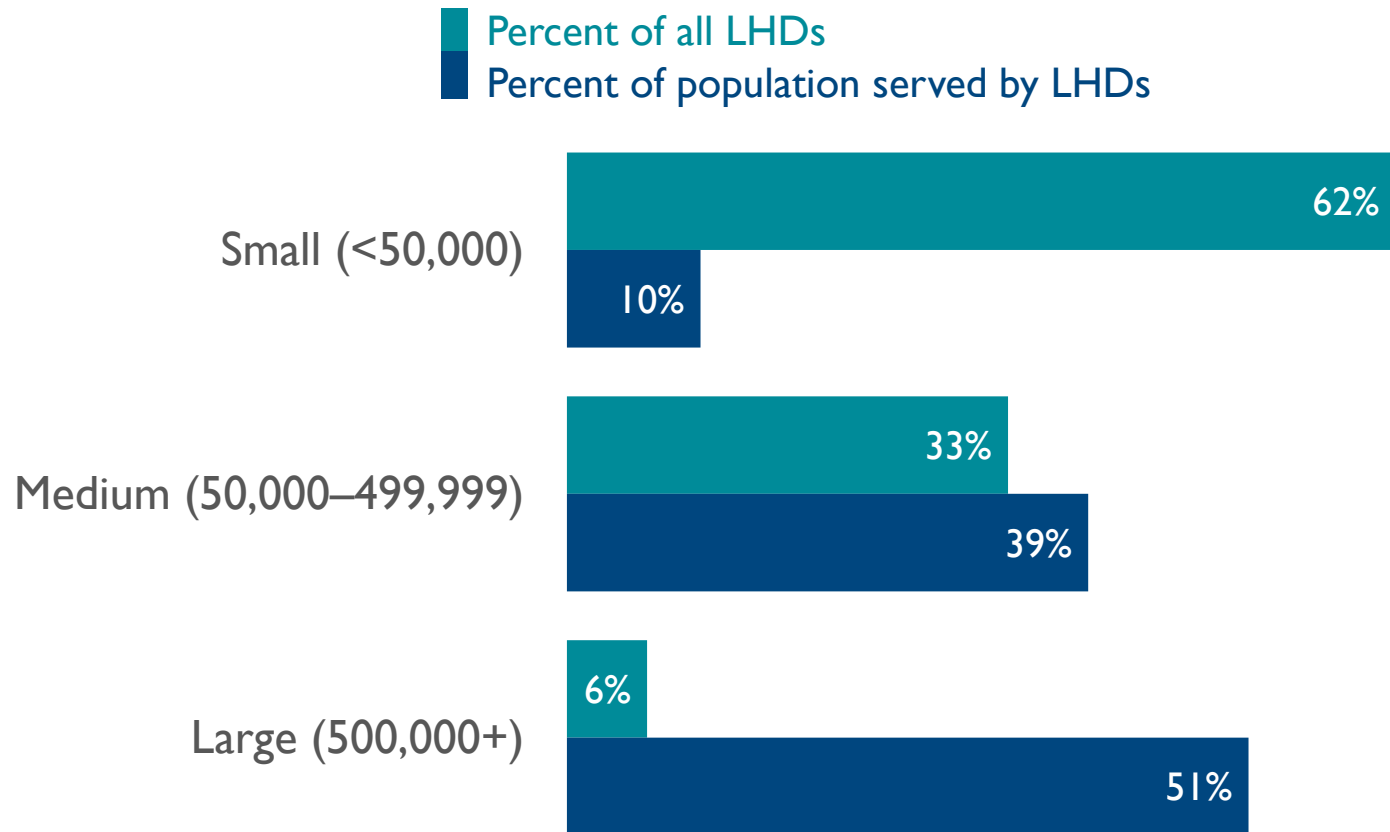


Environmental health



NACCHO Serves All Sizes of LHDs

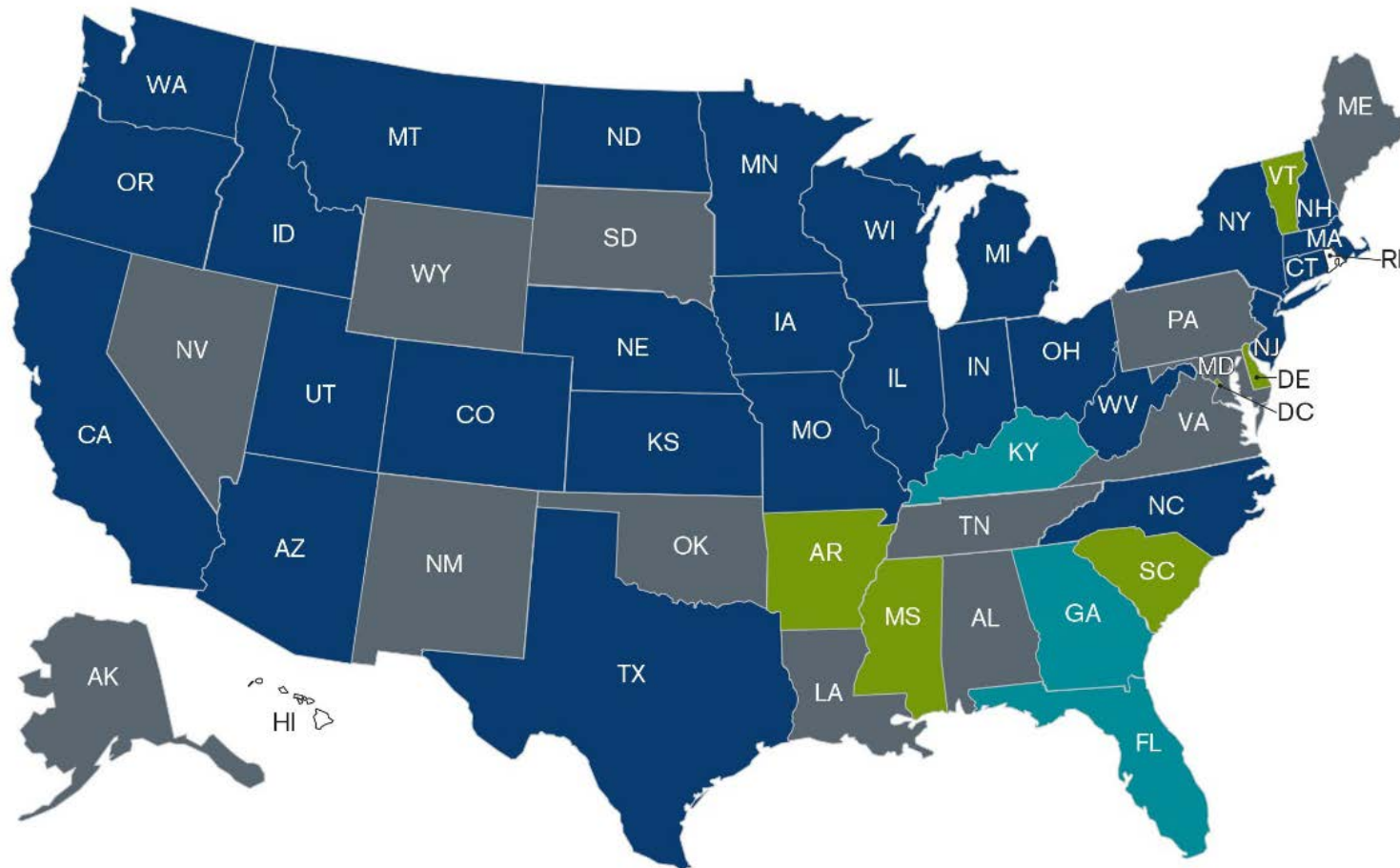
Percent of LHDs



n=2,533

Governance of LHDs Varies

- Local (all LHDs in state are units of local government)
- State (all LHDs in state are units of state government)
- Shared (all LHDs in state governed by both state and local authorities)
- Mixed (LHDs in state have more than one governance type)



RI and HI non-participants.

N=2,533

Big Cities Health Coalition

30 Member Cities



**55 million – or 1 in 6 –
Americans covered by BCHC-
member LHDs**

www.bigcitieshealth.org

- Austin
- Baltimore
- Boston
- Charlotte (Mecklenburg)
- Chicago
- Cleveland
- Columbus
- Dallas
- Denver
- Detroit
- Fort Worth (Tarrant County)
- Houston
- Indianapolis
- Kansas City
- Las Vegas (Southern NV Hlth District)
- Los Angeles (County)
- Long Beach
- Miami (Miami-Dade County)
- Minneapolis
- Multnomah County (Portland)
- New York City
- Oakland (Alameda County)
- Philadelphia
- Phoenix (Maricopa County)
- San Antonio
- San Diego (County)
- San Francisco
- San Jose (Santa Clara County)
- Seattle (Seattle-King County)
- Washington, D.C.

NACCHO's Rural Health Section

- Community of Practice for Learning and Sharing Best Practices in Rural Public Health
- Eligibility Criteria is <70,000 but flexible
- Led by LHD leaders
- Comprised of members and external partner experts



Original Artwork of the Public Health Logo
by EH staff member from Delaware County,
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Local Health Department Activities to Address Opioid Epidemic

- **Prevention**

- Public education
- Surveillance
- Training providers on safe prescribing practices
- Prescription drug takeback programs
- PDMPs

- **Harm Reduction**

- Training EMS, law enforcement and lay people on Naloxone
- Standing orders for Naloxone
- Good Samaritan laws
- Syringe Service Programs
- Exploring safe consumption sites

- **Medication Assisted Treatment**

- **Emergency declarations**

- **Lawsuits against opioid manufacturers**

NACCHO Engagement of LHDs on HCV

- **2013:** Conducted a *needs assessment* to better understand what LHDs were doing to address HCV and what they needed to improve prevention, testing, linkage to care, and surveillance.
- **2015:** Convened a *consultation with 22 LHDs and their community partners* to discuss the role of LHDs across the HCV care continuum.
- **2015:** Established an *ad hoc workgroup* to provide guidance and expertise for the development of tools and resources for LHDs.
- **2017:** Formally *added viral hepatitis* to the scope of NACCHO's existing HIV and STI Prevention Workgroup.

NACCHO's Response to the Opioid Epidemic and Infectious Diseases: Overview

- As the first line of defense, LHDs, in collaboration with their community and state partners, are *leading the charge to curb the opioid epidemic in their communities*
- NACCHO supports LHDs and their communities to *find, develop, and scale-up comprehensive solutions* to the opioid crisis and its hidden casualties



NACCHO's Response to the Opioid Epidemic and Infectious Diseases: Highlights

- Established an *internal* Opioid Abuse *working group*
- *Provide leadership, guidance, and support* for the role of LHDs in addressing the syndemics of the opioid epidemic, HIV, HBV, and HCV
- *Increased awareness* of the CDC vulnerability assessment, federal SSP guidance, interventions to prevent HIV and HCV among persons who inject drugs (PWID), and best practices in testing and linkage to care
- Produced an opioid-themed edition of *NACCHO Exchange*
- Hosted an *educational dinner and discussion* at NACCHO Annual about HCV elimination and how LHDs are increasing access to care and treatment

NACCHO's Response to the Opioid Epidemic and Infectious Diseases: Highlights

- Supported the LENOWISCO Health District (VA) to develop a [comprehensive community response plan](#) for the rapid increase of HIV or HCV among PWID.*
- Working with LENOWISCO to support the *start-up of a syringe service program* (SSP) in Wise County; activities focus on community engagement and education and building LHD capacity for SSP implementation.*
- Supporting the *scale-up of SSPs* in the Kentucky River Health District; this work compliments an NIH-funded HCV elimination pilot project in Hazard, KY.*
- Working with LHDs and partners in West Virginia to develop communication tools and educational materials to support the *scale-up of harm reduction efforts*.*

* Activities supported by a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

NACCHO's Response to the Opioid Epidemic and Infectious Diseases: Highlights

- Supporting health departments in Bell County (KY), Boone County (WV), Dayton & Montgomery County (OH), and Manchester County (NH) to *implement innovative and collaborative strategies* to combat the opioid epidemic, with a focus on reducing fatal and non-fatal overdoses.*
- Convening a community of practice to engage LHDs in collaborative learning and knowledge sharing about *comprehensive harm reduction strategies*.*
- BCHC *Safe Consumption/Injection Site* Working Group to provide a safe, not-for-attribution space for member discussion of this harm reduction strategy, as well as access to leading experts on the topic.

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Working with Local Health Departments

Community
Advisory
Committees

Community Health
Assessments &
Community Health
Improvement Plans

Data on syndemics

Support scale up
and maintenance
of SSPs

Reduce stigma and
discrimination

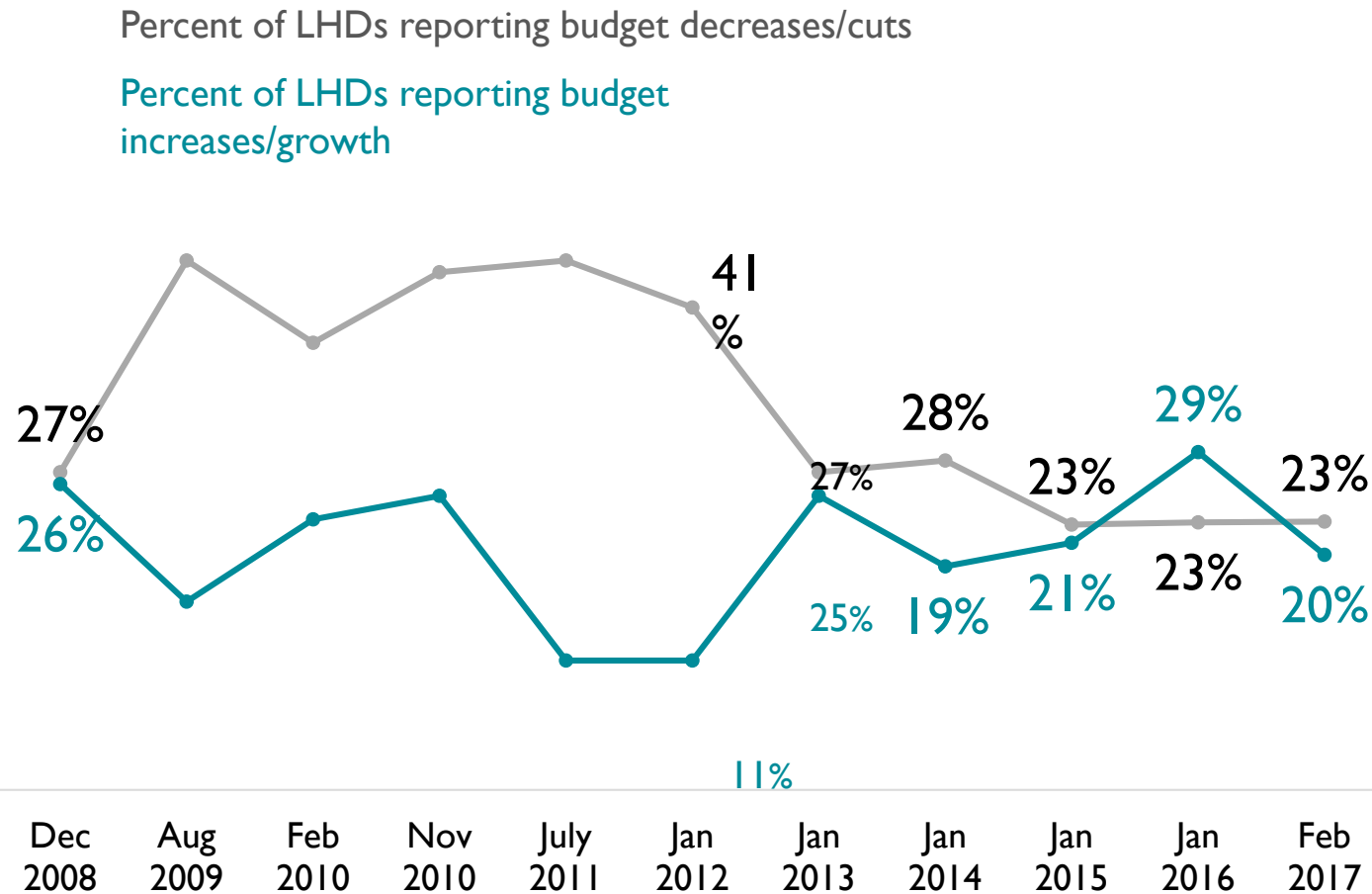
Advocate at the
local, state, and
federal level

Federal Advocacy to Address Syndemics



Local Public Health Budget Cuts Underscore Need for Greater Federal Support

- From 2008 to 2011, many **LHDs reported budget cuts** and few reported budget increases.
- In recent years, the number of agencies reporting budget cuts has tapered, though most **LHD budgets have not increased.**
- Nearly one-third of LHDs reported **anticipating cuts** for the next fiscal year.



Source: NACCHO 2017 Forces of Change Survey. Available at www.nacchoprofilestudy.org.

NACCHO Congressional Briefings

- **2014:** The Opioid Epidemic: Reporting from the Front Lines of America's Big Cities (Boston, NYC, Chicago)
- **2016:** Opioid Overdose and Naloxone: Lessons Learned in Saving Lives (Baltimore, Lake County, IL, Project Lazarus)
- **2017:** Tackling the Opioid Epidemic and its Hidden Casualties: Local Health Departments on the Frontlines." (Huntington, WV, Findlay, OH, Fairfax County, VA)

Federal Funding for Opioids

	Program (\$ in millions)	FY2017	FY2018	2019 President	NACCHO Request
CDC	Opioid Overdose Prevention and Surveillance	112	476	126	500
HHS	Opioid Allocation			175	
SAMHSA	Targeted State Opioid Response Grants	500	1,000	1,000	
SAMHSA	Opioid Treatment Programs/Regulatory Activities	9	9	9	9
SAMHSA	Medication-Assisted Treatment for Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction	56	84	56	84
SAMHSA	Grants to Prevent Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose Related Deaths	12	12	12	26
DOJ	Anti-Heroin Task Forces	0	0	0	10

Federal Funding for Hepatitis

	Program (\$ in millions)	FY2017	FY2018	2019 President	NACCHO Request
CDC	Viral Hepatitis Prevention	34	39	34	134
CDC	317 Immunization Program (PPHF)	607 (324)	611 (324)	521 (0)	650

Authorizing Legislation: 2016

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) ([PL 114-198](#))

- Authorizes grants to expand access to Naloxone
- Authorizes grants to expand access to medication-assisted treatment
- Authorizes grants to strengthen state prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs)
- Expands prescribing privileges to nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) for five years (until October 1, 2021)

21st Century Cures ([PL 114-255](#))

- State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants (\$1 billion over 2 years)
- Provided funding not just authorizing provisions

Authorizing Legislation: 2018

Opioid-Related Infectious Diseases Act ([H.R. 5353](#) / [S.2579](#))

- Reps. Leonard Lance (R-NJ) and Joseph Kennedy (D-MA)
- Sens. Tammy Baldwin (R-WI), Todd Young (R-IN) and Edward Markey (D-MA)
- Authorizes \$40 million for CDC to provide grants to improve public and provider education, surveillance and referral into treatment to reduce HIV and hepatitis C incidence and other infectious diseases spread via intravenous drug use

Tools and Resources

- [HCV Online educational series](#)
- [HCV Public health detailing kit](#)
- [HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis Digest](#)(e-newsletter)
- Policy statements ([viral hepatitis](#), [SSPs](#), [opioids](#))
- [NACCHO Exchange: Opioids](#)
- [Recording of NACCHO's November 2017 Hidden Casualties Congressional Briefing](#)



For more information...

- www.naccho.org
 - [opioid epidemic](#) and [Infectious Diseases & the Opioid Epidemic](#)
- [The Essential Elements of Local Public Health and NACCHO Voice](#) (NACCHO blogs)
- [Big Cities Health Coalition](#)
- [News from Washington e-news](#)
- [NACCHO Podcasts](#)

