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To: SIM, OHA
Subject: SIM comments

Hi, after yesterday's meeting I wanted to offer these comments:

Anything created should seek to make it easy for Local Health Departments, in all forms, be recognized and involved automatically. We do not have extra funding for any new applications, certification fees, certification courses - BUT we are always asked to take up new work with no funds nor new staff.

So, please help us all out by making it easy (for we do this work already) and any recognition would help support community efforts and make partnerships easier to make with automatic recognition.

So,

1. ALL local health Departments should be automatically recognized as Certified Community Based Entities, with no fees ever. If training is needed, the local Health Director can identify those whom can attend and gain training identified - but all fees should be waived. If there are CEU's needed, then the Health Depts. can audit them for free - get the training you think all participants need but with no added cost to the Local Municipalities (this is all tax payer funded).

2. All certified Community Health Workers definition should include ALL Local Health Department employees identified by the Local Health Director (they should know whom meets the criteria and whom will be performing such work as well). This can be a rolling list to be updated each year if it changes due to staff turnover. All training's and CEU's should be offered for free - but necessary to ensure proper baseline training for all.

These 2 items can ensure proper representation at the table of community health improvements; while not increasing the cost of local health departments training while making automatic partners while implementing the State's plan.

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Sincerely,

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