



Academic Health Department Learning Community Report

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Overview

The [Academic Health Department \(AHD\) Learning Community](#) supports development of [AHD partnerships](#) between public health practice organizations and academic institutions. As a national community of practitioners, educators, and researchers, the AHD Learning Community stimulates discussion and sharing of knowledge; the development of resources; and collaborative learning around establishing, sustaining, and expanding AHD partnerships.

AHD Learning Community Engagement

The Learning Community continues to see sustained interest and engagement from the public health community. The Learning Community has more than 1,200 members, and the Learning Community and its resources and tools have been accessed more than 7,000 times so far in 2022. [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) (Council) staff also continue to regularly receive requests for assistance related to AHD partnerships, responding to 15 requests from 11 organizations in 10 states and DC during that same time period.

Webinars and Conferences

AHD partnerships were highlighted during a virtual livestream session at the [2022 National Association of County and City Health Officials 360 Conference](#) in July 2022. *Envisioning and Building the Public Health Workforce of the Future Through Partnerships* featured speakers from two local health departments with successful AHD partnerships: Lisa Macon Harrison, MPH, Director of the Granville-Vance District Health Department (NC), and Bryn Manzella, MPH, Director of Quality Improvement at the Jefferson County Department of Health (AL).

Planning is underway for the next webinar in the [AHD Webinar Series](#), which is anticipated to be held in late October or early November 2022. Additional details will be available shortly and will be shared through the *Council on Linkages Update*.

More information about the AHD Learning Community and its activities is available through the [AHD Learning Community](#) section of the Council website or by contacting Kathleen Amos at kamos@phf.org.