

Strengthening



IN ONTARIO'S  
PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS

**A locally driven collaborative project (LDCP)**

# **Quarterly Update**

**December 2019**

# Overview

The Locally Driven Collaborative Project (LDCCP) on continuous quality improvement (CQI) has been investigating ways to strengthen CQI in Ontario's public health units (PHUs) since 2016.

Our goal in Phase 1 of the CQI LDCCP was to understand the current state of CQI in public health and what can be done to support CQI within and across health units. We completed a survey of staff in participating health units and a scoping review of the literature.

## **In Phase 2 (2018-2019) of our research we have:**

- consulted with PHUs and other partners in the public health sector to agree on CQI language; and
- collected and analyzed case studies of CQI work that has been done in PHUs to learn what has been useful and what has not helped.

# Phase 1 Results

- **QI Maturity Tool Survey** individual site reports were distributed to the 34 health units that participated in the survey
- The **Provincial aggregated report** of the QI Maturity Tool Survey results were distributed to stakeholders in March 2017
- The **Scoping Review Report** and **Search Strategy** were distributed to stakeholders in August 2017
- All project materials, including our infographics and whiteboard video, are available on the [project page](#) on the PHO website

# Project Administration

- Thirty (30) PHUs are on the research project team
- We meet regularly to plan and coordinate project activities
- The research phase of the project has finished. We are now developing and sharing knowledge mobilization strategies and tools

# Recent activities

We have:

- Finished the common list of CQI terms for public health in Ontario
- Posted 23 case studies to HQO's [Quorum](#) where everyone can access them
- Presented to COMOH at the alpha meeting on Nov 7/19
- Had 2 abstracts accepted for TOPHC 2020
- Submitted an abstract to CPHA 2020

# The next few months

## We will:

- Finish the cross case analysis from the case studies
- Prepare a collective submission for the public health modernization discussion
- Present our findings at the aPHa Symposium, Board of Health & Affiliates Section meeting, on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>
- Continue to develop and roll out knowledge mobilization products

# CQI Community of Practice

As the LDCP winds up, anyone with an interest in CQI in public health is invited to join the CQI Community of Practice.

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