National Health Strategic Plan Workshop
Tuesday, July 30th, 2024

This National Health Strategic Plan Workshop constitutes itself as a participatory, consultative dialogue space. Its purpose is to capture "voices", perceptions and priorities of a wide range of key stakeholders.

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00	**Registrations and Welcome**	

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Attendees sign in- networking opportunity / Participant's introduction

9:00 – 9:10   **National Anthem and Prayer**

9:10 – 9:30   **Workshop presentation & Opening Remarks**
Welcome Address:
Dr. Karen Lewis-Bell PWR PAHO Belize
Dr. Jorge Polanco MoHW Belize

9:30- 9:40   **Overview of Workshop Objectives**
Dr. Roberto Böhrt, PAHO/WHO, Health Systems and Services Advisor

9:40-10:10   **Improving Overall Public Health in Latin America and Belize: New Framework for the Essential Public Health Functions for Health Systems Strengthening**
Dr. Natalia Houghton PAHO/WHO Primary Health Care and Integrated Service Delivery- Health Systems and Services

10:10-10:40   **Current State of the Health System in Belize**
General View and accomplishment of 2014-2024 National Health Strategic Plan
Ms. Lizzet Bell MoHW

10:40 - 11:00   **Coffee Break**

11:00 –12:00   **SWOT Exercise – Status of Belize Health System**
Working groups. See Annex 1

12:00 – 13:00   **Lunch**

13:00 – 13:45   **Belize Health System current situation**
Plenary

13:45 - 15:15   **Capturing participants' vision on the future**
Working groups and plenary. See Annex 2

15:15 – 16:30   **Main priorities for the next National Health Strategic Plan**
Working groups and plenary. See Annex 3

16:20-16:30   **Steps forward and Workshop Closing**
Dr. Roberto Böhrt, PAHO/WHO, Health Systems and Services Advisor

ANNEX 1 – SWOT Exercise

Each group will work a SWOT exercise for the following items:

I.   Expanding equitable access to comprehensive, quality, people- and community-centered health services:

> **Group 1:** Equitable access (physical, financial, cultural, etc.) on good quality, people-centered health service delivery.
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> **Group 2**: Equitable access to Human Resources, Medicines & Technology
>
> **Group 3**: Information management for an equitable, effective health system, epidemiological surveillance and digital health.

II.   **Group 4**: Strengthening stewardship and governance.

III.   **Group 5**: Increasing and improving financing, with equity and efficiency, and advancing toward the elimination of direct payments that constitute a barrier to access at the point of service.

IV.   Strengthening multisectoral coordination to address the social determinants of health

> **Group 6:** Multisectorial coordination and strategic alliances & capacities to better address the impact of Climate Change on health.
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> **Group 7**: Multisectorial coordination and strategic alliances & capacities to address the social determinants and ensure leaving no one behind.

Each group will designate a group coordinator and a secretary.
A presenter will also be selected by the group, for each SWOT exercise product to be presented in the Plenary.

ANNEX 2 – Matrix & Method for Second Group Work: Capturing participants' vision on the future

Each group will designate a group coordinator and a secretary. A presenter will also be selected by the group, for each group matrix (product) to be presented in the Plenary.

Overall questions: How do we see ourselves? In ten years? In five years?Levels of reflection (Drawing on the current 2014-2024 NHSSP Vision)

a) Our People – Are we healthy, empowered and in correct relationship withtheir environment
b) What do we expect from Belize's Health System and Belize's Social System? Are we prepared to fulfil and be responsive to our people's needs?
c) Thinking on intra-sectorial synergies and social determinants of health, how could we articulate efforts (Between National – local level, among keystakeholders)
Method: Group work (50 minutes) and Plenary (40 minutes)
3-4 Working groups for the three areas (People's health & empowered, Health System Responsiveness & intra- and multi-sectorial alliances/synergies for effectively addressing social determinants of health). Standing on the composition of the participants, it could be 2 working groups for health system responsiveness.

Working Groups	Where are we? (Current situation)	What do we need to address along the next 5 years? Why?	What do we need to achieve in 10 years?
Our People – Are we healthy, empowered and in correct relationship with our environment?	Which are our people´s main health problems/conditions? How have their indicators progressed? How well informed is our people for improving their health? Do our people actively participate on decision-making spaces for improving health system performance?	(i.e.) Reduce ARI Reduce deaths generated by accidents or external violence? Reduce most prevalent infections Reduce prevalence of non-communicable diseases	Where do we want to be in 10 years from now (on the previous prioritized sickness/ conditions)? What will we improve?
What do we expect from Belize's Health System and Belize's Social System?	Bearing on mind equity as main criteria…. Which proportion (percentage?) of the population has Access to health services?	Drawing on the group's previous diagnosis and identified priorities	

Are we prepared to fulfil and be responsive to our people's needs? (2 Working groups?)	Are there financial barriers for access? How many people suffer of economic distress when reaching health care? How are we measuring health services quality and how are we doing as health system? Are there any excluded group? (The group could work on the basis of practical examples of sickness or special condition affecting people's health)		
Thinking on intra-sectorial and multi-sectorial synergies to better address social determinants of health, how could we articulate efforts (Between National – local level, among key stakeholders)	Up to now….. Which have been best practices to address Social Determinants in Health within health sector? Which have been best practices with concrete results addressing other prioritised social determinants of health (education, environment, economics, etc?		

ANNEX 3 - Main priorities for the next National Health Strategic Plan

"What do we need to address in the next 10 years? The next 5 years? And why?"

Method: Group work (50 minutes, based on previous reflection and product) and Final Plenary (40 minutes)

Groups will be the same as those of the previous exercise. Each group could keep their group coordinator and secretary or nominate new ones. A presenter will also be selected by the group, for the group work to be presented in the Plenary.

From the Matrix second column (*"What do we need to address along the next 5 years? Why?"*), considering those were their thematic / priorities, the group should now provide their proposals on what is needed to be done to achieve concrete improvements, analysing:

- Policy decisions (high Level decisions / local measures)
- How to improve what already exist
- Which new processes / organizational arrangements / innovative strategies should be put in place and who should be responsible to do it
- Materials: the same materials than the previous exercise