Plan for Action Checklist

What should we plan to do?

Resilience planning is an emerging practice. This checklist will help guide you in developing a plan for your local public health authority. Each local jurisdiction will approach the planning process differently and produce different kinds of plans depending on the climate risks in your region, the vulnerabilities and assets in your communities, and the capacity of your organization, programs and partnerships.

☐ Review existing local climate and health plans in Oregon to get a sense of how different local climate and health plans have taken shape to date.

☐ Review this Guidance for Determining Interventions, an excerpt from Multnomah County Public Health Department’s local BRACE toolkit. Consider using the 10 Essential Services Gap Analysis tool included within this guidance.

☐ Take a look at this Intervention Selection Process that Oregon’s Climate and Health used during the 2017 Climate and Health Resilience Planning project. This is just one analytical tool that can be used to start conversations around selecting strategies, but you may choose to use a more simplified process that emphasizes community-driven priorities.

Tips from Multnomah County’s Health Department:

- Who is the audience for your plan? Is it policy-makers, community members or public health professionals? Be sure to provide appropriate context for your audience.

- When is it most strategic to release your plan? Releasing or rolling out any new plan or initiative should be strategic. In your jurisdiction when is it best to communicate something new? How might the timing of the budget cycle influence the reception of your plan? Are there natural or man-made events that may help illustrate the necessity of climate planning?
• Establishing accountability regarding the implementation of climate adaptation measures is essential. This could be as informal as identifying program areas or departments as the lead implementers of certain adaptation strategies or as formal as building elements of the plan into individuals work plans. However you determine accountability remember that your plan should identify a time-frame and responsible entity for your adaptation strategies and measures. Leadership buy-in is essential to establishing long-term accountability.