

Summary

Six month follow-up interviews

Follow-up interviews were conducted with Carbon, Clarion, Somerset and York counties. The purpose of these interviews was to assess the progress and change made since the mapping workshops. Below are summary statements from those interviews.

- On average, follow-up interviews were conducted 8 months after the mapping workshop
- Across these 4 counties, 76 action steps were identified (combined)
 - 32% of these action steps have been completed
 - 38% of the action steps are in progress
 - 30% of the action steps are not started
- In half of the counties, the action plan was adopted by/incorporated into the CJAB strategic plan. In the other two counties, the CJAB had not met in the time between the mapping in the follow-up interview.
- All 4 counties believe that the mapping workshop helped to facilitate communication and cooperation
- Three of the 4 counties have had changes to key individuals who were involved in the mapping process
 - However, 3 of the 4 counties also believe that there is a sustained investment in implementing change (one county representative answer “don’t know” to this question)
 - One county commented that sustained interest doesn’t always translate to progress, progress is slow
- Suggestions for the COE regarding mapping workshops
 - Make the list of workshop attendee more selective and make it a requirement that certain key leaders attend the workshop since, without them, real change can’t occur
 - Need someone within the county to take charge/be a point person for the process or nothing will get done (even if you have a plan)
- None of the counties had an immediate need for technical assistance from the COE although specific plans were made to contact one county for help with a project in the coming months