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Corrections Planning Committee Action Plan Updates

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Presentation Objectives



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- Provide an overview of TB epidemiology in Texas correctional facilities
- Describe the Texas Correctional Planning Committee (CPC) mission, composition and guiding principles
- Share CPC Action Plan updates for 2017

TB in Correctional Facilities

- In 2016, 1,250 cases of TB were reported in Texas, a rate of 4.5 per 100,000.
 - Higher than the 1.9 median state incidence and the 2.9 national incidence rate.
- Texas, California, New York and Florida accounted for 50.9% of all TB reported cases.
- Texas' incarceration rate is the second highest in the U.S.
 - More people are incarcerated in Texas than in any other state.



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TB in Correctional Facilities

- In 2016, 11.6% of Texas cases occurred among people incarcerated at the time of diagnosis compared to 3.5% in the U.S.
- TB outbreaks continue to occur in correctional settings, posing a greater risk for widespread transmission.
- Lapses in communication and coordination between public health and correctional groups often result in continuity of care failures.



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CPC Mission

The mission of the Corrections Planning Committee is to improve tuberculosis prevention and care in Texas correctional and detention facilities.



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CPC Guiding Principles

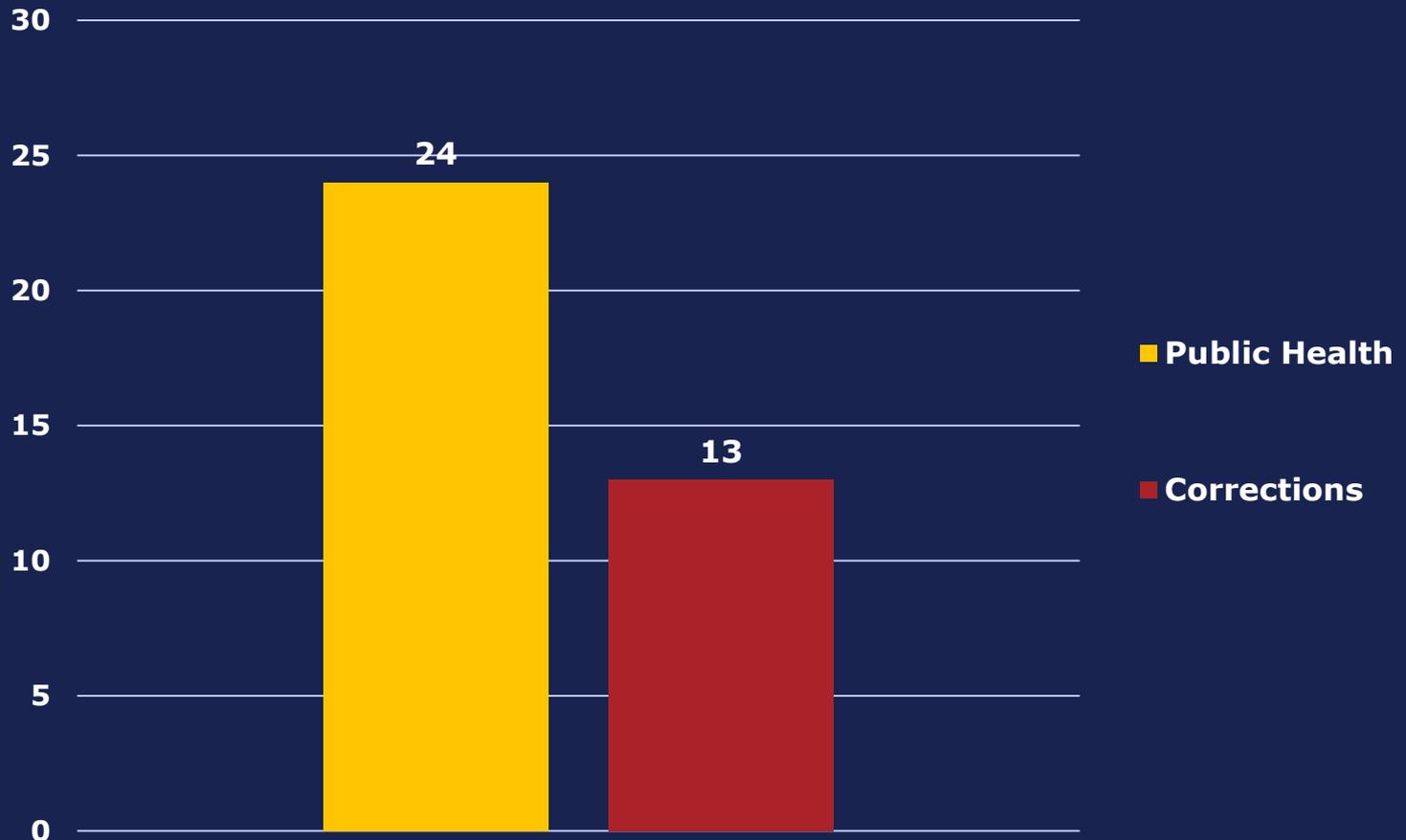
- The Action Plan is the framework for the CPC.
- The CPC seeks to discover new and innovative ways to coordinate TB services and enhance program collaboration and partnerships to use resources more efficiently and effectively.
- Committee membership is deliberately diverse to take advantage of multiple disciplines and shared knowledge for a holistic approach to problem solving.
- CPC meetings focus on systems and processes, rather than individuals. The emphasis is on identifying gaps and opportunities for improvement rather than blaming agencies or individuals.



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CPC Membership

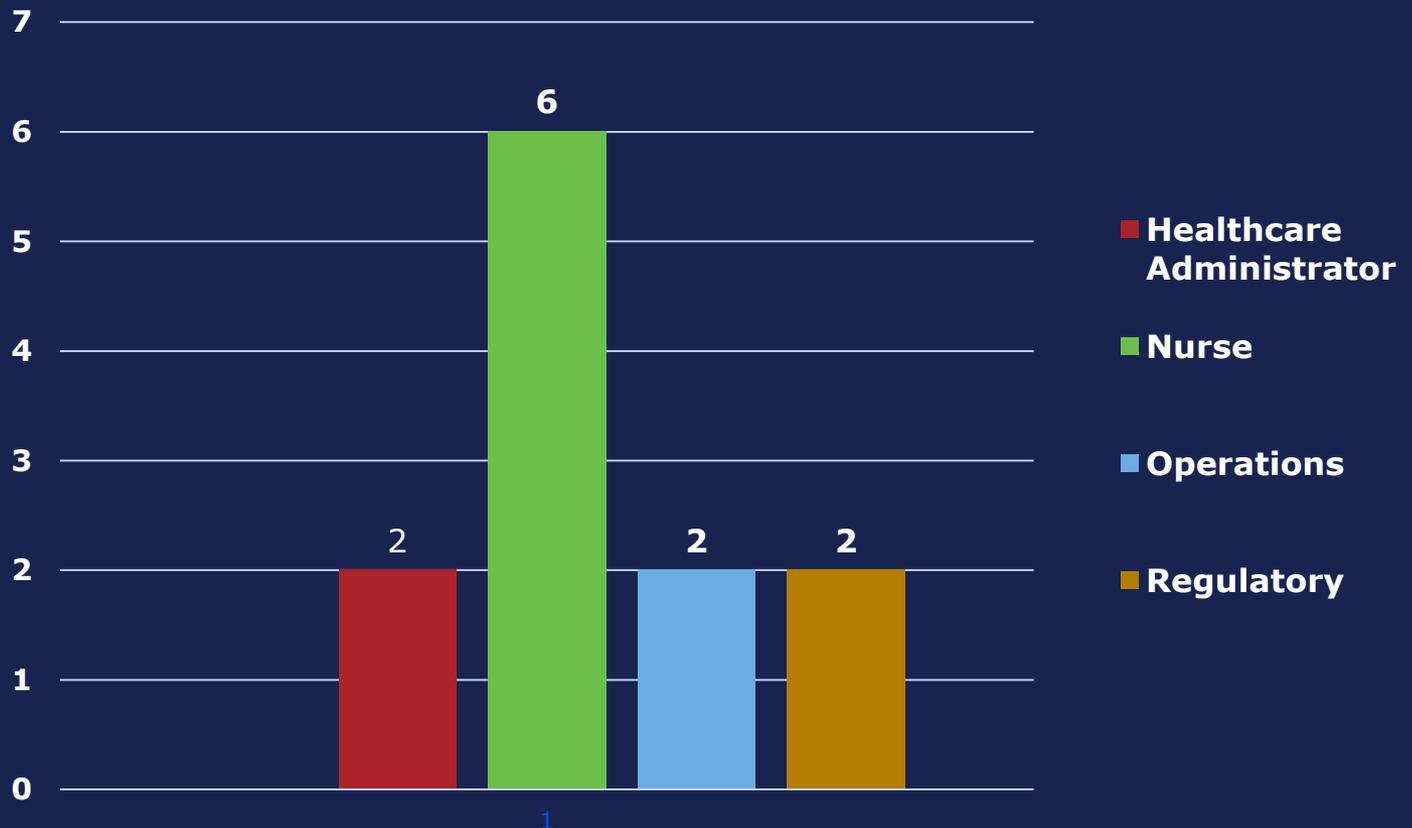
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Corrections Expert

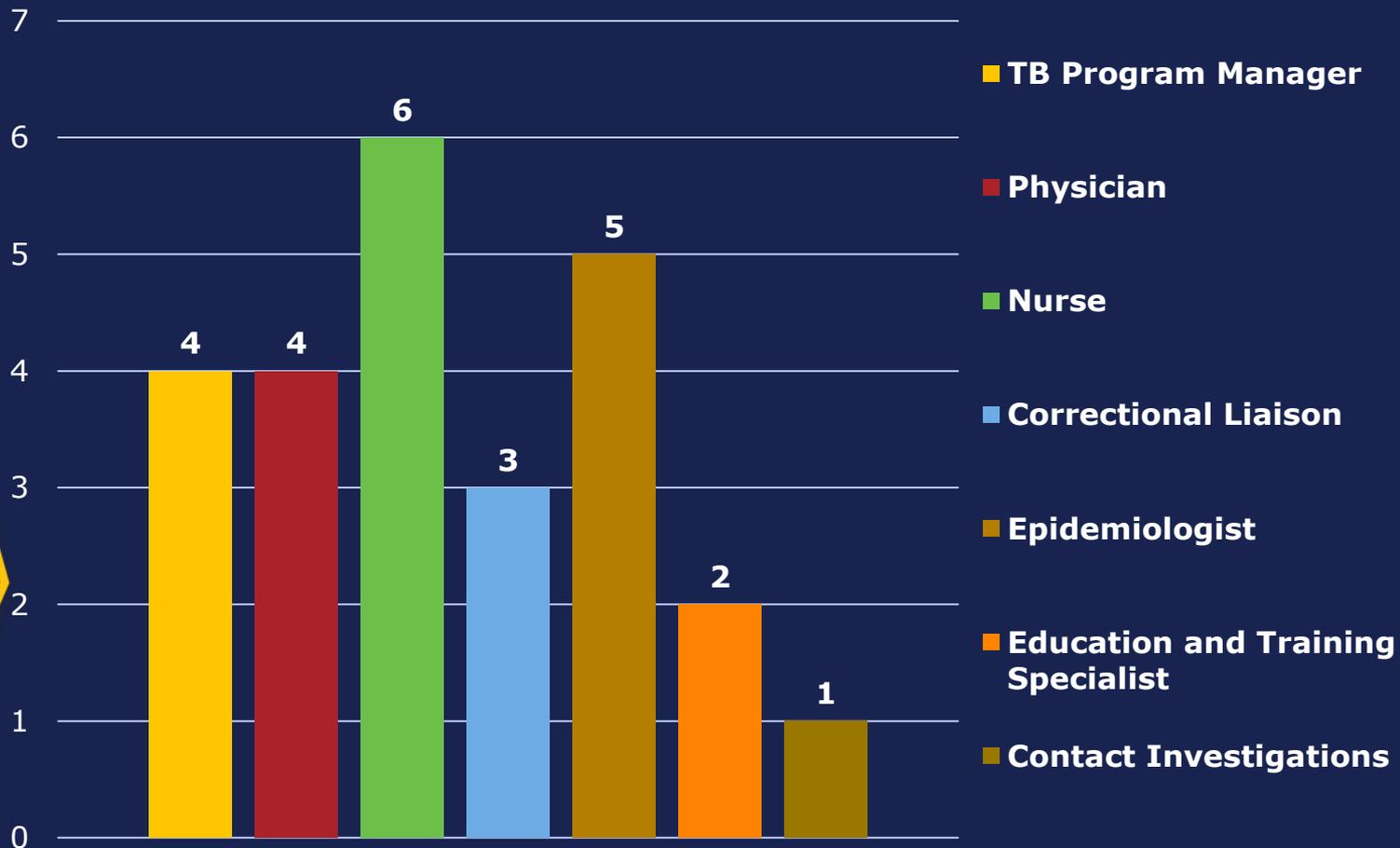
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Public Health Experts

Total: 25



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CPC Action Plan

Living document that outlines:

- Defined strategic priorities
- Objectives
- Activities to achieve objectives



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2017 Action Plan: Strategic Priorities

1. Promote the use of new and existing **TB screening tools** for earlier and better TB screening and diagnosis.
2. Enhance **TB contact and cluster investigations** based on best practices, sound evidence and multi-agency collaboration.
3. Improve **discharge planning and continuity of care** by providing guidance and fostering collaboration between public health departments, correctional facilities and TB patients.
4. Increase **education and training** opportunities related to TB in correctional and detention facilities.
5. Advance **ongoing communication** between public health and correction partners to ensure a successful and sustainable alliance for TB prevention and control.



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Priority 1: TB Screening Tools

- ✓ Revised DSHS TB Symptoms Screening form (Publication # TB-810 & TB-810-E)
- ✓ Redesigned Correctional TB Screening Plan (Publication # TB-805)
 - ✓ Asks jails if they conduct TB symptoms screening on intake.
 - ✓ If they answer "No", the plan approval letter includes a recommendation to do it.
- ✓ Published the new Facility TB Risk Assessment Form (Publication # TB-800)



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Priority 2: TB Contact and Cluster Investigations

- ✓ Two new forms were reviewed by the CPC in 2016 and have been published in DSHS' website:
 - ✓ Infectious Period Calculation Sheet (publication # TB-425)
 - ✓ TB CI Expansion Analysis (publication # EF12-15017).
- ✓ DSHS Congregate Settings team and epi teams are now providing more consistent technical assistance
 - ✓ Incident reports
 - ✓ Genotyping clusters
 - ✓ TB cases or conversions clusters identified through monthly reports and annual risk assessments.



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Priority 2: TB contact and cluster investigations (Cont.)

- Two new forms will be presented to the CPC for consideration in 2017:
 - Tuberculosis Contact Investigation Social History Interview
 - Environmental Risk Assessment for Congregate Correctional Settings.
- Data analysis tips will be provided with DSHS' annual corrections report for health departments and the Jail Administrator Report in 2017.



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Priority 3: Discharge Planning and Continuity of Care

- ✓ Guidelines and resources for release planning and continuity of care were included in the new *DSHS Tuberculosis Standards for Correctional and Detention Facilities*.
- ✓ The guidelines will be revised and enhanced at the CPC meeting in 2007.
- ✓ Ellen Murray, PhD, BSN, Training Coordinator from Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center will provide expert guidance.



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Priority 3: Discharge Planning and Continuity of Care (Cont.)

- ✓ The brochure *Tuberculosis Case Management for Undocumented and Deportable Inmates/Prisoners/ Detainees in Federal Custody* was updated in 2017
- ✓ The DSHS corrections resources webpage was updated in 2017.

[http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thsvh/corrections_references/.](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thsvh/corrections_references/)



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Priority 4: Education and Training

- ✓ In March 24, 2017, DSHS hosted the World TB Day webinar “Translating TB Epidemiology Concepts into Practice”.
- ✓ The DSHS’ website TB FAQs were updated in 2017.
- ✓ An email blast was sent to health departments and Chapter 89 jails announcing:
 - ✓ New TB forms in May 2017
 - ✓ New TB guidelines for corrections



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Priority 4: Education and Training (Cont.)

- ✓ The Council on State and Territorial Epidemiologists released a new position statement for “*Establishing a Case Definition for Latent TB Infection (TB Infection)*”.
- ✓ Based on the DSHS’ recommendation, “history of incarceration” was added as a disease-specific data element.



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Priority 5: Ongoing Communication

- ✓ DSHS approved funding for the 4th Annual Correctional Planning Committee in 2017.
- ✓ Since November 2016, DSHS and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) have been meeting quarterly to discuss TB prevention and control in state prisons.
- ✓ In April 2017, other DSHS programs joined the recurring meeting to discuss other communicable diseases.



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Priority 5: Ongoing Communication (Cont.)

- ✓ DSHS is currently developing MAVEN.
- ✓ Release 1 was in September 12, 2016.
- ✓ Release 3 is planned for March 14, 2018.
- ✓ This release includes data collection modules (called question packages) for corrections.



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Thank you

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