

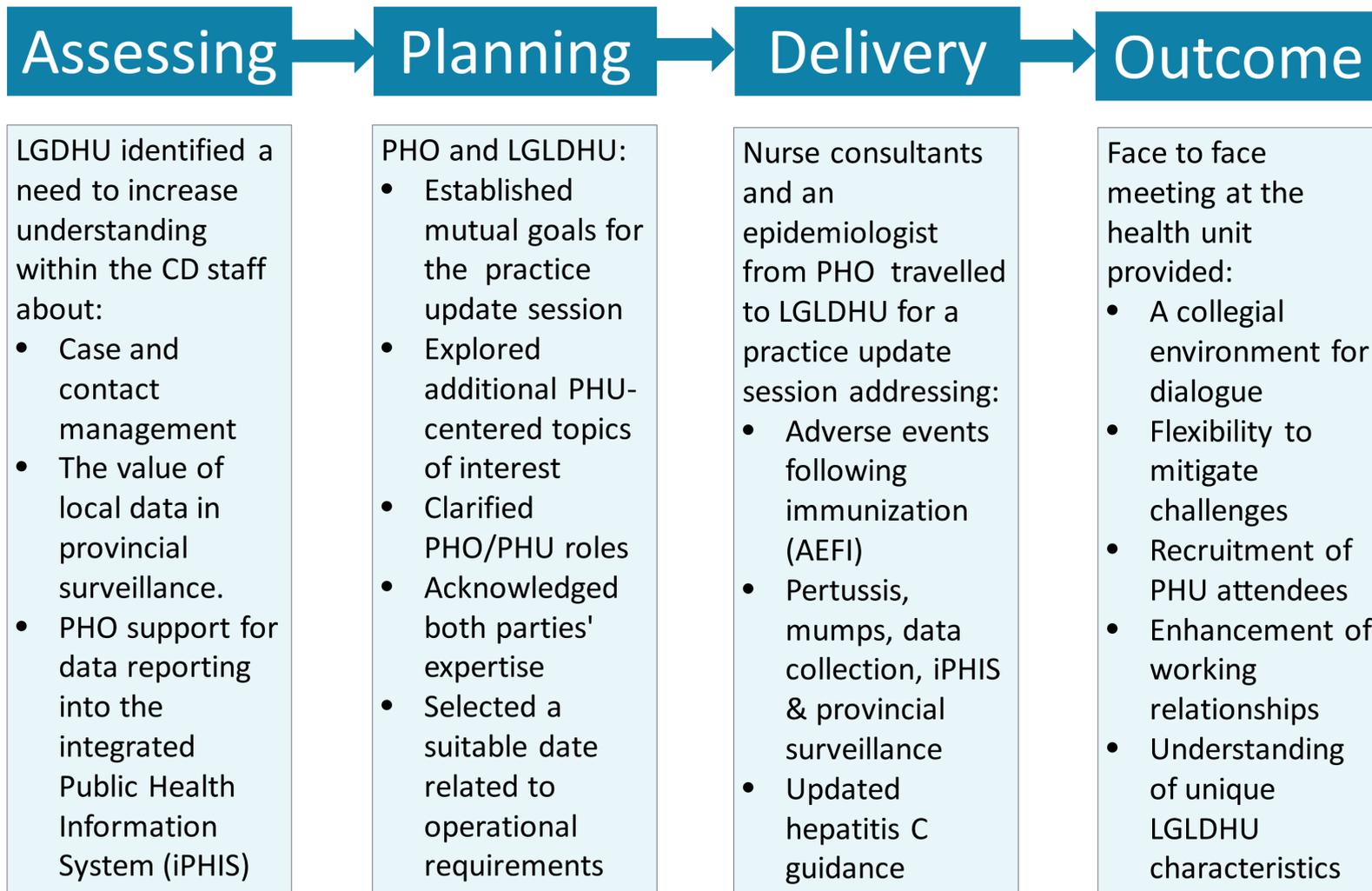
## Background

Ontario’s Public Health Units (PHUs) are mandated to manage communicable disease cases, contacts and outbreaks to minimize public health risk. Public Health Ontario’s (PHO) mission is to enable informed decisions and actions that protect and promote health of Ontarians. A collaborative practice update session was held in Leeds Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit (LGLDHU) to review and update current practices and documentation for data collection and surveillance reporting.

## Learning Objectives

- Recognize an added value of a face to face , small group environment, to explore local data management practices
- Demonstrate the benefits of a two-way approach to address PHU learning needs.
- Understand how PHO and PHUs can work together to deliver sessions that supports PHU work and fulfills PHO’s mandate.

Public Health Ontario (PHO) and Leeds Grenville Lanark District Health Unit (LGLDHU) collaborated to prepare and deliver a practice update session in March 2018. The session addressed learning needs as identified by LGLDHU communicable disease (CD) staff. Nurse consultants and an epidemiologist from PHO travelled to the health unit offices and met with staff, managers, directors and the medical officer of health. The session included interactive group presentations, case studies with facilitated dialogue in a milieu of collegiality and safety inherent to open discussion.



## Results & Lessons Learned

This PHU-centered event allowed for:

- Development of collegial networking relationships
- Easy dialogue about vaccine preventable diseases, AEFIs and hepatitis C cases
- A common understanding of surveillance in Ontario
- Networking for future challenging case management
- Demonstration of PHO online resources
- PHU staff have access to PHO expertise in a cost effective way

## Conclusions

PHO practice updates tailored to individual PHUs based on a needs assessment forge enhanced PHO/PHU relationships, support PHUs in their work and strengthen Ontario’s surveillance system. Further evaluation of this approach as a component of PHO’s support for PHUs is underway

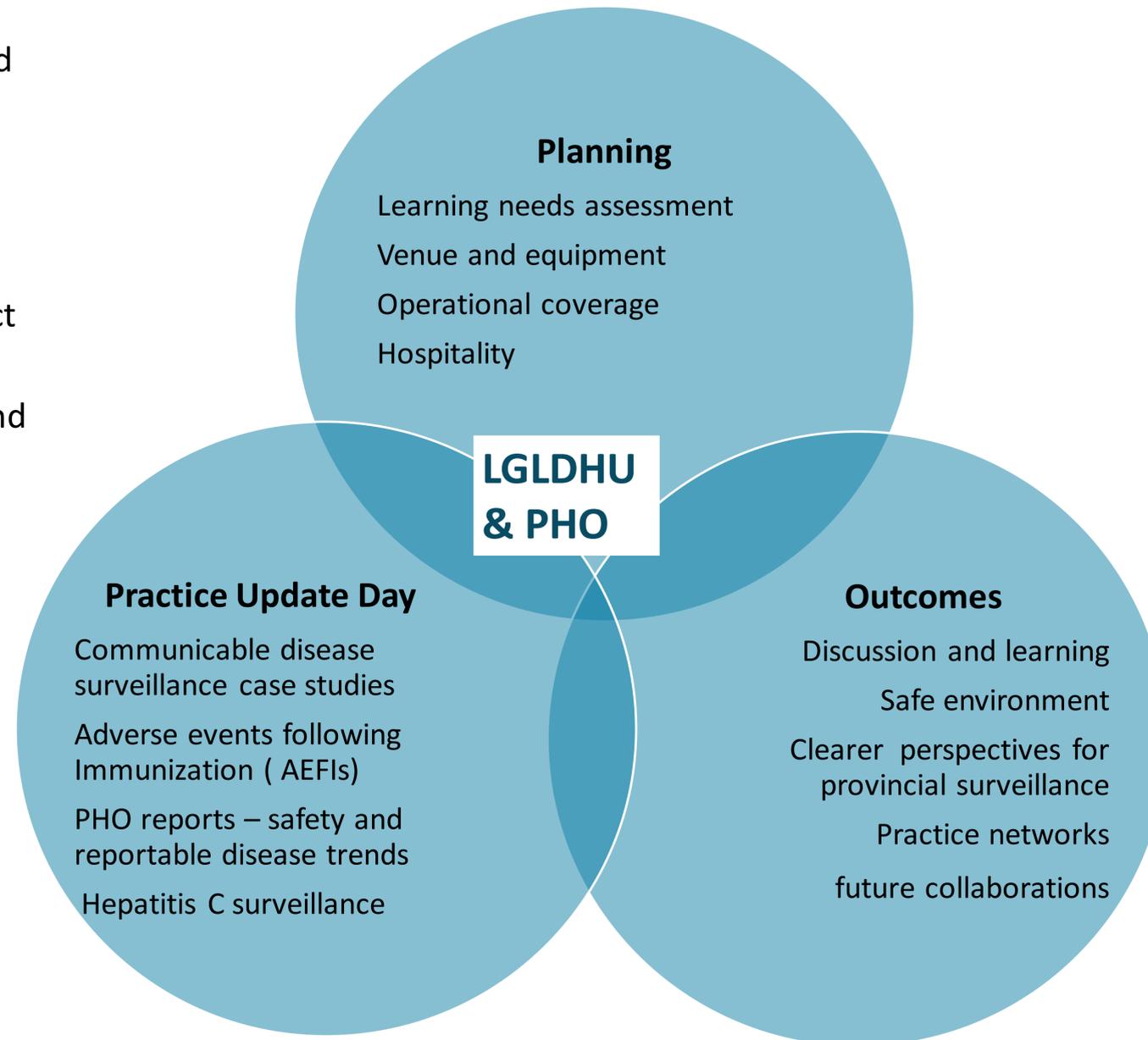
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## Background

Ontario’s Public Health Units (PHUs) are mandated to manage communicable disease (CD) cases, contacts and outbreaks to minimize public health risk. Public Health Ontario’s (PHO) mission is to provide scientific and technical advice which help enable informed decisions and actions that protect and promote health of Ontarians. A collaborative practice update day was held in Leeds Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit (LGLDHU) to review current practices and documentation for data collection and surveillance.

## Learning Objectives

- Describe the benefits of a tailored approach to identify and address PHU learning needs.
- Understand the value of PHO meeting with PHU staff, in a low risk, small group setting.
- Understand how PHO works with PHUs to deliver sessions that support their work and fulfills PHO’s mandate.



## Results & Lessons Learned

This PHU-centered event allowed for:

- Development of collegial networking relationships
- Easy dialogue about VPDs, AEFIs and hepatitis C cases,
- A common understanding of surveillance in Ontario,
- Networking for future challenging case management
- Demonstration of PHO online resources
- PHO to learn about unique features of LGLDHU **in order to provide improved context-specific advice and support**

## Conclusions

PHO practice update based on PHU identified needs:

- forge enhanced PHO/PHU relationships
  - support PHUs in CD case & contact management
  - strengthen Ontario’s surveillance data collection
- Further evaluation of this approach as a component of PHO’s support for PHUs is planned.

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