



CDPH Public Health Decision Framework Overview

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is establishing a united, three faceted Public Health Decision Framework (Framework) throughout CDPH. This Framework will better position CDPH to respond to the changing public health concerns of the 21st century, while maintaining the gains and achievements made in public health during the past century. The Framework will guide CDPH in proactively prioritizing our work, and will serve as an outline to develop and revise the next CDPH Strategic Plan. The Framework also supports the CDPH mission to optimize the health and well being of the people in California and will help CDPH move closer to its Vision of healthy individuals and families in healthful communities.

Additionally, this Framework will focus CDPH efforts on core public health functions and provide guidelines for all CDPH programs. The Framework will provide for unified messaging throughout CDPH, enable CDPH to promptly address the shifting population burden for public health and proactively respond to budget concerns and programmatic changes.

The Framework consists of three facets, as follows:

- Determinants of Health,
- Healthy People 2020 Advisory Committee Criteria, and,
- Core Public Health Functions and Ten Essential Public Health Services.

Determinants of Health

“Determinants of Health”, include social factors such as socio-economic status, race/ethnicity and immigration status, institutional factors, such as policies adopted by the private or public sector (e.g. farm subsidies for specific crops), and factors in the physical environment that influence health, such as exposure to toxins or infectious agents, the availability of open space and healthy foods, and land use patterns. Examining Determinants of Health considers how the above factors contribute to unhealthy outcomes and how addressing them might improve health. Addressing Determinants of Health requires including other policy sectors (e.g., education, housing, etc.) in health policy decisions. The Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII) is one model for examining Determinants of Health.

Healthy People 2020 Advisory Committee Criteria

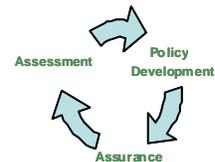
The Framework uses four Healthy People 2020 Advisory Committee Criteria to help prioritize programs and policies:

- The overall burden of disease, including the overall number of persons affected or potentially affected,
- The potential of an intervention to reduce health inequities, due to race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, etc.,
- The degree to which the burden is preventable or reducible, and
- The cost effectiveness of an intervention.



Core Public Health Functions and Ten Essential Public Health Services

The Core Public Health Functions identified in the Institute of Medicine’s 1988 document *The Future of Public Health* (Assessment, Policy Development and Assurance) also correlate into the Ten Essential Services of Public Health. The Core Public Health Functions and Ten Essential Public Health Services focus attention on CDPH’s core businesses, and provide a common Public Health reference point for all CDPH employees and activities.



Core Public Health Functions	Assessment	Policy Development	Assurance
Ten Essential Public Health Services	1. Monitor 2. Detect and Investigate	3. Inform, Educate and Empower 4. Partner 5. Interventions	6. Enforce 7. Link 8. Workforce 9. Evaluate 10. Research

Additional information on the Ten Essential Public Health Services is included at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/PublicHealthEssentialServices.aspx>.