



# PHAB Community Health Assessment Domain 1



*Advancing Public Health Performance*

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# Community Health Assessment Objective

- “At the end of this session, the participant will be able to participate in and conduct a collaborative process resulting in a comprehensive Community Health Assessment (Domain 1). This knowledge will enable the participant to engage their local health department and community- based organizations to develop such a Community Health Assessment as part of the accreditation process.”





# Speakers



- 1. Large Local Health Department: Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
*Speaker: Wendy Schiffer MSPH, Director of the Office of Planning Evaluation, and Development, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*
- 2. Medium Local Health Department: Ventura County Public Health Department  
*Speaker: Erin Slack MPH, Epidemiologist, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health, Ventura County Public Health Department*
- 3. Small Local Health Department: Monterey County Health Department  
*Speaker: Lisa B. Hernandez, MD, MPH, Deputy Health Officer, Monterey County Health Department*



# Examples of Health Assessments in California

- City of Pasadena Public Health Department: Quality of Life Index (established in 1992- evolved in 2002)
- Community Health Councils, Inc. South Los Angeles: Health Equity Scorecard (2008)
- United Way of Santa Cruz County: Community Assessment Plan (2010)
- Valley Care Community Consortium San Fernando/ Santa Clarita Valley: Triennial Community Needs Assessment (2010)



# Community Assessment Drivers

1. Affordable Care Act, and Related Policy and Health System:  
Community Health Needs Assessment for Non-Profit Hospitals

2. Federally Qualified Health Centers Expansion:  
Needs Assessment

3. Public Health Department Accreditation:  
Community Health Assessment



# Community Assessment Drivers

## 1. Affordable Care Act and Related Policy:

- Requires **community health needs assessments** of tax exempt 501(c)3 hospitals
  - Every three years (starting **March 23, 2012**)
  - “Input from persons who represent the broad interests of the community... including those with special knowledge of or expertise in public health”
  - Made widely available to the public
- “Requirement that an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) has a process for evaluating the health needs of the population...”

Source: [www.ftc.gov/opp/aco/cms-proposedrule.PDF](http://www.ftc.gov/opp/aco/cms-proposedrule.PDF)



# Community Assessment Drivers

## 2. Federally Qualified Health Centers

Key Health Center Program Requirements#1 is **Needs Assessment**: “Health center demonstrates and documents the needs of its target population, updating its service area, when appropriate”

- “Form 9: Need for Assistance Worksheet”
- “Form 4: Community Characteristics”



# Community Assessment Drivers

## 3. Public Health Department Accreditation

- Public Health Accreditation Board's voluntary program for state, local, territorial and tribal public health departments
- Domain 1: "Conduct and disseminate **assessments** focused on population health status and public health issues"



# Domain 1: Four Standards

**Domain 1: Conduct and disseminate assessments focused on population health status and public health issues facing the community**

- **Standard 1.1: Participate in or conduct a collaborative process resulting in a comprehensive community health assessment**
- **Standard 1.2:** Collect and maintain reliable, comparable, and valid data that provide information on conditions of public health importance and on the health status of the population
- **Standard 1.3:** Analyze public health data to identify trends in health problems, environmental public health hazards, and social and economic factors that affect the public's health
- **Standard 1.4:** Provide and use the results of health data analysis to develop recommendations regards public health, policy, processes, programs and interventions

Note: Community Health Assessment is done at State, Local, & Tribal levels



# Standard 1.1

- **Measure:** Participate in, or conduct, a local partnership for the development of a comprehensive community health assessment of the population served by the health department
- **Purpose:** Assess the health department's collaborative process for sharing and analyzing data concerning health status, health issues, and community resources to develop a community health assessment of the population of the jurisdiction served by the health department
- **Significance:** Work collaboratively other organizations to access data, provide various perspectives in the data analysis, present data and findings, and share a commitment for using the data



# Community Health Assessment

This will be accomplished by:

- Collaborative process to collect data
- Mobilizing the community
- Developing priorities
- Gathering resources
- Planning to improve health



# Community Health Assessment

## Collect data and information on:

- Demographics
- Socioeconomic characteristics
- Quality of life
- Behavioral factors
- Physical environment (e.g. transportation, park access, and the built environment)
- Social environment (alcohol consumption, living conditions, diet, education, work)
- Morbidity and Mortality



# Community Health Assessment

## Analyze health status data and information:

- Health assessment mapping (distribution of hospitals, and primary care and dental providers/clinics)
- Health disparities across income levels, racial and ethnic groups, gender and age groups
- Geographic distribution of health status

One must always be cognizant and respectful of the communities cultural and linguistic needs



# Required Documentation

1. Participation of representatives of various sectors of the local community
2. Regular meetings or communications with partners.
3. Description of the process used to identify health issues and assets; Mobilizing for Action through Planning & Partnership (MAPP), Healthy Cities/Communities or the Community Indicators Project



# Organizations with which to Collaborate

- Community based organizations
- Hospitals and healthcare providers
- Academic institutions
- Local schools
- Other departments of government and the state Department of Public Health



# Practical Benefits of a Community Assessment

- Benchmarking health status to monitor improvement over time
- Helps identify and prioritize the needs of the community
- The collaborative work on the CHA with other organizations, creates an atmosphere of shared purpose and a mode of working together
- Serves as the foundation for the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

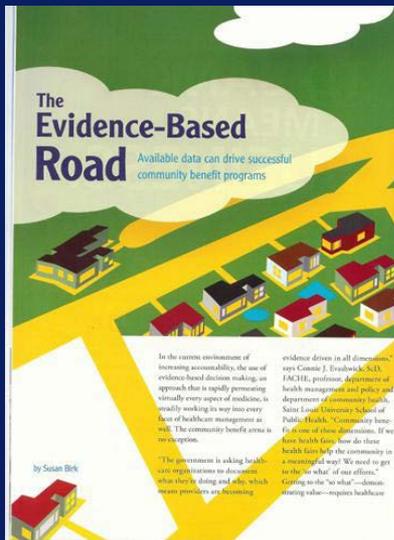


# Steps following the Community Health Assessment

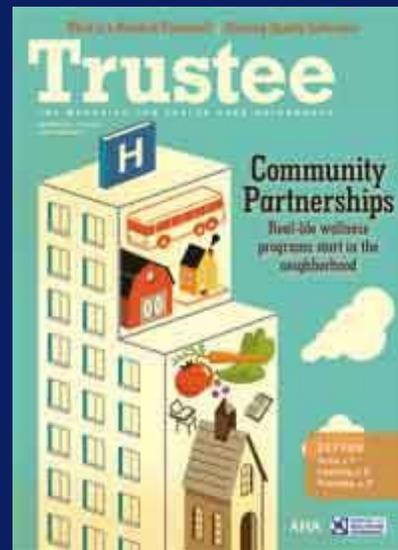
- Community Health Improvement Plan
  - A long-term effort, with broad participation, that sets community priorities and addresses issues from the Community Health Assessment
- Strategic Planning
  - Develop and implement a health department organization strategic plan



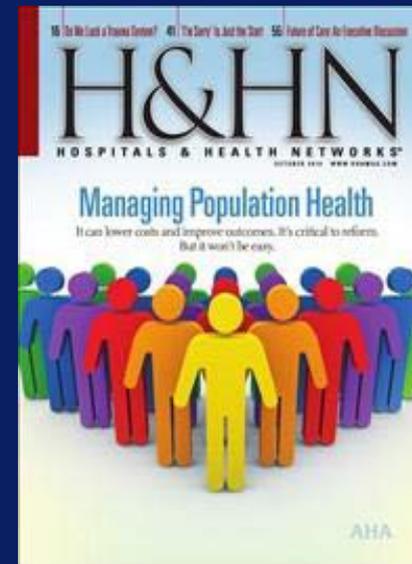
# Relevant Community Assessment Publications



*Healthcare Executive, July/August 2010*



*Trustee, October 2010*



*Hospitals & Health Networks, October 2010*



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