

Focused Question

What will it take for local health departments to do chronic disease prevention in a more comprehensive way?

Anticipated Outcome

An Action Agenda to improve public health departments' capacity to prevent chronic disease.

The Action Agenda includes:

- Strategies that state and local public health officials can work on together to carry out.
- Associated concrete actions for building regional capacity in the next 12-18 months

Meeting Process and Design

- Builds on work we did in January
- Illustrates the current and potential magnitude of public health departments' role in chronic disease prevention
- Promotes an understanding of how nutrition education for food stamp-eligible populations is improved through a more comprehensive chronic disease prevention capacity in public health departments
- Clarifies the relationship between chronic disease prevention and the elimination of health inequities
- Develops greater awareness of public health departments' ability to impact chronic diseases and their root causes
- Defines strategies and concrete actions to enhance public health departments capacity to do comprehensive chronic disease prevention
- Inspires participants to increase individual and collaborative efforts to carry out the Action Agenda