

Community Health Assessments

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Background: CDC grant



Five year grant from National Center from Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion to assess/implement:

- Policy, systems, and environmental approaches to promote health and support and reinforce healthful behaviors
- Community/clinical linkages supporting cardiovascular disease
- Health system interventions to improve the effective delivery and use of clinical and other preventative services



CDC Required Assessments:



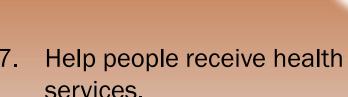
- Access to healthy foods.
- Policies and standards that promote healthy behaviors.
- Partnerships
- Existing nutrition and physical activity standards in early childcare environments.
- Use of team based care strategies to prevent and control chronic disease.
- Community-clinical linkages (WIC, for example).
- Health systems interventions to support breastfeeding and increase use of dental treatment and prevention services for patients with diabetes.



11 Domains for Public Health



- Monitor health status and understand health issues.
- Protect people from health problems and health hazards.
- Give people information they 3. need to make healthy choices.
- Engage the community to identify and solve health problems.
- 5. Develop public health policies and plans.
- 6. Enforce public health laws and regulations.



- 8. Maintain a competent public health workforce.
- Evaluate and improve the quality 9. of programs and interventions.
- 10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health.
- 11. Govern and manage health department resources (including financial and human resources, facilities, and information systems).



Why do you want to do a CHA?



- Accreditation
- Information
- Program planning
- Community participation
- Inter-departmental participation



Critical elements to consider BEFORE the CHA begins:



- Capacity
 - On-site staffing capacity
 - Partnership capacity
 - Contractor capacity
- Role of steering committee
 - Guide the process
 - Choose elements
 - Keep process moving



Critical elements to consider BEFORE the CHA begins:



- Common pitfalls:
 - Staff turnover
 - Stalled project
 - Lack of community support
 - Unresponsive contractors



Critical elements to consider BEFORE the CHA begins:



- Leadership buy-in:
 - Fully informed and supportive leadership
 - Role of leadership
 - Progress monitoring
 - Conflict resolution





THANK YOU

