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 Accreditation:

1. Monitor health status and understand health issues.
2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards.
3. Give people information they need to make healthy choices.
4. Engage the community to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop public health policies and plans.
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations.
7. Help people receive health services.
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce.
9. Evaluate and improve the quality 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