

Community Health Needs Assessment-Reaching the Vision

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Affordable Care Act/IRS 990 Schedule H Requirements

Section 501(r) requires that nonprofit hospitals conduct a community health needs assessment at least once every three years (effective for tax years beginning after March 23, 2012) and adopt an implementation strategy to address the most significant health issues.

Current Dialogue

In North Carolina:

Public Health/Hospital Collaborative

Various Webinars to Increase Awareness

Development of Guidance

Letter to Hospital CEOs and Health Directors

Encouraging Collaboration

Nationally:

CDC Expert Meeting

CDC Recommendations



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Goals

- To create a common understanding of changes in Community Health Assessment and Community Benefit laws among hospital and health department leaders in order to promote collaboration among NC hospitals and health departments on these activities.
- To create models of effective community collaboration that integrate Community Health Assessment and Community Benefit into an improvement cycle that advances Healthy NC 2020 outcomes



Objectives

By April 15, 2012

95% of NC hospitals and health departments will understand the new CHA and CB requirements and the rationale for joint collaboration

By January 1, 2013

75% of NC hospitals and health departments will be working collaboratively on joint CHA and CB activities.

By April 1, 2014

20 NC communities will show measurable improvements in Healthy NC 2020 outcomes related to priorities from CHA and CB work



Highlights from Public Health/Hospital Steering Collaborative

- CDC-funded Leadership Roundtable
- Case studies of three public health/hospital collaboratives
- Plan to launch pilot projects to test best practices to collaborative community health assessment and community health improvement planning
- Upcoming leadership symposium



Public Health/Hospital Expressed Needs

- Assistance with multicounty collaborations
- Joint training
- Compendium of best practices
- Funding
- Crosswalk of requirements for CHA
- Updated, easy to access health data
- Assistance with community engagement process
- Epidemiologist/Statistical support
- Standardized tools/template for CHA



CareShare Health Alliance

- Collaboration Building, including identifying stakeholders, facilitating development of shared purpose, and developing collaborative network agreements
- Strengthening, including assessment of needs and gaps, business flow assessment, IT assessment, facilitated problem solving
- Community-wide Planning, including strategic planning, shared budget development, implementation and evaluation plans

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Center for Health Systems Research and Development

- Assembly of publicly available secondary data
- Mapping and geo-spatial analysis of data
- Statistical analysis and interpretation
- Acquisition and analysis of primary data
- Community Health Quality Improvement Studies
- Outreach and community engagement services

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- Legal and regulatory technical assistance and training provided by the SE Regional Center of the PHLN
- Technical assistance from the Spatial Health Assessment and Research Program (SHARP)
- Training in community survey techniques
- Assistance with key informant interviews and focus groups
- Strategic planning to develop Community Health Improvement Plans
- Identification of evidence-based interventions that may be adapted to meet community needs
- Business Planning to identify resources to implement plans

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