Community Health/Health Needs Assessments

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Core Functions of Public Health

- Assessment
- Policy Development
- Assurance

Accreditation Cycles

- PHAB: 5 year
- North Carolina: 4 year
- ACA/IRS: 3 year
The Affordable Care Act

Changes to
Community Health Assessment
Leadership Structure
The Affordable Care Act, 2010

Final Rule: Community health needs assessments for charitable hospitals.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS). 26 CFR Parts 1, 53, and 602. (2014, December 31)
What structural aspects of conducting the assessment and implementing improvement plans contribute to improved health and well-being in the community?

- Academic Partnerships
- Community Engagement
- Regional Initiative
- Leadership
Table 1. Change in leadership structure for CHA in NC local health departments, 2007-2018.

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Findings
2007 - 2010

North Carolina Community Health Assessments

- 100 counties
- 85 local health departments/districts

Before the ACA, local health departments and hospitals were already collaborating on CHAs.

60% of CHAs named hospital as a significant partner.
Community Health Assessments
North Carolina 2007 - 2010
100 Counties
All 4 Year Cycles

Evidence of Local Health Department Alliances with Hospitals Prior to ACA in 2010
- 2007 Assessments
- 2008 Assessments
- 2009 Assessments
- 2010 Assessments
- No Assessments

STATE CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS
2011 - 2017

North Carolina Community Health/ Health Needs Assessments

- 100 counties
- 85 local health departments/districts

➢ 65% of LHDs Moved to 3-year cycle
➢ 35% of LHDs Kept 4-year cycle
Community Health Assessments
North Carolina 2011 - 2017
100 Counties
3 or 4 Year Cycles

Legend
- WNC Healthy Impact Regional CHNA Collaborative - 3 Year Cycle (16%)
- Counties Working Moving to a 3 Year Cycle (49%)
- Counties Remaining on Traditional 4 Year Cycle (35%)
2018
North Carolina Community Health/Health Needs Assessments

- 100 counties
- 84* local health departments/districts

- 78% of LHDs 3-year cycle
- 22% of LHDs 4-year cycle
Community Health Assessments
North Carolina 2018
by County/Cycle

Legend
- WNC Healthy Impact Regional CHNA Collaborative - 3 Year Cycle (16%)
- Counties Working Individually with Hospital/Health Care System - 3 Year Cycle (29%)
- Health ENC Regional CHNA Collaborative - 3 Year Cycle (33%)
- Counties Remaining on Traditional 4 Year Cycle (22%)

STATE CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS
Significance

A major structural change occurred in the way we conduct community health assessments, and we do not know...
...the cost or benefits of the structural change.
The significant gap in knowledge about the cost/value of community health assessments/health needs assessments must be addressed by public health professionals now.
Current Activities

• **Current Study**
  “Evidence of Success in NC Public Health Assessments and Improvement Plans: 2007-2017”

• **Upcoming Study**
  “Cost/Value of CHA/CHNA in NC Public Health Assessments and Improvement Plans”
Future Changes Healthy NC 2030

Expansion
Cross-Jurisdictional Resource Sharing Opportunities
July 2020
Vision

Our vision is to improve the health of every community in North Carolina by supporting local and regional community health/community health needs assessments, encouraging cross-jurisdictional resource sharing, and monitoring community health status according to the upcoming Healthy North Carolina 2030 objectives.
**Approach**

Improve the quality of data collection for community health assessments while lowering the cost to local health departments and hospitals through cross jurisdictional resource sharing.

Explore the opportunities and challenges associated with statewide expansion of three existing regional community health assessment initiatives and their work with community partners.
Focus

Business Model
- Shared data, continuously updated
- Improve data visualization of HNC 2030

Funding
- Initial
- Sustained

Training and Technical Assistance
- Community Engagement
- Results-Based Accountability

We are recruiting public health leaders who would like to be involved in developing this model.
Timeline

NC DHHS

HNC 2030 Goals & Objectives
July 2018 - December 2019

Statewide Health Assessment Process
Beginning January 2019

Statewide Health Improvement Plan Process
Beginning January 2020

Local/Regional Community Health/Health Needs Assessments

Local/Regional Community Health Improvement Plans

January 2020

January 2025

December 2029

Monitor Progress with Results-Based Accountability

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