

Community Health Status Assessment

1. Over the next couple of months we will be working on the first of our 4 assessments.
2. As part of the community Health Status Assessment we'll be collecting data from a variety of sources including,
 - Health Department Data,
 - the IPLAN Database,
 - BRFSS,
 - Illinois Vital Statistics,
 - County Health Status Rankings
3. The Community Health Status Assessment (CHSA) answers the questions:
 - How healthy are our residents?
 - What does the health status of our community look like?
4. During this assessment, information regarding health status, quality of life, and risk factors in the community is gathered and analyzed.
5. The CHSA provides a list of core indicators for eleven broad-based categories. We will be gathering data that specifically address these indicators.
6. You can find a table listing the core indicators in the Project Plan document on page 6
7. Encourage the group to review the list.

<i>Who are we and what do we bring to the table?</i>	<i>What are the strengths and risks in our community that contribute to health?</i>	<i>What is our health status?</i>
1. Demographic Characteristics 2. Socioeconomic Characteristics 3. Health Resource Availability	4. Quality of Life 5. Behavioral Risk Factors 6. Environmental Health Indicators	7. Social and Mental Health 8. Maternal and Child Health 9. Death, Illness, and Injury 10. Infectious Disease 11. Sentinel Events

8. Ask if anyone feels there is a need for other indicators relevant to our community. (e.g. environmental, cancer rates, etc.)
9. As you know good data can be hard to come by. We have already been working with Rush Copley to utilize data sources they have available to them.
 - They have already provided some information, we have given them the list of indicators, and we have a follow-up meeting scheduled in May.
10. Ask if anyone has access to any data sources, databases, or perhaps their agency has done a survey or information gathering. Can this information be shared with us? Speak now or talk to one of us after the meeting.

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11. Once all the data has been collected a small group will organize and analyze the data. The group will develop a compilation (or community health profile) of the findings.
 - Anyone with epidemiology expertise, computer skills, and statistic experience who is willing to assist with this process should let us know.
12. As stated earlier each assessment will result in a list of challenges and opportunities related to the community's health status.
13. Therefore, at the next meeting we will,
 - present the Community Health Profile
 - review the findings to find challenges (major health problems, high risk behaviors)
 - and identify opportunities (improving health trends)
14. The goal that evening will be to leave with a list of 10-15 community health status issues that we can take into the other assessments and examine more closely during a later phase of the process.
15. Questions?