

## Accreditation Learning Community

November 28, 2018

Meeting Summary

### State Health Assessment 2.0 Update

DPH's Data Advisory Committee, made up of internal epidemiologists and subject-matter experts, has developed a list of indicators to be covered in the state health assessment update (also known as SHA 2.0). The list includes some of the standard indicator categories that all assessments should incorporate including demographic information, health status and health outcomes, behavioral risk factors, environmental conditions, morbidity and mortality data, injury, maternal and child health measures, communicable and chronic disease and socioeconomic factors. DPH's prioritization criteria for deciding which indicators could be included in the SHA was shared with the ALC - all indicators have to be reliable or validated, available over time, and available by population sub-group or geography.

### Topic of the Call: Participate in or Lead a Collaborative Process Resulting in a Comprehensive Community Health Assessment (Standard 1.1 – Measure 1.1.1, Measure 1.1.2)

#### Health Equity Module

The Health Equity “module” focuses on suggestions and ideas for advancing health equity as it relates to the topic areas of the month. How can a health department advance health equity through the development of the Community Health Assessment?

Suggestions (*Advancing Health Equity in Health Department's Public Health Practice*, PHAB Feb. 2018):

- Create a table for CHA and CHIP engagement that centers on community voice – partner with individuals or organizations that represent populations most impacted by health inequities
- Include data and data analysis from other government agencies, such as housing, transportation, police, parks and rec, etc.
- Actively engage community members most impacted by health inequities in:
  - Selecting focus areas and project-specific and department-wide indicators, data, and priority measures
  - Data analysis - as they have key insights, history, stories, and information about why we see inequities.
- Highlight data and stories on community resiliency and community-led efforts to achieve health equity

#### **Measure 1.1.1**

The first Measure of Standard 1.1 assesses the health department's process for collaboratively analyzing and sharing data and information concerning population health. DPH shared its [Sector and Stakeholder Wheel](#), used during the planning process to ensure a diverse group of stakeholders were included in the development of the SHA. DPH also shared the documentation the agency submitted to PHAB for Required Documentation 1 and 2.

#### **Measure 1.1.2**

The second Measure of Standard 1.1 assesses the health department's community health assessment. An important step in the development process is providing the opportunity for the department's community to review and contribute to the assessment. By engaging the community in the development

of the assessment, the health department is increasing awareness of the report, communicating the value of public health, and providing stakeholders an opportunity to own the document. In addition, the health department has the opportunity to collect qualitative information to supplement the assessment. DPH shared a link to information on the [public forums conducted for the 2014 State Health Assessment](#). DPH conducted 10 in total -one was held in each of CT's eight counties, one Spanish-language webinar was held for the state's Latino residents, and one special forum was held for other state agencies.

**ALC Evaluation and Next Meeting**

An evaluation on the ALC will become available in the next few weeks. Please take 5 minutes to complete it and be honest! The goal of the ALC is to be as helpful as possible to you and your team on your accreditation journey.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday January 23, 2019 1-2pm

A calendar series invite will be sent out for the 2019 calls

