



Building Upon Community Health Assessments and Improvement Plans

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Collaboration of hospitals, public health, and universities formed in 1997.

- ▶ Board of Directors: Top official of member institutions
- ▶ Steering Committee: Program directors / managers
- ▶ Work Groups: Implement details of strategic plan
- ▶ Executive Director

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Member Systems

▶ ***Hospitals***

- Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center
- Cook Children's Health Care System
- JPS Health Network
- Texas Health Resources
- Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital
- Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital – Alliance
- Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital -- Azle
- Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital -- Fort Worth
- Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital – Hurst Eules Bedford
- Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital – Southwest Fort Worth

▶ ***Public Health***

- North Texas Area Community Health Centers
- Tarrant County Public Health

▶ ***Universities***

- University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth
- University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing & Health Innovation

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2015 Strategic Planning Process:

- ▶ Reviewed 10 Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs) and 1 Community Health Assessment (CHA)
- ▶ Matrix of needs and priorities
- ▶ Reviewed 10 Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Plans and 1 Community Health Improvement Plan
- ▶ Mapped the implementation strategies within each plan using the Spectrum of Prevention framework

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2015 Observations:

- ▶ None of the needs assessments included input from the general public via surveys, interviews, or focus groups
- ▶ The majority of recommended strategies centered on educating individuals and communities
- ▶ Very few of the strategies addressed policy, organizational practices or environmental barriers

THE SPECTRUM OF PREVENTION

Influencing Policy and Legislation

Changing Organizational Practices

Fostering Coalitions and Networks

Educating Providers

Promoting Community Education

Strengthening Individual Knowledge and Skills

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2014 Southeast Fort Worth Community Conversations:

We're tired of people telling us how to eat healthier, when we don't have access to healthier food.

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2015-2018 Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Increase quality primary data for Tarrant County for Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA) and grant applications.

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2016-2017:

An Exploratory Study into Primary Data Collection for Community Health Needs Assessments in Tarrant County

- ▶ Studied how local hospitals implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 mandate that nonprofit hospitals conduct a community health needs assessment every three years, and develop an implementation strategy to meet the identified needs
- ▶ Reviewed the 2013-2014 CHNAs
- ▶ In-depth interviews with institutional leadership and key staff most closely involved with developing the CHNAs

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Conclusions:

- ▶ Begin locally, think regionally
- ▶ Create a central advisory group
- ▶ Evaluate rigorously
- ▶ Provide a structure for collaborative implementation

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Next Steps:

Working to develop a process that will include:

- ▶ Rolling data collection across 1/3 of Tarrant County annually
- ▶ Data sets can be grouped as needed for a specific institution or project region

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