

Accreditation Support Initiative
Pilot Local Health Department – Working Session #2
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Today's content continues to fill out the broad picture of the path to prepare for application:

Partners for Community Health Assessment
Strategy for Resident Involvement
Role of Board of Health

Session 3 will be work plan & timeline to complete application

Opening Discussion:

Health Department's Frequent Partners?
Hospital's CHNA Partners?

Who should be invited to participate in Community Health Assessment?

PHAB Guidance:

- hospitals and healthcare providers
- academic institutions
- local schools
- other departments of government
- community non-profits
- the state health department

Useful Questions:

- Who are the "usual suspects"
- What special populations & who represents them?
- Who has data you're looking for?
- Who wants data you'll find?
- Who will be essential to implementation (Who should be present during CHIP?)
- Meaningful representation of residents
 - Neighborhood associations?
 - Clergy?
 - Civic groups?
 - Social service agencies?
 - Advocacy groups?

Strategies for involving residents

PHAB Guidance:

- publication of findings in local press with feedback forms
- publication on the LHDs web page
- community forums
- listening sessions
- newsletters
- presentations at other organizations' meetings

Role of Board of Health

PHAB Guidance:

The governing entity should be knowledgeable about the health department's overall assessment and quality improvement initiatives. The governing entity will be in a better position to guide, advocate for, and engage with the health department if they are aware of improvements being undertaken.

Functions of a board in support of assessments and accreditation

- Be Informed, monitor and digest
- Include costs in budget & support before Commission and Council, etc.
- Participate in CHA, CHIP
- Participate in Agency Plan, monitor and support