Making Community Health Improvement Easier: Tools for Communities

Community Health Improvement Across a State: Assessing the System and Developing a Corresponding Model

Resources

Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards

A. New CHIPP Resources

http://www.walhdab.org/NewCHIPResources.htm
B. Existing State and National CHIPP Resources

http://www.walhdab.org/OverarchingCHIP.pdf

Models for CHIPP Practice
Many organizations have created models for the process of effectively improving the health of a community or population. In general, these models are quite similar. All emphasize the importance of collaboration between all interested organizations and engagement of community members. All describe a continuous cycle of community health improvement with steps like these:

- Assess Needs & Resources
- Prioritize Strategic Issues
- Plan for Effective Implementation
- Implement Strategies
- Evaluate Efforts

Documents that describe the steps and best practices involved in community health improvement:

- Summary of CHIPP Practice
- Wisconsin Hospital Association article on:
  - Overview of Community Health Needs Assessment Models and Resources
  - Promising Practices for Community Change and Improvement – University of Kansas
  - Working Together: Effective Community Health Improvement Strategies

National Standards
Both hospitals and public health agencies have national standards or requirements related to community health improvement processes. Non-profit hospitals are required under the Affordable Care Act to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment and execute an Implementation Strategy. Health departments in Wisconsin are required by statute to regularly assess the health of the community and involve key policymakers and the general public in determining and developing a community health improvement plan. Health departments seeking national voluntary accreditation must meet the standards described by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

Documents describing national standards/mandates:

- Federal HealthCare Act
- Affordable Care Act
- IRS draft guidance

Links to Overarching CHIPP websites:

- Association for Community Health Improvement (ACHI) Community Health Assessment Toolkit (members only)
- Catholic Health Association USA (CHAUSA) “Assessing and Addressing Community Health Needs
- Community Tool Box (University of Kansas)

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

A. County Health Roadmaps

http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/roadmaps
B. Roadmaps to Health Action Center

http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/roadmaps/action-center

C. What Works for Health

http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/roadmaps/what-works-for-health