NACDD Core Functions Assessment

A workgroup with members from the CDC, NACDD, and state chronic disease program staff came together to create an assessment of core evaluation questions designed to describe the impact of a coordinated approach on chronic disease prevention and health promotion and document changes over time after funding from the Coordinated Chronic Disease Program cooperative agreement.¹ Chronic Disease Directors from each state were encouraged to consult with members of their chronic disease prevention and health promotion team to complete the assessment as a team. All 50 states and 2 territories completed the assessment by August 31, 2013. NACDD will conduct the assessment annually and report changes over time.

**Capacity to coordinate across categorical programs, Pre Coordinated Co-op and Now²**

Dissemination of epidemiology and surveillance
Engaging external partners
Engaging internal partners
Environmental approaches to health
Workforce development
Evaluation
Health system interventions
Strategic communications
Community-clinical linkages

**Other Findings**

- **92%** report their ability to practice effective coordinated chronic disease prevention and health promotion has improved.
- **65%** report the creation of new cross cutting positions that they expect to continue after the end of the grant.
- **75%** report strong support for moving toward coordinated approaches.

¹ The cooperative agreement is Prevention and Public Health Fund Coordinated Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Program (Coordinated Chronic Supplement).
² “Now”=August 2013 per the survey field date.
Top 3 reasons selected to explain changes in practice that had an effect on coordinated chronic disease prevention:

1. Program management or leadership
2. Staff commitment to coordination
3. Federal funding

When using a coordinated approach to chronic disease prevention and health promotions states report they experience the following always or often:\n
- Skills and perspectives from each part of the unit complement each other
- Working together to effectively problem solve
- Coordinated approach is making progress toward goals
- Each part of the unit buys into the approach
- Personal satisfaction from coordinated activities
- Feelings of excitement, energy and passion
- Extra outcomes achieved by working together
- All parts of unit benefit from the coordinated approach

Top 3 impacts most often selected to describe how the Coordinated State Chronic Disease Plan effects work:

1. It clarified the chronic disease agenda
2. It clarified our vision – within the chronic disease unit
3. It helped us focus our work (decision making, establishing priorities)

Copies of the assessment tool are available on the NACDD Coordinated Chronic Disease Learning Community Website (http://www.chronicdisease.org/?page=CCD_Eval). Additional analyses will be completed at a later date. For more information or questions, please contact Jeanne Alongi at jalangi@chronicdisease.org.