

Purpose

To have an integrated, collaborate, efficient, and sustainable process to conduct statewide health needs assessments, determine priorities, and develop and implement improvement plans. Assessments include, but are not limited to, the Maternal and Child Health Needs Assessment and the State Health and Equity Assessment. Assessment data is used to determine population health priorities and serves as the basis for state population health improvement plans.

The Work as One Needs Assessment (WAO) planning team will coordinate processes, schedule, and coordinate stakeholder meetings. Leads for each assessment process will also be included.

Planning team members:

1. Healthy & Safe Communities Section Chief
2. Special Projects & Health Analytics Division Director
3. Health Equity Office Director
4. Systems & Performance Office Director

Process Outcomes

- Establish a core, diverse stakeholder group who can represent the needs of multiple state population health needs assessments and improvement planning processes.
- Communicate the data and identified health issues to the public and stakeholders to mobilize action.
- Streamline and coordinate the use of existing data collection and analysis processes.

Work as One Stakeholder Group

A group of cross-sector partners who represent state populations and state health challenges. The stakeholder group is charged with providing guidance and input on factors that contribute to health challenges, areas of health improvement and existing strategies and resources that can be mobilized to address them.

Responsibilities

- Participate in scheduled meetings for each assessment process utilizing WAO.
 - Frequency of meetings will be determined based on the needs assessment and the phase of the assessment process.
- Guide statewide health assessments and improvement planning processes.
- Indicate commitment and contributions in addressing priority health issues.
- Communicate and utilize the needs assessment findings to mobilize action for greater impact.

Assessments

- Identify data indicators and priority subpopulations.
- Provide input on the primary data collection process.

- Provide input on data analysis and help interpret and contextualize the information for communities or insights into observed trends.
- Help distribute and communicate the assessment report or findings with the goal to create awareness and understanding of the assessment and help to garner support for the priority issues.
- Provide ongoing input to consider new data sources, review newly collected data, consider changing assets and resources, consider additional data analysis.

Improvement Planning

- Review data and information from the state health assessments.
- Identify key issues and themes from the data and discussions.
- Prioritize recommended health issues identified through assessment processes.
- Participate in developing and implementing strategies for identified priorities that are relevant to the stakeholders' organization scope and mission.
- Review implementation progress and consider strategy changes.

Work as One Stakeholder Representation

- Work as One stakeholders represent organizations and entities whose mission or scope is relevant to addressing population health, social determinants of health, and/or disparate population issues.
- Stakeholders have population health data knowledge and/or understand the health of the population and health impacts.
- The number of stakeholders representing the identified organization, department, and division should be limited and determined by the organization's leadership.
- Additional stakeholders may be added based on the needs assessment.