

Expectations of the Community Health Status Assessment

The Community Health Status Assessment (CHSA) provides quantitative information on community health conditions. It helps to answer the following questions:

- How healthy is the community?
- What does the health status of the community look like?

The CHSA subcommittee is expected to assist the community in their community health assessment by answering these questions after careful review of the data. Each CHSA subcommittee member shall participate in this process. Santa Cruz County is in a great position to do this work with a plethora of data reports already in existence to review. This is not the case for many other local jurisdictions throughout the country.

The CHSA subcommittee shall conduct a thorough review of the data available in the CAP, County published reports, and other health related reports in order to identify the key indicators or measures of health for the county. The vision for this effort is *From the Redwoods through the Valleys to the Sea: Embracing Communities, Enhancing Wellbeing*. The selected indicators should provide a quantitative picture of the current state of health in Santa Cruz County.

The CHSA has a deadline of **March 15, 2016** to recommend a core set of indicators/measures to the MAPP Steering Committee so that a subset can be selected and used for the community dialogues. The dialogues will be scheduled either during mid April or the week of May 9, 2016. There needs to be enough time to develop the community dialogue guide for discussion and input.

Examples of this work in other counties may be found using the following links:

- [Monterey County](#)
- [Napa County](#)
- [Orange County](#)
- [San Diego County](#)
- [Sonoma County](#)

These are meant to help guide you into what you would like the Santa Cruz County document to contain. Keep in mind that many of these have more data in them than is necessary. The Santa Cruz County CAP document is similar in many ways to some of these documents. Also, some may not be full compliant with Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Standards and Measures. None of these counties is currently PHAB accredited as of the date that this page was written.