

Summary of the Community Health Status Assessment Subcommittee Meeting

The Santa Cruz County MAPP Community Health Status Assessment subcommittee met on February 2, 2016 to discuss the indicators and measures that they ranked individually using the SurveyMonkey, Inc. online survey tool. There was some confusion within the group about the selection criteria: some were able to understand what was being asked and felt that their responses were appropriate while others did not.

The group discussed and finalized a set of selection criteria. They are as follows:

- Health impact, in terms of both frequency and severity;
- Comparison data available at the State and local level;
- Data available at a more local level than overall county;
- Comparisons available with trends;
- Availability of reliable and valid data; and
- Data about disparities among groups.

The group also decided to make a list of all of the indicators/measures in a table format (or matrix) so they have some basic information about each one that can be used to make a determination about which ones are best to use for the Community Health Assessment (CHA). Will Forest offered to develop this matrix for the group, while Cathy and Madeline offered to help label the columns of information that they would like to include. All agreed to have it completed by the end of February 2016.

Erica described the process used by Monterey County that included the use of a prioritization matrix tool. She agreed to send that to Jessica. The group determined that it would be necessary to reconvene in March to go through the indicators/measures to select those for the MAPP assessment process. This meeting is estimated to take one workday to complete. These would then be recommended to the MAPP Steering Committee for final approval.

The intent is to come up with a list of approximately 20-25 for the CHA, with a subset of about 6 to go to the public. We want to keep in mind not to overwhelm the community members with too many numbers. These need to be selected with enough time to structure the dialogues around the data (by mid March).

Here is a summary of the timeline:

- February 29, 2016 – completed matrix of all indicators and measures
- Early March (date TBD) – conduct an in-person workshop to prioritize the indicators/measures using the selection criteria
- Mid March – send list of indicators/measures to MAPP Steering Committee for approval
- Mid April or week of May 9 – conduct community dialogues for the Community Themes and Strengths Assessment