



Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation: Collaborating for Greater Impact *Sue Ellen Wagner*

Name of project or collaborative

New York State Prevention Agenda 2013-2017

Geography

New York State

Brief description

The Prevention Agenda is New York State's health improvement plan for 2013 through 2017, developed by the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council (PHHPC) at the request of the Department of Health, in partnership with more than 140 organizations across the state. The group of organizations includes local health departments, health care providers, health plans, community-based organizations, advocacy groups, academia, employers as well as state agencies, schools, and businesses whose activities can influence the health of individuals and communities and address health disparities.

This unprecedented collaboration informs a five-year plan designed to demonstrate how communities across the state can work together to improve the health and quality of life for all New Yorkers.

The Prevention Agenda also serves as a guide to local health departments as they work with their community to develop mandated Community Health Assessments and to hospitals as they develop mandated Community Service Plans and Community Health Needs Assessments required by the Affordable Care Act.

The Prevention Agenda's vision is to have New York be the Healthiest State in the Nation. The Prevention Agenda features five priority areas:

- Prevent chronic diseases
- Promote healthy and safe environments
- Promote healthy women, infants and children
- Promote mental health and prevent substance abuse
- Prevent HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, vaccine-preventable diseases and healthcare associated infections

The Prevention Agenda establishes goals for each priority area and defines indicators to measure progress toward achieving these goals, including reductions in health disparities among racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups and persons with disabilities.

The Prevention Agenda has five overarching goals:

- Improve health status in five priority areas and reduce racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and other health disparities including those among persons with disabilities.
- Advance a 'Health in all Policies' approach to address broad social determinants of health.

- Create and strengthen public-private and multi-stakeholder partnerships to achieve public health improvement at state and local levels.
- Increase investment in prevention and public health to improve health, control health care costs and increase economic productivity.
- Strengthen governmental and nongovernmental public health agencies and resources at state and local levels.

HANYS was awarded a grant to provide a leadership role in working with the allied regional hospital associations, the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO), and five regional collaboratives to provide technical support to counties across New York State, (except New York City,) to develop and implement community health assessments and improvement plans in conjunction with New York State's Prevention Agenda 2013-2017. HANYS developed a website and offered several educational webinars to engage key stakeholders across New York State in the Prevention Agenda.

Relevance of project to this breakout session

New York State's Prevention Agenda seeks to be a catalyst for action as well as a blueprint for improving health outcomes and reducing health disparities. The Community Health Needs Assessment has been a focal point of the initial collaboration. The key to its success will be the active engagement of local communities.

Results/outcomes

Hospitals and local county health departments will be submitting information to the state later this year about the following: identify the intervention strategies being implemented; describe the target population; describe the measures being used to track progress in meeting goals, and report baseline and updated data if available; identify frequency of partnership activity and key partner organizations; and briefly describe the successes and challenges to making progress in this effort.

Funding

A one-time grant of \$199,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation assisted the NYS DOH and its partners to develop the plan and provided funding so that statewide and local planning organizations could provide technical support to local communities developing local plans. The NYS Health Foundation, a private foundation in NYS, has provided grants to 17 organizations to help 27 local health departments and their partners advance the goals of the Prevention Agenda.

Contact

New York State Prevention Agenda Website:

http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/prevention_agenda/2013-2017/?utm_source=doh&utm_medium=hp-button&utm_campaign=prev_agenda

HANYS' Prevention Agenda Website

http://www.hanys.org/community_health/grants/prevention_agenda/

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