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## Health Assessments and Community Engagement – Trinity Health

Community Collaborative use in Health Assessment, Strategic Prioritization and the Implementation of Community Benefit Programming - Lessons from Trinity Health

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## Catholic Healthcare – Assessing Need and Acting!



Landing of the Ursulines,  
by Paul Poincy

## Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act New Requirements for Tax Exempt Hospitals

### PPACA – Section 501 (r) Requirements

- ❑ Conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment every three years;
- ❑ Integrate input from broad community interests including those with public health expertise;
- ❑ Develop and adopt a formal implementation strategy to address identified unmet needs;
- ❑ Develop and broadly publicize  
charity care and financial  
assistance policies.



### Revised Form 990, Schedule H (Reporting)

- ❑ Detailed reporting of program  
activities by content category;
- ❑ Describe whether/how to conduct CHNA;
- ❑ Provide evidence of community need in order to document as  
community benefit;
- ❑ Describe how the organization is addressing unmet health needs  
identified in the CHNA;
- ❑ Provide justification for identified unmet health needs that have not  
been addressed;
- ❑ Programs must seek to achieve identified objectives (access to  
care, enhancing public health, advancing generalized knowledge,  
removing government burden, etc.



## Required Engagement

We are challenged to move community benefit efforts beyond internal processes and include the external community...

- ▣ Input from broad interests of community
- ▣ Public health expertise or involvement
- ▣ Made widely available to the community
- ▣ Guidance is now being reviewed by CDC



## Needs Assessments Will Be Transparent

- ▣ Post your CHNA on your website
- ▣ Advocacy groups/stakeholder review anticipated
- ▣ Detailed reporting on what you did
- ▣ Secretary of Treasury must review *each* nonprofit hospital's CB every three years



## Why Should We Engage Community Stakeholders? Hidden Opportunities...

"It is difficult if not impossible to persuade and motivate people to solve a problem if they do not know they are unhealthy or how poorly their health compares to all state residents or to the residents of surrounding Counties."

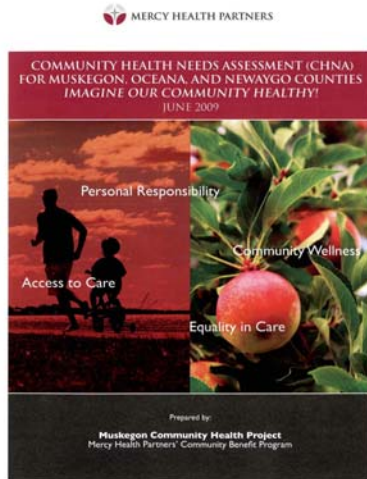
EPIC MRA Executive Report - 1997



## Our Approach -Trinity CHNA Toolkit - 2008

- Establish Meaningful Engagement through Collaborative Effort
  - Seek out Stakeholders: United Way, FQHC's, other hospitals, Mental Health, who also must assess
  - Share costs of process
  - Use Common Benchmarking of Community – e.g. County Indicators
- Emphasize Input from broad interests of community
  - Quantitative – traditional demographics
  - Qualitative – strongly recommend
    - Forums
    - Conversations
    - Sector Affinity (Focus) Groups
- Public health expertise or involvement – targeted local public health
- Make widely available to the community

## Community Health Needs Assessment Shared Benchmarking



- ❑ One Assessment
- ❑ Reduces Cost
- ❑ Common Measures
- ❑ Extended Partnership
- ❑ Coalition Coordinated
- ❑ Measures need

## Meaningful Engagement – TH Process

**Exhibit 3: Collaborative Partners Resource Grid**

Use this tool as a guide to select potential partners in the MO locale likely to assist with data collection and obtaining community input.

Potential Partner	Data Type/Other Assistance	Contact Person	Phone	E-mail
United Way	Human Service Information Volunteers			
School District/MASD	Education, Poverty, Volunteers			
Call-2-11	Assistance Needs			
Community-Based Orgs	Poverty			
Urban League	Needs			
Community Action Against Poverty	Volunteers – Community Input			
Head Start				
Early Start				
Volunteer Organizations				
Service Organizations				
Faith-Based Organizations	Volunteers – Community Input			
MO Pastoral Staff	Local Church Attendance data and/or trends			
Pastoral Committee				
Council of Churches	Others			
Physicians	Health Information, Surveys and Focus Group Participation			
Fed. Qual. Health Cntrs. (FQHC)				
Other Clinics serving poor				
Medical Societies				
Physician Health Organizations				
MO Primary Care Networks				
Chamber of Commerce	Community Information			
Government Commissions	Business/Volunteers – Community Input			
Public Health, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development	Community Information			
Needs data				
City Planning Dept.	Community Information			
County Planning Dept.	Community Information			
Regional Planning Agency	Community Information			
State and Local Census Data				
TA/Contractor				
College/University	Community Information			
Contractor				
Volunteers – Community Input				
State Dept. Human/Social Services	Poverty			
Human Services Info, Risk Factor Surveys				
State Dept. Public Health	Health Data, Risk Factor Surveys			
US Census	All			
Private Data Firms	All Data			
Contract				
Private Planning/Marketing Firms	Contractor for Assessment			

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## Inclusive Community Input

This template provides a variety of approaches and implementation prompts from which to select those who are well suited to your MO. In conjunction with Exhibit 7 ~Collaborative Partners Resource Grid, it can be used to help procure volunteers and in-kind contributions.

**Exhibit 7: Community Input & Methods Selection Grid**

Input Type	Who? (Interest Sector -see * below)	Lead Person or Community Partner	Sample Size	How? (Hand, mail, phone, web)	Where? (Public, Business, Event, Media)	When?	Cost?
<input type="checkbox"/> Questionnaires/ Surveys							
<input type="checkbox"/> Interviews							
<input type="checkbox"/> Focus Groups							
<input type="checkbox"/> Expert Panels							
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Panels							
<input type="checkbox"/> Town Meetings							
<input type="checkbox"/> Media Polls							
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Stories							

Interest Sectors:

Health Providers  
Human Service Providers  
Government Offices  
Neighborhood Organizations

Businesses  
Faith-Based Organizations  
Community-Based Organizations  
General Public

Seniors  
Youth  
Disabled  
Media

Elected Officials  
Educators  
Organized Labor

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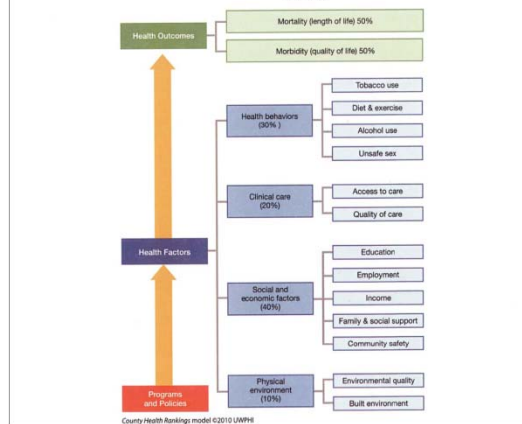
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## Integration of Public Health Tools

### The Rankings

This report ranks Wisconsin counties according to their summary measures of health outcomes and health factors, as well as the components used to create each summary measure. The figure below depicts the structure of the Rankings model. Counties receive a rank for each population health component; those having high ranks (e.g., 1 or 2) are estimated to be the "healthiest."

Our summary health outcomes rankings are based on an equal weighting of mortality and morbidity measures. The summary health factors rankings are based on weighted scores of four types of factors: behavioral, clinical, social and economic, and environmental. The weights for the factors (shown in parentheses in the figure) are based upon a review of the literature and expert input but represent just one way of combining these factors.



## Prioritization of Need

- Identify health needs through CHNA Process
- Develop strategic priorities...let data and input determine agenda
  - Severity of problem: quantitative data/surveys
  - Intensity of need: GeoMapping/spikes/qualitative data
  - #'s of people affected
  - Cost
  - Gaps
- Perceptions of Need
  - Qualitative
  - Stories
  - Reality
- Use of "Super Collaborative"

## The Action Strategy – After Priority Setting

- Engage existing stakeholders and community members
  - Provide infrastructure and administrative support
- Develop or support coalitions to address CHNA priorities
  - New Programs
  - Enhance Old Programs
  - Initiate Research
- Coordinate collaborative community-based health services
  - Link to provider based health delivery system
  - Link to other resources
  - Target Geographically or Demographically
- Monitor activities and track health outcomes – centrally
  - Develop sustainability and shared investment
- Report community benefit

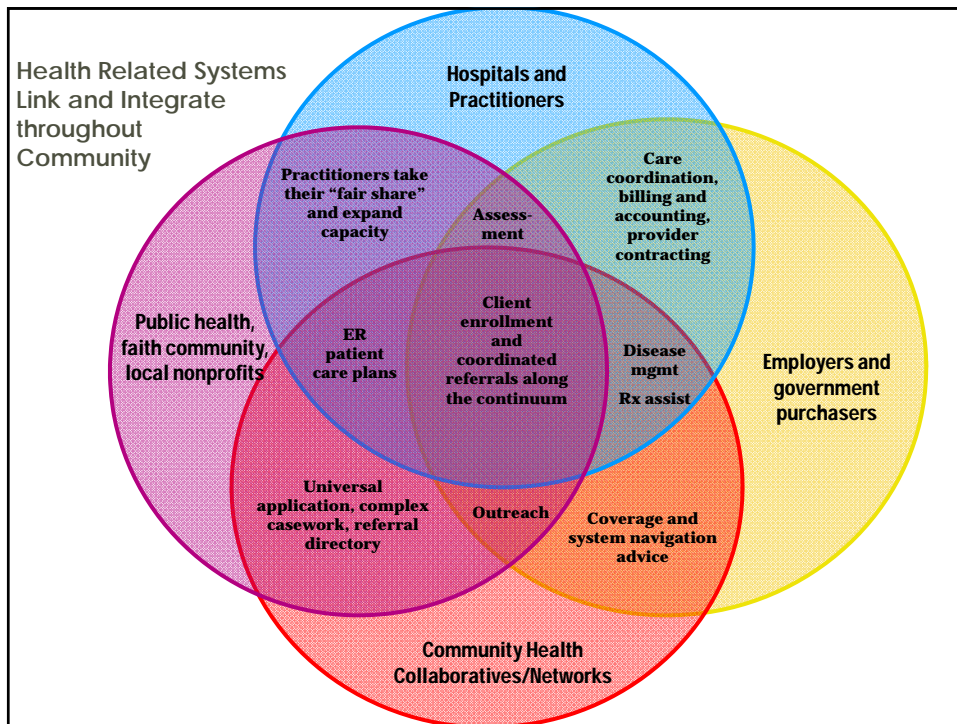
## The Health Project: Modeling Grassroots Engagement in Action



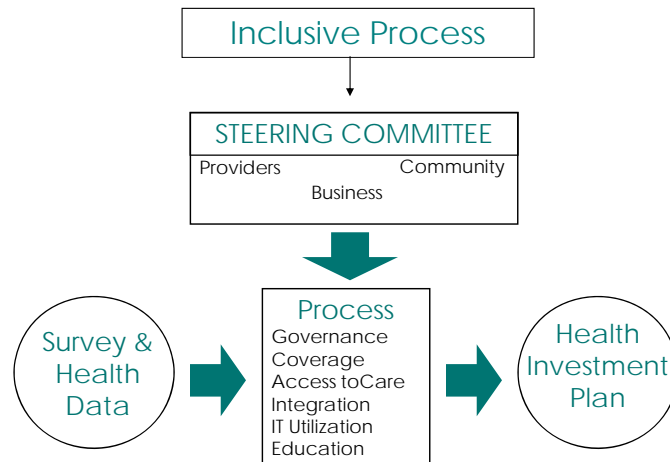
## Health Project Collaboration History

- Health Project launched in Muskegon 1993 - Planning
  - Partnership Grant from W. K. Kellogg Foundation (CCHMs)
- Community is Stakeholder in Health Care
  - Inclusive Participation
  - Board representation/Payers, Providers, Consumers
- Outcomes Included creation of Access Health in 1999
  - National model for HRSA SHAP grants
  - 17 communities in 5 states
- Community Benefit relationship established with MHP - 2008
  - Acquired by Trinity Health Systems 2010
  - External Community Benefit Program for Mercy Health Partners
  - Operate as Pilot Site and CB Technical Assistance for Trinity Health
  - Advisory Board of Health Project becomes C B Advisory body





## Convening an Inclusive Process



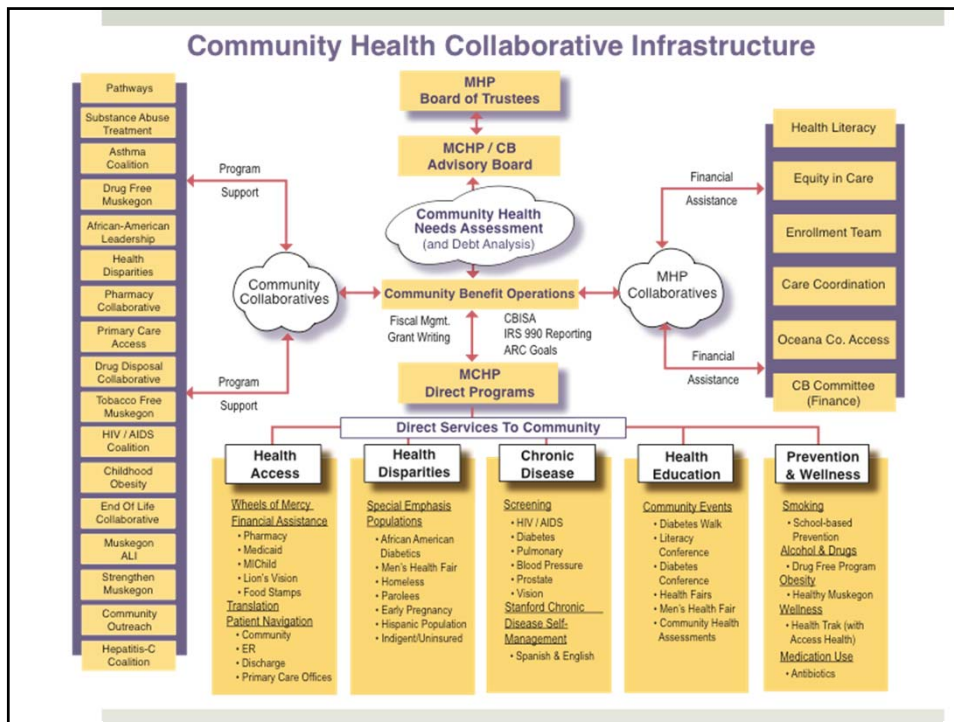
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## Hospital MCHP Partnership/Integration

- Hospital CEO on Board
- Board Chair is VP for Medical Services
- Staff involved initiatives
- MCHP facilitates community groups
- MCHP's Director leads Community Benefits Department
- Hospital invests directly in work of Health Project programs
- Health Project aggregates for CB reporting



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## Challenges for Consideration

- Coalition use can be considered “Community Building” and not reportable on the 990h
- Local Public Health is often weak, underfunded, and subject to political agendas of local county governance
- Tendency by federal Policy Makers is to be too prescriptive
- Tracking outcomes – Information systems are inadequate to manage and track what we do
- Questions about Health Reform impact make it difficult to plan
- Evidence based programming limits innovation and opportunity

## Process Wins

- Using community health collaborative models and intentional partnerships can improve the community health delivery system
- Community benefit programming can play a key role in targeting and implementing successful community health strategies that impact population health
- Combining the use of community health collaboratives with the goals of the Health Assessment can reduce cost and help to build sustainability
- In communities with competitive medical environments a collaborative can convene as a neutral body for community wide benchmarking

## Questions?

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