

Strategy Supports for Hospitals and Health Systems

*** Our Community Mission**

- At Community Health Solutions (CHS) we help people create strong nonprofits and healthier communities.
- Over the past 20 years we have helped hundreds of community-focused organizations accomplish their goals, including dozens of hospitals and health systems.
- In this fact sheet we outline CHS supports for hospitals and health systems engaged in community health assessment and improvement.

*** Our Support Model**

We use a proven support model to help hospitals and health systems accomplish their goals for community impact. We can help you:

- Assess community needs
- Design community strategies
- Develop community capacity
- Support community collaboration
- Evaluate community impact

*** 1. Assess Community Needs**

Community strategy should ideally be informed by timely intelligence on community needs and assets. CHS can help you:

- Define the focus for community health needs assessment
- Develop quantitative indicators of community health and well-being
- Generate qualitative insights about community needs, assets, and opportunities
- Analyze indicators and insights with a health equity lens
- Present assessment results in efficient reports and other communication channels

*** 2. Design Community Strategies**

The results of the community health needs assessment can be used to inform collaborative strategies for community health improvement. CHS can help you:

- Identify areas of community need
- Identify potential community partners
- Design collaborative strategies for community health improvement
- Specify intended results and key performance indicators
- Design a monitoring and evaluation strategy for guiding and managing the effort

*** 3. Develop Community Capacity**

Capacity building supports can help community partners develop essential capabilities for implementing improvement strategies. CHS can help you:

- Identify community capacity gaps
- Design collaborative strategies for capacity building
- Develop tailored support resources (research, data analytics, tools, training, technical assistance, coaching)
- Deliver supports through efficient channels (online resources, virtual meetings, community collaboratives)
- Document creation of new or improved community capabilities

*** 4. Support Community Collaboration**

A community collaborative is an effective strategy for engaging multiple partners in learning and action for community health improvement. CHS can help you:

- Define the collaborative focus
- Design the collaborative structure and activities
- Engage collaborative participants
- Develop collaborative content
- Facilitate virtual group learning sessions
- Deliver virtual coaching and technical assistance
- Monitor the progress of collaborative participants
- Evaluate the impact of the collaborative

*** 5. Evaluate Community Impact**

Demonstrating community impact is essential for hospitals and health systems. CHS can help you:

- Identify strategic objectives for evaluation
- Design an evaluation workplan
- Develop data collection methods and tools
- Collect and analyze evaluation data
- Develop evaluation reports for specific audiences

*** Let's Talk**

For a no-obligation conversation about how CHS can help you accomplish your goals, contact:

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