



Hospitals Joining Forces on Community Health Needs Assessment

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Name of project or collaborative

DC Healthy Communities Collaborative (DCHCC)

Geography

District of Columbia

Brief description

- Target population/community: DC community.
- Health issue or condition that is the focus of the project/collaborative: 4 priority areas identified via the 2013 community health needs assessment: asthma, obesity, sexual health, and substance abuse/mental health.
- Main strategies used by the project/collaborative:
The DCHCC adopted an action-planning model developed at Children's National Health System, *Lead- Collaborate- Support*, to identify clear roles and responsibilities for each Collaborative partner in relation to its resources and capacity to advance work on an issue deemed to be a high priority.
 - Lead: An organization in this role commits to seeing that the issue is addressed and takes responsibility for developing the resources needed to advance the issue.
 - Collaborate: An organization in this role commits to significant help in advancing the issue and will participate regularly in developing strategy to advance the issue.
 - Support: An organization in this role commits to helping with specific circumscribed tasks when asked.

In the *Lead- Collaborate- Support* model, every institution has a role. Role identification is critical to internal capacity alignment of resources and operations, and external relationship building, engagement, and sustainability.

- Partners/Sectors that are part of the project/collaborative:
Ex-officio and board members representing several social determinants of health, local government, health- and other related community-based organizations
- Duration/when it was initiated:
DCHCC was formed in January 2012.

Relevance of project to this breakout session

The DCHCC is a sound example of collaboration in needs assessment and implementation efforts.

Results/outcomes

The two principal products of the DCHCC are a community health needs assessment and a community health improvement plan.

Funding

The DCHCC is funded through member contributions.

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