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2026-2028 COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Hancock County, Ohio

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BE HEALTHY NOW HANCOCK COUNTY

Be Healthy Now Hancock County (BHNHC) strives to bring together people and organizations to improve community wellness. The community health assessment process is one way we can live out our mission. In order to fulfill this mission, we must be intentional about understanding the health issues that impact residents and work together to create a healthy community.

A primary component of creating a healthy community is assessing the community's needs and prioritizing those needs for impact. In 2024, BHNHC partnered with Moxley Public Health and community-based organizations to conduct a comprehensive Community Health Assessment (CHA) to identify priority health issues and evaluate the overall current health status of the health department's service area. These findings were then used to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to describe the response to the needs identified in the CHA report.

The 2026-2028 Hancock County CHIP would not have been possible without the help of numerous Hancock County organizations, acknowledged on the following pages. It is vital that assessments such as this continue, so partners know where to direct resources and how to use them in the most advantageous ways.

The goals of public health can only be accomplished through community members' commitment to themselves and to each other. BHNHC believes that together, Hancock County can be a thriving community of health and well-being at home, work, school, and play.

Importantly, this report could not exist without the contributions of individuals in the community who participated in interviews and completed the community member survey. BHNHC is grateful for those individuals who are committed to the health of the community, and took the time to share their health concerns, needs, behaviors, praises, and suggestions for future improvement.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Summit
Health Commissioner
Hancock Public Health

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BHNHC WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS REPORT:

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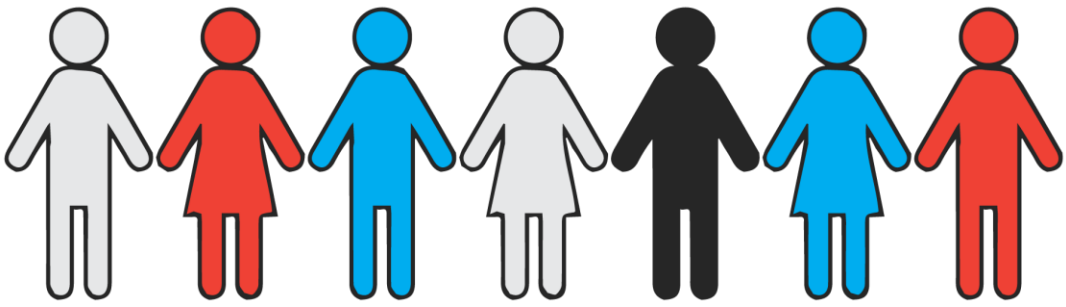
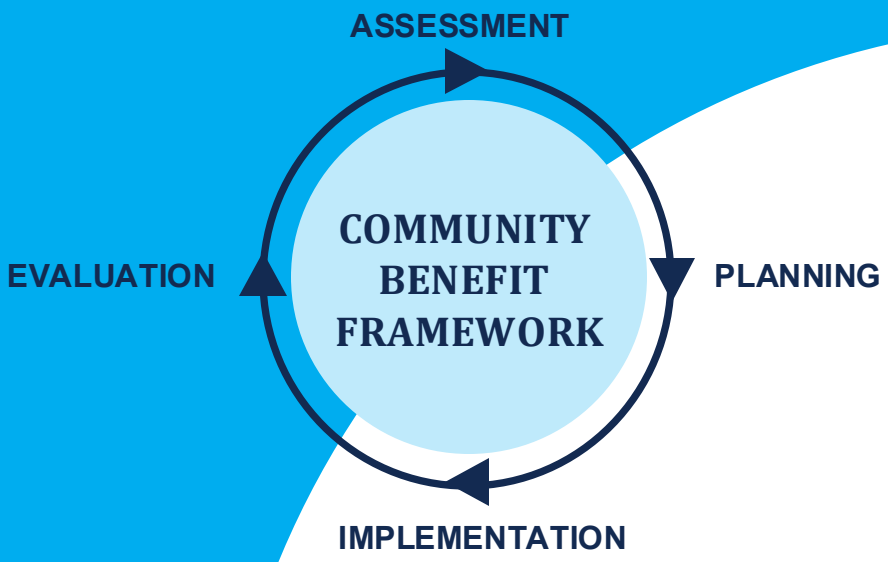
Blanchard Valley Health System
Children's Mentoring Connection
Church of the Living God
City Mission of Findlay
City of Findlay
City of Findlay Parks & Recreation
Family & Children First Council
Family Resource Center
Findlay City Schools
Findlay-Hancock County Center for Civic Engagement
Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation
Findlay YMCA
Findlay Hancock County Chamber of Commerce
Findlay Hancock County Public Library
FOCUS Recovery & Wellness Community/ Peer Advisory Partnership
Friends of Findlay
Hancock County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board/ Community Partnership
Hancock County Coalition on Addiction
Hancock County Family and Children First Council
Hancock County Probate/Juvenile Court
Hancock County Schools and Educational Service Center
Hancock County Veteran Services
Hancock Public Health
Hancock Hardin Wyandot Putnam (HHWP) Community Action Commission
Hope House
LGBTQ+ Spectrum of Findlay
Mission Possible
Parent Advisory Group
Raise the Bar Hancock County
The Ohio State University Extension Office
United Way of Hancock County
University of Findlay
University of Findlay College of Pharmacy
West Ohio Food Bank
Whirlpool
50 North

The 2026-2028 Improvement Plan (CHIP) report was prepared by Moxley Public Health, LLC, (www.moxleypublichealth.com) an independent consulting firm that works with hospitals, health departments, and other community-based nonprofit organizations both domestically and internationally to conduct Community Health Assessments (CHAs)/Community Health Needs Assessments/CHNAs and Improvement Plans (CHIPs)/Implementation Strategies.



INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS AN IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)?



An **Improvement Plan (CHIP)** is part of a framework that is used to guide community benefit activities - policy, advocacy, and program-planning efforts. For health departments, the Improvement Plan (CHIP) fulfills the mandates of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

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OVERVIEW
OF THE PROCESS

In order to develop an Improvement Plan (CHIP), Be Healthy Now Hancock County (BHNHC) followed a process that included the following steps:

STEP 1: Plan and prepare for the CHIP.

STEP 2: Develop goals/objectives and identify indicators to address health needs.

STEP 3: Consider approaches/strategies to address prioritized needs, health disparities, and social determinants of health.

STEP 4: Select approaches with community partners.

STEP 5: Integrate CHIP with community partner, health department, and hospital plans.

STEP 6: Develop a written CHIP.

STEP 7: Adopt the CHIP.

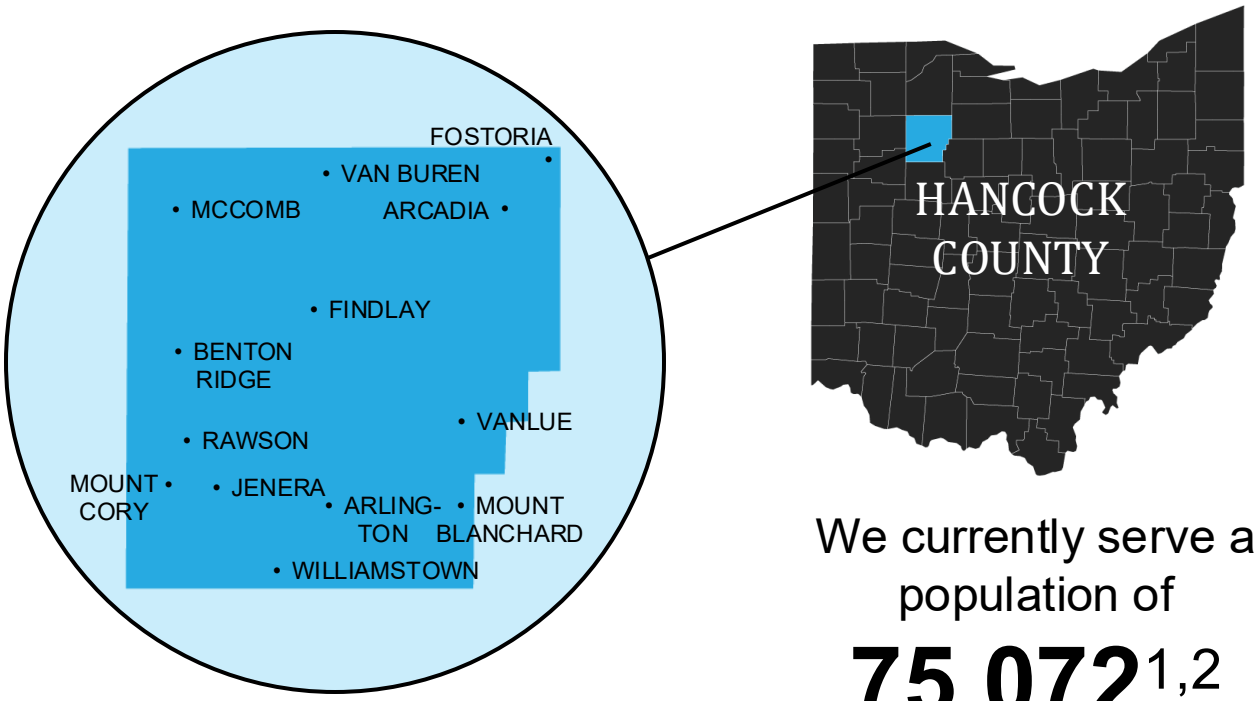
STEP 8: Update and sustain the CHIP.

Within each step of this process, the guidelines and requirements of both the state and federal governments are followed precisely and systematically.

THE 2026-2028 HANCOCK COUNTY CHIP MEETS ALL PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD (PHAB) REGULATIONS.

DEFINING THE HANCOCK COUNTY **SERVICE AREA**

For the purposes of this report, Hancock County defines their primary service area as being made up of Hancock County, Ohio.



We currently serve a population of

75,072[1,2]

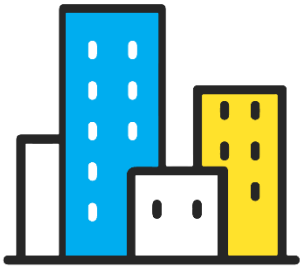
HANCOCK COUNTY SERVICE AREA			
GEOGRAPHIC AREA	**ZIP CODE**	**GEOGRAPHIC AREA**	**ZIP CODE**
Arcadia	44804	McComb	45858
Arlington	45814	Mount Blanchard	45867
Benton Ridge	45816	Mount Cory	45868
Rawson	45881	Van Buren	45889
Findlay	45840	Vanlue	45890
Jenera	45841	Williamstown	45897

HANCOCK COUNTY
AT-A-GLANCE

Hancock County's population is **75,072**. The populations of both Hancock County and Ohio **increased slightly** from 2010 to 2022[1, 2]

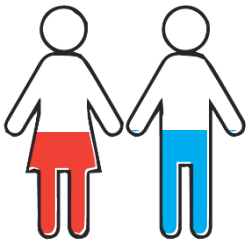
+0.4%
HANCOCK COUNTY

+2%
OHIO



Hancock County is ranked **13th of 88** ranked counties in Ohio, according to social and economic factors (with 1 being the best), placing it in the **top 15%** of the state's counties[3]

The % of males and females is **approximately equal** (with females being slightly higher)[2]



50.6% **49.4%**

8%

of Hancock County residents are **veterans**, slightly higher than the state rate[4]

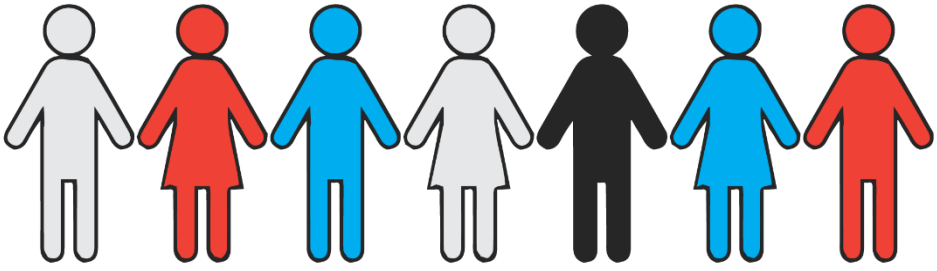
Youth ages 0-19 and seniors 65+ make up

40% of the population

In the Hancock County service area, nearly **1 in 5 residents are age 65+**[2]

95% of the population in the Hancock County service area **speaks only English. 3% are foreign-born**[4]

The **majority (88%)** of the population in Hancock County identifies as **White** as their only race, while there are also significant Hispanic or Latino, Black/African American, and Asian populations[2]



88% WHITE RESIDENTS

6% HISPANIC OR LATINO RESIDENTS

2% BLACK/ AFRICAN AMERICAN RESIDENTS

2% ASIAN RESIDENTS

0.1% AMERICAN INDIAN/ ALASKA NATIVE RESIDENTS

0.02% NATIVE HAWAIIAN/ PACIFIC ISLANDER RESIDENTS

2% MULTI-RACIAL/ OTHER RESIDENTS

The life expectancy in Hancock County of **76.9 years is 1.3 years longer** than it is for the state of Ohio[5]

1 in 256

Hancock County residents will **die prematurely**, which is lower than the Ohio state rate[5]

PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS
FOR HANCOCK COUNTY

1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE

Hancock County has **fewer mental health providers** relative to its population compared to Ohio[5]

36% of survey respondents say that community **mental healthcare access is lacking**

In the community member survey, **nearly two-thirds (64%)** of respondents reported **substance use** as a **top concern**

2 SOCIAL DETERMINANTS & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

69% of survey respondents report **affordable housing** as a resource that is **lacking** in Hancock County

39% of survey respondents say that **transportation is lacking**

Hancock County has **less access** to primary care and dental care providers than Ohio overall[5]

20% of survey respondents ranked **nutrition and physical health** as a **priority health need**

3 CHRONIC DISEASE & HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Heart disease is the **leading cause of death** in Hancock County.[6] **24%** of community survey respondents rated it as a **top concern**

33% of community survey respondents rated **diabetes** as a **top concern** in Hancock County

31% of respondents said that **affordable food is lacking** in the community, while **27%** of respondents ranked **access to healthy food** as a **top concern**

STEP 1

PLAN AND PREPARE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

IN THIS STEP, BE HEALTHY NOW HANCOCK COUNTY:

- DETERMINED WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHIP
- ENGAGED BOARD AND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP
- REVIEWED COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

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PLAN AND PREPARE FOR THE 2026-2028 HANCOCK COUNTY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

Secondary and primary data were collected to complete the 2024 Hancock County Community Health Assessment (CHA). (Available at https://www.hancockph.com/health-assessment-project). Secondary data were collected from a variety of local, county, and state sources to present community demographics, social determinants of health, health care access, birth characteristics, leading causes of death, chronic disease, health behaviors, mental health, substance use, and preventive practices. The analysis of secondary data yielded a preliminary list of significant health needs, which then informed primary data collection.

Primary data was collected through key informant interviews with **29** experts from various organizations serving the Hancock County service area and included leaders and representatives of medically underserved, low-income, and minority populations, or local health or other departments or agencies. A *community member survey* was distributed via a QR code and link with **1,071** responses. The survey responses (from community members) were used to prioritize the health needs, answer in-depth questions about the health needs in the county, and to identify health disparities present in the community. A shortened version of the community member survey was also distributed and received 51 responses. Finally, there were **10** focus groups held across the county, representing a total of **89** community members from priority populations. The primary data collection process was designed to validate secondary data findings, identify additional community issues, solicit information on disparities among subpopulations, ascertain community assets potentially available to address needs, and prioritize health needs. More detail on methodology can be found in the 2024 Hancock County CHA Report.

> **The improvement plan (CHIP) deals with the "how and when" of addressing needs. While the community health assessment considers the "who, what, where, and why" of community health needs, the CHIP takes care of the how and when components.**
>
> ***- Catholic Health Association***

STEP 2

DEVELOP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND IDENTIFY INDICATORS FOR ADDRESSING COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS

IN THIS STEP, BE HEALTHY NOW HANCOCK COUNTY:

- DEVELOPED GOALS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP) BASED ON THE FINDINGS FROM THE CHA
- SELECTED INDICATORS TO ACHIEVE GOALS

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OVERVIEW
OF THE PROCESS (CONTINUED)

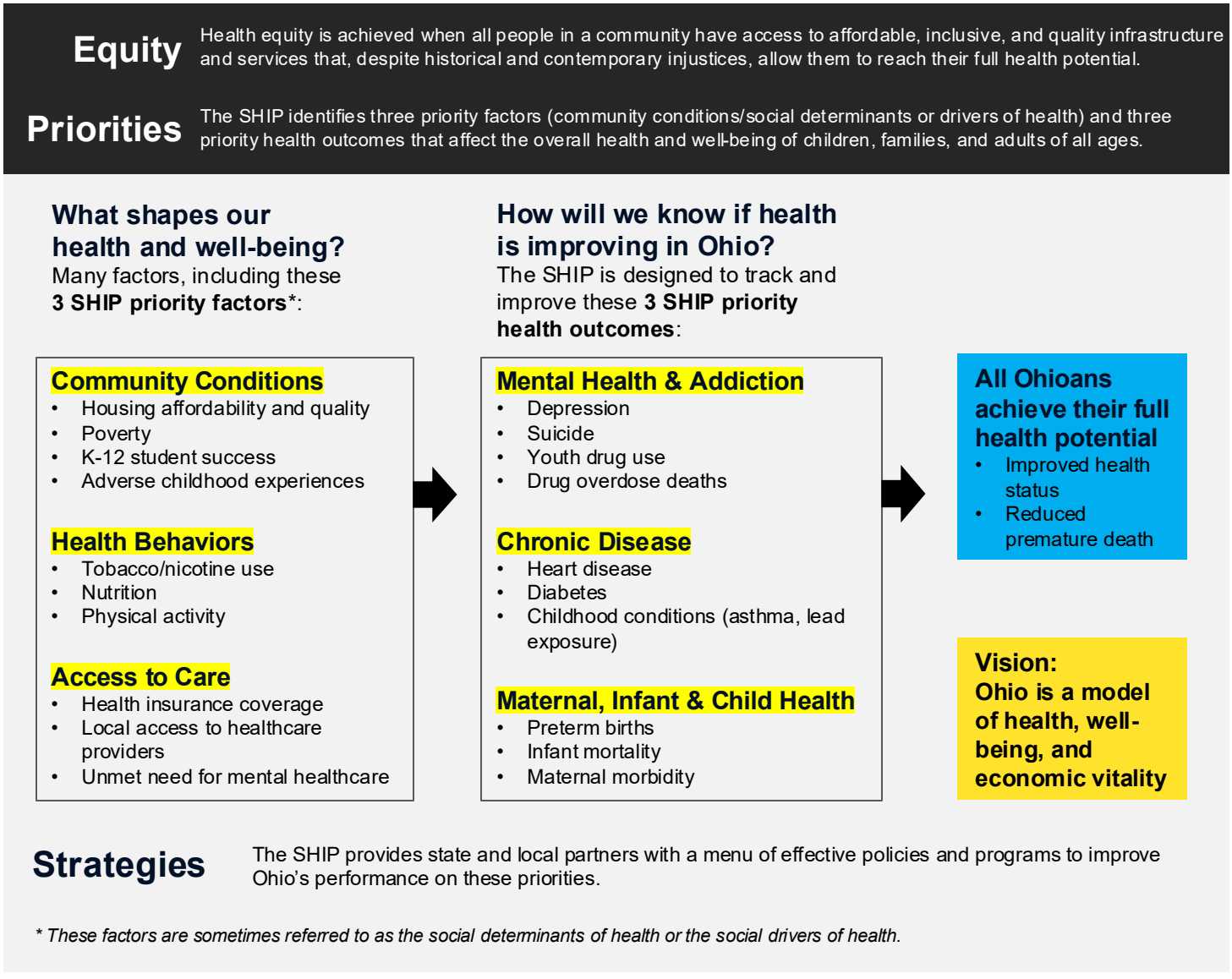
Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Requirements

The following image shows the framework from ODH that this report followed while also adhering to federal requirements and the community's needs.

Be Healthy Now Hancock County (BHNHC) desired to align with the priorities and indicators of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). To do this, they used the following guidelines when prioritizing the health needs of their community.

First, BHNHC used the same language as the state of Ohio when assessing the factors and health outcomes of their community in the 2024 Hancock County Community Health Assessment (CHA).

Figure 1: Ohio State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Framework



Next, with the data findings from the community health assessment process, Be Healthy Now Hancock County (BHNHC) used the following guidelines/worksheet to choose priority health factors and priority health outcomes (worksheet/guidelines continued to next page).

ALIGNMENT WITH PRIORITIES AND INDICATORS

STEP 1: Identify at least one priority factor and at least one priority health outcome.

PRIORITY FACTORS	PRIORITY HEALTH OUTCOMES
☑Community Conditions	☑Mental Health and Addiction
☑Health Behaviors	☑Chronic Disease
☑Access to Care	☐ Maternal and Infant Health

STEP 2: Select at least 1 indicator for each identified priority factor.

PRIORITY FACTORS	
COMMUNITY CONDITIONS	
TOPIC	**INDICATOR NAME**
Housing Affordability and Quality	☑Affordable and Available Housing Units
Poverty	☐ Child Poverty
	☐ Adult Poverty
K-12 Student Success	☐ Chronic Absenteeism (K-12 students)
	☐ Kindergarten Readiness
Adverse Childhood Experiences	☑Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
	☑Child Abuse and Neglect
Food Insecurity	☑Food Insecurity
Environmental Conditions	☐ Air Quality
	☐ Water Quality
HEALTH BEHAVIORS	
TOPIC	**INDICATOR NAME**
Tobacco/Nicotine Use	☐ Adult Smoking
	☐ Youth All-Tobacco/Nicotine Use
Nutrition	☑Fruit Consumption
	☑Vegetable Consumption
Physical Activity	☑Child Physical Activity
	☑Adult Physical Activity
ACCESS TO CARE	
TOPIC	**INDICATOR NAME**
Health Insurance Coverage	☑Uninsured Adults
	☑Uninsured Children
Local Access to Healthcare Services	☑Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas
	☑Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas
Unmet Need for Mental Healthcare	☑Youth Depression Treatment Unmet Need
	☑Adult Mental Healthcare Unmet Need

ALIGNMENT WITH PRIORITIES AND INDICATORS (CONTINUED)

STEP 2 (continued): Select at least 1 indicator for each identified priority health outcome.

PRIORITY HEALTH OUTCOMES	
MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION	
TOPIC	**INDICATOR NAME**
Depression	☑Youth Depression
	☑Adult Depression
Suicide Deaths	☑Youth Suicide Deaths
	☑Adult Suicide Deaths
Youth Drug Use	☑Youth Alcohol Use
	☑Youth Marijuana Use
Drug Overdose Deaths	☑Unintentional Drug Overdose Deaths
CHRONIC DISEASE	
TOPIC	**INDICATOR NAME**
Heart Disease	☑Coronary Heart Disease
	☑Premature Death – Heart Disease
	☑Hypertension
Diabetes	☑Diabetes
Harmful Childhood Conditions	☑Child Asthma Morbidity
	☑Child Lead Poisoning
MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH	
TOPIC	**INDICATOR NAME**
Preterm Births	☐ Preterm Births
Infant Mortality	☐ Infant Mortality
Maternal Morbidity/Mortality	☐ Severe Maternal Morbidity/Mortality

ADDRESSING THE **HEALTH NEEDS**

The 2024 Community Health Assessment (CHA) identified the following significant health needs from an extensive review of the primary and secondary data. The significant health needs were ranked as follows through the community member survey (1,071 responses from community members). Be Healthy Now Hancock County (BHNHC) also collected 51 responses from the shortened version of the community member survey.

COMMUNITY CONDITIONS RANKING FROM COMMUNITY MEMBER SURVEY
#1 Housing and homelessness
#2 Access to healthcare
#3 Transportation
#4 Income/poverty and employment
#5 Access to childcare
#6 Food insecurity
#7 Nutrition and physical health/ exercise (includes overweight and obesity)
#8 Crime and violence
#9 Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)
#10 Tobacco and nicotine use
#11 Education
#12 Preventive care and practices
#13 Environmental conditions
#14 Internet/Wi-Fi access

HEALTH OUTCOMES RANKING FROM COMMUNITY MEMBER SURVEY
#1 Mental health
#2 Substance use (alcohol and drugs)
#3 Cancer
#4 Diabetes
#5 Dementia
#6 Heart disease and stroke
#7 Maternal, infant, and child health
#8 Injuries
#9 HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
#10 Parkinson's disease
#11 Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
#12 Kidney disease
#13 Chronic Liver Disease/Cirrhosis

ADDRESSING THE **HEALTH NEEDS**

From the significant health needs, Be Healthy Now Hancock County (BHNHC) chose health needs that considered the health department and community partners' capacity to address community needs, the strength of community partnerships, and those needs that correspond with the health department and community partners' priorities.

THE 3 PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE 2026-2028 IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP) ARE:

Priority Area 1: Behavioral Health & Substance Use
Priority Area 2: Social Determinants & Built Environment
Priority Area 3: Chronic Disease & Healthy Lifestyle

STEPS 3 & 4

CONSIDER AND SELECT APPROACHES/STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS PRIORITIZED NEEDS, HEALTH DISPARITIES, AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

IN THESE STEPS, BE HEALTHY NOW HANCOCK COUNTY:

- SELECTED APPROACHES/ STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS HANCOCK COUNTY SERVICE AREA PRIORITIZED HEALTH NEEDS, HEALTH DISPARITIES, AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

- DEVELOPED A WRITTEN IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP) REPORT

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#1 PRIORITY AREA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE

(includes substance use and mental health)

GOAL

Improve the overall well-being of Hancock County residents by increasing public awareness of mental health resources.

OBJECTIVE

To increase access to and improve service of behavioral health and substance use services in Hancock County by strengthening the workforce, expanding care transitions, enhancing access to acute care services, enhancing community engagement, and bolstering existing harm reduction and substance use awareness methodology.

STRATEGIES

Build a local Civic Workforce Initiative. Increase access to behavioral health and substance use services by ensuring a stable, long-term workforce.	Advance the Mental Health & Schools Platform. Business Case Creation, Development, and Implementation of a universal program that cultivates a culture of mentoring.	Create a Solutions Exchange to cultivate and implement ideas that advance strategies to increase mental health and wellness. Expand the *We All Can Help Someone* campaign by increasing the number of materials/resources used to promote the messages of the campaign. Increase opportunities to engage more individuals with substance use history. Conduct awareness events in high-risk zip code areas in HC.

PARTNERS

ADAMHS, HPH, FCFC, FHC Community Foundation, ROSC Leadership Team, HHS Workforce Coalition	ADAMHS, Findlay City Schools, Hancock County Educational Service Center (ESC), Family Resource Center, HPH, FCFC, FHC Community Foundation, Children's Mentoring Connection, Welcome to a New Life	ADAMHS, HPH, FCFC, FHC Community Foundation, ADAMHS Contract Agencies, ROSC Leadership Team, HC Community Partnership, Coalition on Addiction

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Hancock County	Findlay/Hancock County School students, teachers, staff, and parents, Hancock County	Hancock County, participants of SafeWorks, people in recovery/working to achieve recovery

DESIRED OUTCOMES OF STRATEGIES

- ↑ Education and awareness on mental health
- ↓ Mental health stigma
- ↑ Access to mental health and substance abuse care and support

OVERALL IMPACT OF STRATEGIES

- ↑ Mental health
- ↑ Quality of life
- ↓ Substance abuse
- ↓ Mental health and substance use emergency department visits and hospitalizations
- ↓ Overdose deaths
- ↓ Suicides
- ↓ Psychological distress and depression

ALL HANCOCK COUNTY RESIDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR FULL HEALTH POTENTIAL

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#1 PRIORITY AREA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE (CONTINUED)

(includes substance use and mental health)

GOAL

Improve the overall well-being of Hancock County residents by increasing public awareness of mental health resources.

OBJECTIVE

To increase access to and improve service of behavioral health and substance use services in Hancock County by strengthening the workforce, expanding care transitions, enhancing access to acute care services, enhancing community engagement, and bolstering existing harm reduction and substance use awareness methodology.

STRATEGIES

Operationalize the process of asking clients if they are connected to primary care.	Enhance access to acute care services by increasing connection to and transition to an appropriate level of care.	Implement medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in the Hancock County Justice Center. Enhance the existing harm reduction and substance use awareness methodology to further reduce stigma among the general public and first responders. Implement Uber Health Model to assist participants in harm reduction services.

PARTNERS

Be Healthy Now Hancock County (BHNHC) Partners	ADAMHS, ADAMHS Contract Agencies	ADAMHS, HC Sheriff's Office, ROSC Leadership Team, Coalition on Addiction, HPH

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Hancock County	Hancock County	Hancock County Justice Center Inmates, Hancock County, First Responders, Participants of SafeWorks

DESIRED OUTCOMES OF STRATEGIES

- ↑ Education and awareness on mental health
- ↓ Mental health stigma
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OVERALL IMPACT OF STRATEGIES

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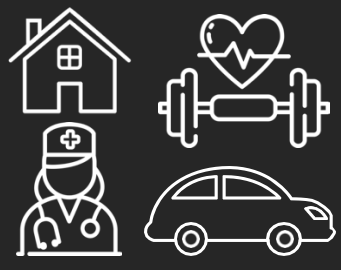
#2 PRIORITY AREA SOCIAL DETERMINANTS & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

(includes housing, transportation, access to healthcare, and nutrition/physical health)



GOAL

Improve the ability to accurately measure and address barriers to healthcare access, better address health inequities in the community, and improve health literacy.

OBJECTIVE

To improve the understanding and accessibility of healthcare, reduce barriers, and improve policies by implementing a universalized process of collecting data on Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) across all organizations.

STRATEGIES

Operationalize the process of asking clients if they are connected to primary care.	Establish a standardized social determinants of health (SDOH) data collection framework that involves assessing current data collection practices, selecting a universal tool, and implementing policies to institutionalize data collection processes.	Improve nutrition and physical health by increasing knowledge/awareness, revitalizing Community Garden, expanding availability of farmer's markets, and implementing more activities/partnerships with Findlay City Parks.	Explore changing the model of public transportation from the current on-demand system to a proposed 3-tier system of a fixed route within the City of Findlay, paratransit within a ¾ mile buffer, and on-demand system for the remainder of Hancock County.	Improve the dental hygiene of residents by providing basic prevention education and increasing opportunities for dental care within the county.

PARTNERS

Be Healthy Now Hancock County (BHNHC) Partners	Be Healthy Now Hancock County (BHNHC) Partners	Collaborative Garden Committee, Findlay Parks & Recreation, Mayor's Office, HC Parks District, YMCA, 50 North, HC Farmer's Markets	Hancock County Transportation Advisory Committee	Hancock County Health Coalition

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Hancock County	Hancock County	Low-income population, families with young children, youth, older adults, rural population, immigrant population, Census tracts 9.1-9.2	Low-income population, elderly population, people who are experiencing a disability, those without a driver's license, immigrant population	Youth, low-income population, those with Medicaid

DESIRED OUTCOMES OF STRATEGIES

- ↑ Nutrition, including fruit and vegetable consumption
- ↑ Opportunities for physical activity
- ↑ Access to care
- ↑ Transportation
- ↓ Sedentary youth & adults

OVERALL IMPACT OF STRATEGIES

- ↑ Health status
- ↑ Quality of life
- ↑ Nutrition
- ↓ Food insecurity
- ↓ Chronic conditions
- ↓ Unmet care needs

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#3 PRIORITY AREA CHRONIC DISEASE & HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

GOAL

Reduce chronic disease and promote healthy lifestyles by addressing access barriers and promoting health literacy.

OBJECTIVE

To reduce the prevalence of chronic diseases by promoting connection to wellness providers and healthier lives through targeted interventions, prevention culture, and resource support.

STRATEGIES

Operationalize the process of asking clients if they are connected to primary care.	Enhance disease programs available in community to improve health outcomes, specifically for heart disease, diabetes, and dementia.	Increase screenings among Hancock County adults and educate community on their importance, especially for cholesterol, A1C, blood pressure, breast cancer, colon cancer, and lung cancer.	Expand health education within the community and establish a community health metric database to improve health outcomes of community members.

PARTNERS

Be Healthy Now Hancock County (BHNHC) Partners	BVHS, HMG, HPH, OSU Extension, 50 North	BVHS, 50 North, HPH, HMG	BVHS, HPH, ADAMHS, 50 North, City Mission, HMG, FHC Community Foundation, YMCA

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Hancock County	Adults (18+ years old)	Adults (18+ years old), women 50-74 years old, adults 45-75 years old	Hancock County

DESIRED OUTCOMES OF STRATEGIES

- ↑ Education on chronic diseases & risk factors
- ↑ Chronic disease prevention, screening & management
- ↓ Sedentary youth & adults
- ↑ Opportunities for physical activity
- ↓ Food insecurity
- ↑ Nutrition, including fruit and vegetable consumption

OVERALL IMPACT OF STRATEGIES

- ↑ Mental and physical health
- ↑ Quality of life
- ↑ Health status
- ↓ Overweight & obesity
- ↓ Chronic disease
- ↓ Premature mortality

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CURRENT RESOURCES
ADDRESSING PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS

Information was gathered on assets and resources that currently exist in the community. This was done using feedback from the community and an overall assessment of the service area. While this list strives to be comprehensive, it may not be complete.

Access to Childcare
Almost Home, Inc.
Almost Home Infant Care & Preschool
Around the Clock, Inc.
Around the Clock II
Bethel Christian Preschool
Bluffton Child Development Center
Children's Corner South
Christine Warner (Our Turn to Serve, Family Childcare Home)
Findlay YMCA After-Before-School Services
Findlay YMCA Child Development Center
First Presbyterian Church Nursery School
Immanuel Lutheran Preschool
Joylynn Baxter (Family Childcare Home)
Kim A. Rice (Family Childcare Home)
Little Panthers Learning Center, LLC
Marilyn's Lifelong Educational Center
McComb ESC Preschool
Nicole L. Trinko (Family Childcare Home)
Ohio Department of Education Licensed Preschool
Owens Community College Early Learning Center
Riverdale School
Sarah E. Wallen (Family Childcare Home)
Shining Stars Christian Preschool
Something Special Learning Center
The Fostoria Early Childhood Center
TLC Preschool and Childcare
Trinity Lutheran Child Development Center
Winfield Child Development Center Head Start
Wesley Center
YMCA Early Learning Center at Cory-Rawson

Access to Healthcare/Public Health
Allergy & Immunology Specialists of Northwest Ohio
Be Healthy Now Hancock County (BHNHC)
Blanchard Valley Health System
Blanchard Valley Pediatrics
Bridge Home Health & Hospice
Cancer Patient Services
Caughman Clinic
Center for Safe and Healthy Children
Century Health
Dental Center of North West Ohio
EasternWoods Outpatient Center
Findlay Ear, Nose & Throat Association, Inc.
Greater Midwest Urgent Cares, Findlay Urgent Care
Hancock Public Health
Hancock Public Health Mobile Health Clinic
Help Me Grow
Northwest Ohio Medical Center
Opti-Health Physical Therapy
Oral and Facial Surgery Inc; Dr. Bradley A. Gregory
Physicians Plus Urgent Care
Poison Control
Psychiatric Center of Northwest Ohio
Right at Home
Special Kids Therapy
Terra Nova Medical Clinic

Community & Social Services
50 North
Alzheimer’s Association
American Cancer Society
Associated Charities
Children's Mentoring Connection
CHOPIN Hall - Christians Helping Other People in Need
Christian Clearing House
Church of the Living God
City of Findlay
City of Findlay Parks & Recreation
Family Resource Center of Northwest Ohio, Inc.
Findlay YMCA

Community & Social Services (cont.)
Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation
First Call For Help
Friends of Findlay
Hancock County Adult Protective Services
Hancock County Agency On Aging (OhioHOPES)
Hancock County Children’s Protective Services
Hancock County Christian Clearing House
Hancock County Family & Children First Council
Hancock County Veteran Services
Hancock County Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Program - The Family Center
Hancock Hardin Wyandot Putnam (HHWP) Community Action Commission
Hancock Helps
Hancock Youth Leadership
Immigration Task Force
LGBTQ+ Spectrum of Findlay
Lions Club
Lutheran Social Services - St. John’s Lutheran Church
Mission Possible
No Wrong Door
Office of Service & Community Engagement
OhioKAN: Resources For Kinship & Adoptive Caregivers
Open Arms Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services
Parent Advisory Group
Red Cross
Salvation Army of Findlay
The Family Center
The First Step
United Way of Hancock County
Women’s Resource Center

CURRENT RESOURCES
ADDRESSING PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS

Information was gathered on assets and resources that currently exist in the community. This was done using feedback from the community and an overall assessment of the service area. While this list strives to be comprehensive, it may not be complete.

Disabilities & Support Services
Blanchard Valley Center
Fox Run Manor
Grace Speaks
Hancock County Society for the Handicapped
Hancock County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Heartstring Melodies, LLC
Miracle League of Findlay
The Center for Autism & Dyslexia

Education & Literacy
Arcadia Local School District
Arlington Local School District
Black Heritage Library & Multicultural Center
Bluffton University
Cory-Rawson Local School District
Findlay City Schools
Findlay Hancock County Public Library
Liberty-Benton Local School District
McComb Local School District
Owens Community College
Riverdale Local School District
Speak Easy Program
Sylvan Learning Centers
The Ohio State University Extension Office
University of Findlay
University of Findlay's Mazza Museum
Van Buren Local School District
Vanlue Local School District

Environmental Conditions
Blanchard River Watershed Partnership

Food Insecurity
Catalyst Church
CHOPIN Hall - Christians Helping Other People In Need
Findlay City Mission
Findlay YMCA - Feed-a-Child
First Lutheran Church
First Presbyterian Church
Howard UMC
Little Free Pantry
Lutheran Social Services

Food Insecurity (cont.)
Maranatha Bible Church
Salvation Army
St. Andrew's United Methodist Church
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
West Ohio Food Bank

Housing
Blanchard Valley Center
Findlay City Mission
Habitat for Humanity of Findlay/Hancock County
Hancock Metropolitan Housing Authority
Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
Hope House
Rapid Rehousing

Income & Employment
Careers4You Training Center
Financial Opportunity Center (FOC)
Findlay Hancock County Chamber of Commerce
Hancock County Child Support Enforcement Agency
Hancock County Educational Service Center
Hancock County Social Security Administration
Hancock County Job & Family Services
Job Solutions
Kan-Du Group
Legal Aid of Western Ohio
Microenterprise Loan Program
Millstream Career Center
Ohio Means Jobs Hancock County
Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
Raise the Bar Hancock County

Legal & Law Enforcement
Crime Prevention Association of Findlay/Hancock County
Dual Status Youth
Hancock County Domestic Relations Court
Hancock County Probate/Juvenile Court

Legal & Law Enforcement (cont.)
Hancock County Prosecutor's Office
Hancock County Sherrif's Office
Legal Aid of Western Ohio
Pre-Trial Diversion Program

Mental Health & Addiction
Alcoholics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous Teen
Bereavement Services
Blanchard Valley Health System
Celebrate Recovery
Family Resource Center
Findlay Recovery Center
Findlay Treatment Services
FOCUS Recovery & Wellness Community/Peer Advisory Partnership
Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Service
Hancock County Coalition on Addiction
Hancock County Community Partnership
Hancock County Court System (Common Pleas, Municipal, Juvenile, Probation)
Hancock County Crisis Hotline
Maternal Opiate Medical Support (MOMS)
Mind Body Health Associates
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Hancock County
Ohio Guidestone Behavioral Health Services
Orchard Hall
Pioneer Club - Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous
ProMedica Physicians Behavioral Health
The Lavender Hour

Transportation
Department of Motor Vehicles
Find-a-Ride
Go Ohio - Carpooling
Hancock Area Transportation Services (HATS)
Hancock County Job and Family Services
Hancock County Veterans Service Office
T&H Lift
USA Cab Company

STEPS 5-8

INTEGRATE, DEVELOP, ADOPT, AND SUSTAIN IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

IN THIS STEP, BE HEALTHY NOW HANCOCK COUNTY:

- INTEGRATE CHIP WITH COMMUNITY PARTNER, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND HOSPITAL PLANS
- ADOPT THE CHIP
- UPDATE AND SUSTAIN THE CHIP

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NEXT STEPS

The Community Health Assessment (CHA) and this resulting Improvement Plan (CHIP) identify and address significant community health needs and help guide community benefit activities. This CHIP explains how Be Healthy Now Hancock County (BHNHC) plans to address the selected priority health needs identified by the CHA.

This CHIP report was adopted by BHNHC leadership in April 2025.

This report is widely available to the public on the Hancock Public Health website:

https://www.hancockph.com/health-assessment-project

Written comments on this report are welcomed and can be made by visiting the Hancock Public Health website at https://www.hancockph.com/.

EVALUATION OF IMPACT

BHNHC will monitor and evaluate the programs and actions outlined above. We anticipate the actions taken to address significant health needs will improve health knowledge, behaviors, and status, increase access to care, and overall help support good health. BHNHC is committed to monitoring key indicators to assess impact. Our reporting process includes the collection and documentation of tracking measures, such as the number of people reached/served and collaborative efforts to address health needs. A review of the impact of BHNHC's actions to address these significant health needs will be reported in the next scheduled CHA.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH NEEDS NOT DIRECTLY ADDRESSED

Since BHNHC cannot directly address all the health needs present in the community, we will concentrate our resources on those health needs where we can effectively impact our region given our areas of focus and expertise. Taking existing organization and community resources into consideration, BHNHC will not directly address the remaining health needs identified in the CHA, including but not limited to crime and violence, income, poverty, and employment, access to childcare, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), environmental conditions, education, tobacco and nicotine use, internet access, preventive care and practices, maternal, infant, and child health, injuries, and HIV/AIDS and STIs. We will continue to look for opportunities to address community needs where we can make a meaningful contribution. Community partnerships may support other initiatives that BHNHC cannot independently lead in order to address the other health needs identified in the 2024 CHA.

APPENDIX A
ACRONYMS INDEX

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Acronym	Definition
ADAMHS	Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services
BHNHC	Be Healthy Now Hancock County
BVHS	Blanchard Valley Health System
FCFC	Family and Children First Council
FHC	Findlay-Hancock County
HC	Hancock County
HHS	Health and Human Services
HMG	Hancock Medical Group
HPH	Hancock Public Health
OSU	Ohio State University
ROSC	Recovery Oriented System of Care

APPENDIX B

PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD (PHAB) CHECKLIST: IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

MEETING THE PHAB REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHIP

The PHAB Standards & Measures serve as the official guidance for PHAB national public health department accreditation and include requirements for the completion of Community Health Assessments (CHAs) and CHIPs for local health departments. The following page demonstrates how this CHIP meets the PHAB requirements.

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APPENDIX B:
PHAB COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP) REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD (PHAB) REQUIREMENTS FOR CHIPs			
YES	**PAGE #**	**PHAB REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST**	**NOTES/ RECOMMENDATIONS**
		MEASURE 5.2.1 A: Engage partners and members of the community in a community health improvement process. 1. A collaborative process for developing the community health improvement plan (CHIP), which includes:	
✓	4	a. A list of participating partners involved in the CHIP process. Participation must include: i. At least 2 organizations representing sectors other than public health. ii. At least 2 community members or organizations that represent populations that are disproportionately affected by conditions that contribute to health risks or poorer health outcomes.	
✓	7-24	b. Review of information from the community health assessment.	
✓	19-22	c. Review of the causes of disproportionate health risks or health outcomes of specific populations.	
✓	12-17	d. Process used by participants to select priorities.	
		The CHIP process must address the jurisdiction as described in the description of Standard 5.2.	
		MEASURE 5.2.2 A: Adopt a community health improvement plan. 1. A community health improvement plan (CHIP), which includes all of the following:	
✓	19-22	a. At least two health priorities.	
✓	19-22	b. Measurable objective(s) for each priority.	
✓	19-22	c. Improvement strategy(ies) or activity(ies) for each priority. i. Each activity or strategy must include a timeframe and a designation of organizations or individuals that have accepted responsibility for implementing it. ii. At least two of the strategies or activities must include a policy recommendation, one of which must be aimed at alleviating causes of health inequities.	A detailed work plan (living document) has been developed that included strategies, SMART objectives, annual activities, indicators, partners, and priority populations.
✓	23-24	d. Identification of the assets or resources that will be used to address at least one of the specific priority areas.	
✓	26	e. Description of the process used to track the status of the effort or results of the actions taken to implement CHIP strategies or activities.	
		The CHIP must address the jurisdiction as described in the description of Standard 5.2.	

APPENDIX C

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST: IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

MEETING THE IRS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirements for an Implementation Strategy serve as the official guidance for IRS compliance. The following pages demonstrate how this Implementation Strategy/Improvement Plan meets those IRS requirements.

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APPENDIX C:
IRS IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES				
YES	**PAGE #**	**IRS REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST**	**REGULATION SUBSECTION NUMBER**	**NOTES/ RECOMMENDATIONS**
✓	18-24	(2) Description of how the hospital facility plans to address the health needs selected, including: i. Actions the hospital facility intends to take and the anticipated impact of these actions; ii. Resources the hospital facility plans to commit; and iii. Any planned collaboration between the hospital facility and other facilities or organizations in addressing the health need.	(c)(2) (c)(2)(i) (c)(2)(ii) (c)(2)(iii)	
✓	26	(3) Description of why a hospital facility is not addressing a significant health need identified in the CHNA. *Note: A "brief explanation" is sufficient. Such reasons may include resource constraints, other organizations are addressing the need, or a relative lack of expertise to effectively address the need.*	(c)(3)	
✓	Throughout report	(4) For those hospital facilities that adopted a joint CHNA report, a joint IS may be adopted that meets the requirements above. In addition, the joint IS must: i. Be clearly identified as applying to the hospital facility; ii. Clearly identify the hospital facility's role and responsibilities in taking the actions described in the IS and the resources the hospital facility plans to commit to such actions; and iii. Include a summary or other tool that helps the reader easily locate those portions of the strategy that relate to the hospital facility.	(c)(4) (c)(4)(i) (c)(4)(ii) (c)(4)(iii)	Strategies that hospitals are collaborating on are indicated throughout the report.
✓	3, 26	(5) An authorized body adopts the IS on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the taxable year in which the CHNA was conducted and completed, regardless of whether the hospital facility began working on the CHNA in a prior taxable year. **Exceptions (if applicable):** **Transition Rule (if applicable):**	(c)(5)	

APPENDIX D
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