Essential Service #4



At what level does the local public health system...

Mobilize Community Partnerships to Identify and Solve Health Problems

How well do we truly engage people in local health issues?

In the 2016 local public health system assessment, Essential Service #4 was ranked as having significant performance and 5th highest priority¹.

Description



Model Standards represent the major components or practice areas of the Essential Service. Model Standards for this service include indicators for *constituency development* and *community partnerships*.

Performance Significant



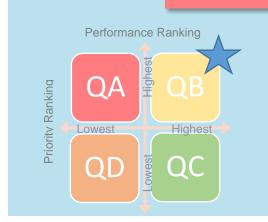
This score can be interpreted as the overall degree to which your local public health system meets the performance standards. The overall performance ranking score for this Essential Service is **74.0**, which represents **SIGNIFICANT activity.**

Priority #5



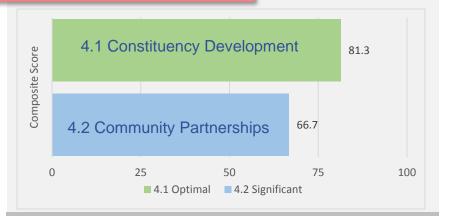
Participants were asked to consider the priority of each Essential Service and Model Standard to their local public health system. With an overall priority ranking score of **5 of 10**, this Essential Service is within the higher-ranking half of priorities.

Data Overview



Prioritization Matrix

Quadrants are based on how the performance of each Essential Service compares with the priority rating.



Model Standards

Model Standards represent the major components or practice areas of the Essential Service. Standard 4.1 scored as **OPTIMAL** and standard 4.2 as **SIGNIFICANT** activity.

PERCEIVED SYSTEM STRENGTHS:

Several participants indicated that:

 The county had a comprehensive health committee that connected community partners and catalyzed health relationships in the past, and many participants of this group still meet informally

A few participants noted that:

- They were aware of the Community Resource Guide and 211 resources of the county
- They have strong relationships and active partnerships with many organizations in both the public and private sectors.

PERCEIVED SYSTEM WEAKNESSES:

Several participants indicated that:

• Focused community efforts on particular issues seem to fluctuate widely over time

A few participants noted that:

- They were unaware of the Community Resource Guide and 211 resources of the county
- Engaging citizens to initiate health behavior changes at an individual level can be challenging

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PERCEIVED SYSTEM OPPORTUNITIES:

Participants suggested the following for optimization of this essential service:

- Establishment of a formal health group or coalition to mobilize various public health system partners
- More health events that are joint efforts and relay the same message through multiple outlets

Best practice/innovative approaches highlighted:

 Consistency of public health system messaging across private and public sector organizations

Essential Service #4 improved in performance and was ranked with a priority, as compared to the 2012 local public health system assessment.

Performance Assessment

38% 2012

74%

Priority Assessment

N/A

2012

#5

2016

Partners in Health

| # | Organization Type | # | Organization Type |
|---|--|---|--|
| 1 | County Health Department | 4 | Hospitals & Emergency Service Providers |
| 1 | Social Service Facilities & Providers | 1 | Mental Health Facilities & Service Providers |
| 1 | Schools, Colleges & Universities | 3 | County Government & Municipalities |
| 1 | Coalitions & Advocacy Groups | 2 | Media Outlets |

Partners who gathered to discuss the performance of the local public health system for this Essential Service





Assessment participants also identified other partners who contribute to this work that they would like to see involved in future dialogues related to this Essential Service.

Faith-Based Organizations
Philanthropic & Health Financing Organizations
Businesses & Employers