Maricopa County Community Themes and Strengths Assessment 2012

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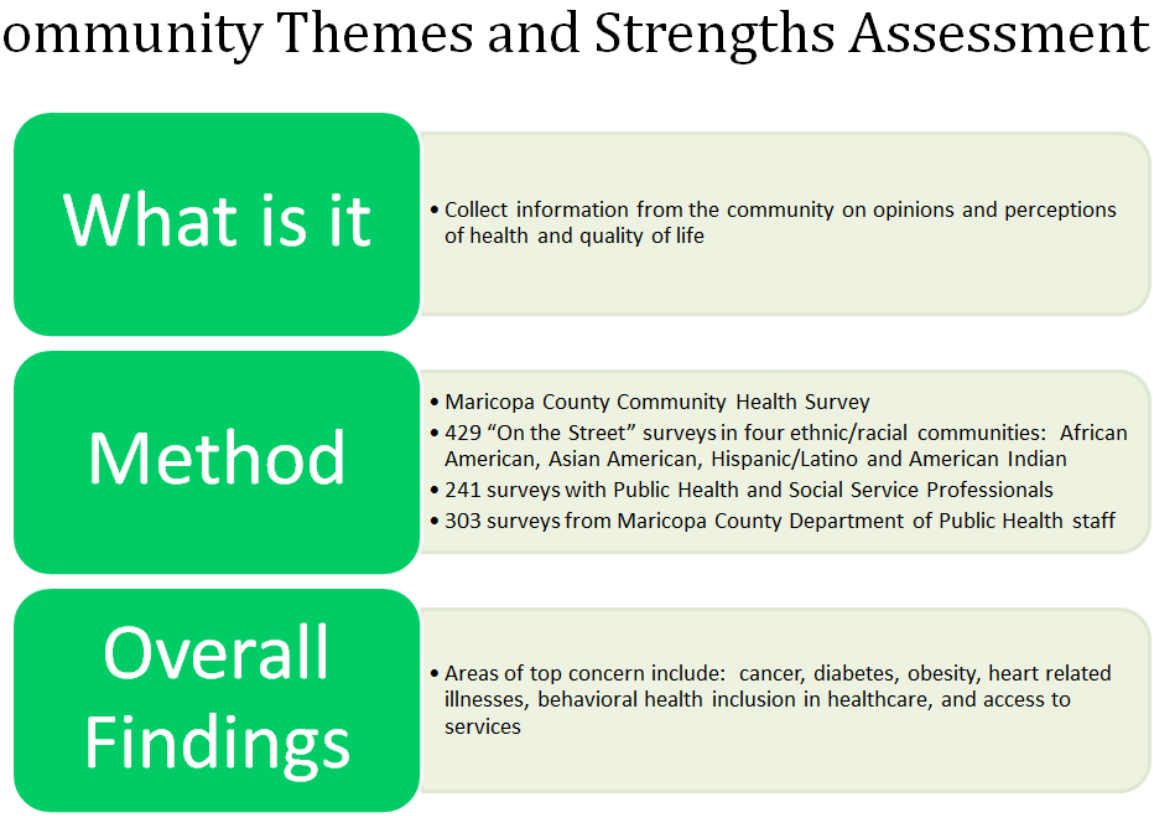

Community Themes and Strengths Assessment

By including Community Themes and Strengths in the MAPP process, community members' concerns are genuinely considered and visibly affect the process. The issues identified here offer insight into the information uncovered during the other assessments.

The Maricopa County Community Health Survey was a survey instrument created by the *Staff Coordination Team* based on recommendations from NACCHO and CDC to determine both community strengths and needs. This survey asked respondents about the factors that would improve his/her quality of life, most important "health problems" in the community, "risky behaviors" of concern, and rating his/her community as "healthy." The survey also asked about access to health care, community pride, and ownership of responsibility for the health of his/her community (see Appendix B for a copy of the survey in English).

This survey was administered to community members and among public health professionals and partners. In order to include the views of those experiencing the greatest health disparities, the survey was conducted "on the street" in communities and through organizations with presence of ethnic and racial minorities. Over 400 surveys were

completed by community members who were offered the survey in Spanish and English. These recipients received a water bottle for participating. An abbreviated version of the survey was also sent to the list of community partners and stakeholders that participated in the Local Public Health System Assessment with over 240 participating (see Appendix A). To elicit the input of the health department employees, who work daily with the constituents of public health services, over 300 of the Maricopa County Department of Public Health employees completed the survey. Copies of the English version of the survey administered can be found in Appendix B.

The most important factors that you think will improve the quality of life in your community:	**The most important "health problems" that impact your community:**	**The most important "risky behaviors" seen in your community:**
Good jobs and healthy economy	Diabetes	Drug abuse
Low crime / safe neighborhoods	Overweight/Obesity	Alcohol abuse
Good place to raise children	Cancers	Lack of exercise
Good schools	High blood pressure	Poor eating habits
Affordable housing	Child abuse / neglect	Tobacco use
Access to health care (e.g., family doctor)	Domestic Violence	Discrimination
Healthy behaviors and lifestyles	Heart disease and stroke	Unsafe sex
Religious or spiritual values	Aging problems	Not using birth control
Parks and recreation	Teenage pregnancy	Not using seat belts/child safety seats
Excellent race relations	Dental problems, Access to Dental Care	Not getting "shots" to prevent disease
Access to mental health care	Access to Health Care	Other (gambling)
Low infant deaths	Mental health problems	Fighting
Sports outdoor	Infectious Diseases	Gangs
	HIV / AIDS	Talking on a phone while driving
	Motor vehicle crash injuries	
	Firearm-related injuries	
	Respiratory / lung disease	
	Sexually Transmitted Diseases	
	Rape / sexual assault	
	Homicide, Suicide	
	Infant Death	
	Drugs/alcohol	

Exhibit 5: Maricopa County Community Health Survey Findings

The following table shows the results of the Maricopa County Community Health Survey by the four ethnic minority communities sampled, as well as the staff and community partners of Maricopa County Department of Public Health.

Maricopa County Community Health Survey

	African American			American Indian			Asian American			Hispanic			Community			MCDPH			Partners Survey			Summary		
The three most important "health problems" that impact your community?	#	%	Rank	#	%	Rank	#	%	Rank	#	%	Rank	#	%	Rank	#	%	Rank	#	%	Rank	#	%	Rank
Overweight/Obesity	22	18%	8	41	47%	2	26	21%	4	33	35%	2	122	28%	2	156	51%	2	39	16%	2	317	33%	1
Access to Health Care	14	11%	12	5	6%	13	11	9%	14	11	12%	10	41	10%	11	179	59%	1	55	23%	1	275	28%	2
Diabetes	47	38%	1	59	67%	1	34	27%	2	48	52%	1	188	44%	1	39	13%	8	19	8%	6	246	25%	3
Child abuse / neglect	34	28%	3	19	22%	6	14	11%	10	19	20%	5	86	20%	5	84	28%	3	5	2%	11	175	18%	4
Heart disease and stroke	25	20%	6	11	13%	7	32	26%	3	11	12%	9	79	18%	7	48	16%	6	23	10%	4	150	15%	5
Domestic Violence	23	19%	7	24	27%	3	18	14%	7	17	18%	7	82	19%	6	40	13%	7	10	4%	8	132	14%	6
Cancers	42	34%	2	9	10%	9	25	20%	5	18	19%	6	94	22%	3	26	9%	10	9	4%	9	129	13%	7
Teenage pregnancy	15	12%	11	22	25%	4	8	6%	16	29	31%	3	74	17%	9	49	16%	5	4	2%	12	127	13%	8
Mental health problems	12	10%	14	6	7%	10	12	10%	12	6	6%	15	36	8%	12	66	22%	4	23	10%	5	125	13%	9
Aging problems (e.g., arthritis, hearing/vision loss, etc.)	25	20%	5	5	6%	12	39	31%	1	9	10%	12	78	18%	8	31	10%	9	11	5%	7	120	12%	10
High blood pressure	29	24%	4	21	24%	5	23	18%	6	19	20%	4	92	21%	4	18	6%	14		0%		110	11%	11
Dental problems, Access to Dental Care	15	12%	10	11	13%	8	11	9%	13	17	18%	8	54	13%	10	17	6%	16	23	10%	3	94	10%	12
Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)	11	9%	15	6	7%	11	3	2%	21	4	4%	16	24	6%	18	25	8%	12		0%		49	5%	13
Infectious Diseases (e.g., hepatitis, TB, etc.)	3	2%	21	3	3%	18	17	14%	8	10	11%	11	33	8%	13	15	5%	18		0%		48	5%	14
Motor vehicle crash injuries	6	5%	18	4	5%	15	11	9%	15	7	8%	14	28	7%	15	17	6%	17		0%		45	5%	15
Firearm-related injuries	6	5%	17	1	1%	22	15	12%	9	3	3%	18	25	6%	16	18	6%	13		0%		43	4%	16
Respiratory / lung disease	5	4%	19	4	5%	16	7	6%	18	8	9%	13	24	6%	17	18	6%	15		0%		42	4%	17
HIV / AIDS	20	16%	9	4	5%	14	7	6%	17	1	1%	21	32	7%	14	4	1%	22		0%		36	4%	18
Homicide	12	10%	13	1	1%	20	7	6%	20	3	3%	20	23	5%	20	9	3%	19		0%		32	3%	19
Rape / sexual assault	7	6%	16	1	1%	21	13	10%	11	3	3%	19	24	6%	19	7	2%	21		0%		31	3%	20
Other (allergy)	0	0%	25	0	0%	25	1	1%	22	0	0%	23	1	0%	24	25	8%	11		0%		26	3%	21
Infant Death	4	3%	20	2	2%	19	0	0%	25	4	4%	17	10	2%	22	8	3%	20	1	0%	13	19	2%	22
Suicide	1	1%	24	4	5%	17	7	6%	19	1	1%	22	13	3%	21	3	1%	23		0%		16	2%	23
Vaccine Preventable Diseases																			8	3%	10	8		24
Drugs/alcohol	1	1%	23	1	1%	23	0	0%	26	0	0%	26	2	0%	23	0	0%	25		0%		2	0%	25
All of the above	1	1%	22	0	0%	24	0	0%	27	0	0%	27	1	0%	27	0	0%	24		0%		1	0%	26
Other (fast food restaurant)	0	0%	26	0	0%	26	1	1%	23	0	0%	24	1	0%	25	0	0%	26		0%		1	0%	27
Other (osteoporosis)	0	0%	27	0	0%	27	1	1%	24	0	0%	25	1	0%	26	0	0%	27		0%		1	0%	28
Total Responses	123			88			125			93			429			303			241			973		

Exhibit 6: Maricopa County Community Health Survey Findings by Group Surveyed