

Michigan Strengthens Tribal Health Department Capacity to Address Priority Health Needs

Using the Guide to Community Preventive Services (2013)

Summary

The Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) partnered with Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Department of Health and Human Services (KBIC) to strengthen tribal health department capacity to deliver evidence-based public health approaches to address priority health needs using recommendations from the Guide for Community Preventive Services (the Community Guide). They also supported KBIC's Community Health Improvement Planning (CHIP) efforts conducted in preparation for accreditation.



Activities

MSPHI supported KBIC throughout the CHA-CHIP process, including the following:

- Held project planning calls to solidify the work plan and timeline for the project.
- Provided technical assistance for identifying and recruiting community partners to participate in the Community Health Improvement Advisory Group.

Building Partnerships to Increase Capacity in Evidence-Based Public Health through the Use of the Guide to Community Preventive Services, 2011-2013

The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI), in collaboration with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), provided funding and capacity building assistance to public health institutes and their state, territorial, local, and tribal health department partners to promote the adoption and use of evidence-based approaches outlined in the Guide for Community Preventive Services (<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/>) to address priority public health issues.

For a table with basic information about all of the projects supported through this program and links to more information, go to <http://www.nnphi.org/CMSuploads/CommunityGuideAbbreviatedTable>.

Activities (continued)

- Reviewed, compiled, and organized the KBIC's Community Health Assessment (CHA) results into a user-friendly format to present to the Advisory Group for discussion.
- Facilitated two on-site meetings to review the CHA results, and identify areas of strength and need, root causes, and contributing factors.
- Facilitated two consensus workshops with the Advisory Group to select priority areas and strategies for the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).
- Designed and delivered training on evidence-based practices and the Community Guide to KBIC staff.
- Designed and conducted training on the CHIP action planning process to the Advisory Group and KBIC staff.
- Created an action planning workbook for the action planning teams and provided technical assistance for the process.
- Compiled meeting materials, notes, results, and pictures of the CHIP process for KBIC's documentation for the accreditation process.
- Created a template for the CHIP, with narrative describing the process.
- Interviewed KBIC leadership about challenges, opportunities, successes, and lessons learned from this project.
- Created a [matrix aligning KBIC strategic priorities with Community Guide recommendations](#) and other resources to foster integration of evidence-based practices into the CHIP.
- Worked with KBIC to create a topical brief about Community Health Improvement in tribal communities and learnings from the KBIC experience.

Key Insights

- Public health conversations with tribal communities are unique and should be tailored to meet their concerns and needs.
- Face-to-face group meetings have been most fruitful, although limited resources make this difficult.

Funding

\$15,000

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Resources Developed

[Matrix of Strategic Priorities and Evidence Based Resources](#)