Plan to Draft the State Health Assessment

The State Health Assessment provides a foundation for advancing conditions for health in Montana. The SHA gives a broad overview of the health of Montanans, from birth to death, physical health to mental health, and communicable disease to chronic disease. It also includes information about how where we live, work, and play impacts our health and wellbeing and is updated every five years.

We deeply value the addition of your voice into this important work for the well-being of all Montanans. As public servants, we want to gather and analyze data to provide a user-friendly report that embodies accessible and inclusive public health practice. Working together, we can ensure that people living in Montana are able to fully enjoy the beauty of the place where they live and make healthy choices for themselves and their families.

2022 Timeline

- **May and June**: Partner and stakeholder engagement sessions
  - 3 facilitated sessions for partners and stakeholders external to state government
  - 1 session for state employees
  - 1 session for local/tribal health department staff
  - 1 session at the American Indian Health Leaders meeting

- **July to December**: Using the engagement sessions to design the overall evaluation questions and analysis structure for the State Health Assessment and developing the draft using the following, among others:
  - Public health surveillance data systems,
  - May-June engagement session feedback,
  - Community Health Assessments, Health Needs Assessments, Health Improvement Plans, and Implementation Plans (CHAs, CHNAs, CHIPs, and IPs) from local and tribal health departments and non-profit hospitals, and
  - Other statewide needs assessments.

Opportunities to participate

Live captioning will be available for each of the calls listed below for which a registrant indicates the service is needed.

**Local & Tribal Health Dept Session**
- Tuesday, June 7
  - 2 to 3 PM
  - Register here

**State Employee Session**
- Monday, June 20
  - 10:30 AM to 12 PM
  - Register here

**Partners and Stakeholders**
- Session 1: Tuesday, June 14
  - 1:30 to 3 PM
  - Register here
- Session 2: Wednesday, June 15
  - 10 to 11:30 AM
  - Register here
- Session 3: Thursday, June 16
  - 1:30 to 3 PM
  - Register here

If you are unable to attend any of the sessions, please feel free to respond to the online survey instead.

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Optional “pre-work” that may help provide context for our conversations

1. Advancing Health Literacy through Inclusive Communication
2. Community Health Data Resource Guide
3. Public Health Surveillance: A Brief Overview (video, ~8 minutes)
4. Social Determinants of Health: An Introduction (video, ~6 minutes)
5. Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII) Framework
6. Impact of Unresolved Trauma on American Indian Health Equity (video, ~90 minutes)