

County Health Policy Implementation Assessment

INTRODUCTION

Before we get started, please review the following information about this study.

- The County Health Policy Implementation Assessment (CHPIA) is funded by the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). RTI International is the data collection contractor conducting the assessment for CDC. RTI is an independent, nonprofit research institute headquartered in Research Triangle Park, NC.
- We are working with local county health departments in Washington and North Carolina. You were identified as someone who can answer questions about your health department.
- Your participation in this assessment is voluntary.
- Answering questions about a single county health department takes about 20 minutes. If you are reporting on more than one county, we estimate that each additional county will take about 8 minutes to complete.
- If you have any questions about this assessment, please contact Chris Stringer at RTI International. His phone number is 919-541-7218 and his email is stringer@rti.org.

Which county or counties are you describing on this form? _____

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Instructions for Completion

The questions below are about the health department where you work.

Please answer each question to the best of your ability. We expect that one local health department employee, such as a department head or chronic disease director, should be able to answer questions on behalf of the department. If you find that you are not the best employee to provide a response, please give this questionnaire to the employee who can best answer these questions.

If you work in a multi-county health department or district, please refer to the insert in your mailing to learn how you will respond.

1. What is your job title at the local health department/district? _____

2. Which one of the following best describes your local health department's (LHD) organizational structure?

- O₁ My LHD is a free-standing public health agency.
- O₂ My LHD is part of a health and human services agency.
- O₃ Neither of these statements describes my LHD.

3. To whom does the LHD report? Please select one.

- O₁ Elected County Board of Health
- O₂ Appointed County Board of Health
- O₃ County Commission
- O₄ County Elected or Appointed Executive
- O₅ County Merit System Official in another Agency
- O₆ Health and Human Services Agency Head
- O₇ State Health Agency
- O₈ Joint reporting both locally and to the state health agency
- O₉ Other

 **3a. What other group does the LHD report to?** _____

4. Overall, how much of an impact does your health department/district have on the process for making policies related to chronic disease prevention and health promotion for the residents who live in your county/district? Please select one.

- O₁ Large impact
- O₂ Moderate impact
- O₃ Small impact
- O₄ Very small impact
- O₅ No impact
- O₆ Don't Know

5. In the past 12 months, how often did your health department/district partner with the following *agencies or departments* for the purpose of advancing policies related to chronic disease prevention and health promotion?

	1Always	2Often	3Sometimes	4Rarely	5Never	6Don't Know
a. Zoning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Comprehensive land use planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Public works	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Restaurant/hospitality inspection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Public safety/policing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Education/school system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Parks and recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. In the past 12 months, how often did your health department/district partner with the following *entities or organizations* for the purpose of advancing policies related to chronic disease prevention and health promotion?

	1Always	2Often	3Sometimes	4Rarely	5Never	6Don't Know
a. State health department	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Municipalities <i>within</i> the county/district	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Municipalities in <i>other</i> counties/districts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Nonprofit organizations (Red Cross, American Heart Association, PTAs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Public and private schools (K-12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Colleges and universities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Hospitals, health systems, or other clinical providers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Pharmacies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Large employers in county/district	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Fitness or wellness centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Places of worship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Are there organizations that your health department/district has not been able to form a partnership with for the purpose of advancing policies related to chronic disease prevention and health promotion but would like to work with?

O₁ Yes → 7a. Please list: _____
 O₂ No

8. In the past 12 months, how often did your health department/district face the following barriers to partnering with

other agencies?

	¹ Always	² Often	³ Sometimes	⁴ Rarely	⁵ Never	⁶ N/A (Never tried partnering)
a. Bureaucratic organization barrier	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Workload or time constraint	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Other agencies or organizations not interested	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Budget constraints	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Not aware of other agencies to work with	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. In the past 12 months, how often did your health department/district use the following communication channels to increase awareness of policies related to chronic disease prevention and health promotion?

	¹ Always	² Often	³ Sometimes	⁴ Rarely	⁵ Never	⁶ Don't Know
a. Public service announcements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Facebook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Twitter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. YouTube	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Email contact lists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Mobile apps	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Tobacco Policy

10. Using the categories below, please indicate the status of tobacco policy in your county/district.

Category	Response	Response Options
a. Smoke-free indoor air policies	_____	<p>1 = This has not been identified as a policy priority in this county/district</p> <p>2 = This has been identified as a policy priority and an agenda is being developed</p> <p>3 = A policy is being formulated for adoption</p> <p>4 = A policy has been adopted and is being implemented</p> <p>5 = A policy is in place in some municipalities but not within the county/district as a whole</p> <p>6 = A policy is implemented and is being enforced and evaluated</p> <p>7 = Don't Know</p>
b. Policies on tobacco use in public or subsidized housing	_____	
c. Smoke-free outdoor air policies	_____	
d. Reducing minor access to tobacco products	_____	
e. Limiting locations where tobacco is sold or point of sale restrictions	_____	
f. Raising the cost of tobacco products by increasing taxes, restricting use of promotional coupons, or setting minimum price floors	_____	
g. Regulating emerging tobacco products, such as hookahs or e-cigarettes	_____	

11. If a new policy initiative related to tobacco use were to be proposed, how much of a role would your county health department/district have in the policy development process?

O₁ O₂ O₃ O₄ O₅ O₆
 No Role Major Role Don't Know

12. If a new policy initiative related to medical and/or recreational marijuana use were to be proposed, how much of a role would your county health department/district have in the policy development process?

O₁ O₂ O₃ O₄ O₅ O₆
 No Role Major Role Don't Know

Nutrition Policy

13. Using the categories below, please indicate the status of nutrition policy in your county/district.

Category	Response	Response Options
a. Policies related to sodium-reduction/control	_____	<p>1 = This has not been identified as a policy priority in this county/district</p> <p>2 = This has been identified as a policy priority and an agenda is being developed</p> <p>3 = A policy is being formulated for adoption</p> <p>4 = A policy has been adopted and is being implemented</p> <p>5 = A policy is in place in some municipalities but not within the county/district as a whole</p> <p>6 = A policy is implemented and is being enforced and evaluated</p> <p>7 = Don't Know</p>
b. Policies or incentive programs that encourage the addition of new supermarkets, groceries or similar stores to the county/district	_____	
c. Policies or incentive programs that improve the availability of healthy foods and beverages in existing food retail stores	_____	
d. Nutrition standards or other policies related to foods served or sold in government facilities	_____	
e. Nutrition standards or other policies related to foods served or sold in schools	_____	
f. Nutrition standards or other policies related to foods served in child care settings	_____	
g. Nutritional or menu labeling in restaurants or similar venues.	_____	
h. Policies or incentive programs that encourage farmers markets, farm stands, and/or produce carts	_____	
i. Policies that allow all breastfeeding employees in the local government time and space to pump breast milk.	_____	

14. If a new policy initiative related to nutrition were to be proposed, how much of a role would your county health department/district have in the policy development process?

O1	O2	O3	O4	O5	O6
No Role				Major Role	Don't Know

Physical Activity Policy

15. Using the categories below, please indicate the status of physical activity policy in your county/district.

Category	Response	Response Options
a. Policies that encourage pedestrian friendly streets and communities	_____	<p>1 = This has not been identified as a policy priority in this county/district</p> <p>2 = This has been identified as a policy priority and an agenda is being developed</p> <p>3 = A policy is being formulated for adoption</p> <p>4 = A policy has been adopted and is being implemented</p> <p>5 = A policy is in place in some municipalities but not within the county/district as a whole</p> <p>6 = A policy is implemented and is being enforced and evaluated</p> <p>7 = Don't Know</p>
b. Policies that support accessible park and playground development near residential areas	_____	
c. Policies related to public transportation	_____	
d. Policies for physical education, recess or other opportunities for children to be physically active in schools	_____	
e. Policies that encourage physical activity in child care centers	_____	
f. Shared-use agreements with schools that allows the public to use school recreational facilities (for example, gymnasiums, athletic fields, or playgrounds) during non-school hours	_____	
g. Safe route to school policies to encourage walking and bicycling to school	_____	
h. Policies promoting sun safety and skin cancer prevention in schools (e.g., carrying and using sunscreen, hat wearing in outdoor settings)	_____	

16. Is there a designated public health representative from your health department/district on the...

a. Planning and/or zoning commission?

- O1 Yes
- O2 No
- O3 No such commission / committee
- O4 Don't Know

b. Pedestrian, bicycle, or alternative transportation advisory committee?

- O1 Yes
- O2 No
- O3 No such commission / committee
- O4 Don't Know

17. If a new policy initiative related to physical activity were to be proposed, how much of a role would your county health department/district have in the policy development process?

O1
No Role

O2

O3

O4

O5
Major Role

O6
Don't Know

Clinical-Community Linkages Policy

18. Using the categories below, please indicate the status of policy related to clinical-community linkages in your county/district.

Category	Response	Response Options
a. Policies promoting clinical and community linkages with pharmacies to control chronic diseases	_____	1 = This has not been identified as a policy priority in this county/district
b. Policies promoting prevention and self-management of chronic disease	_____	2 = This has been identified as a policy priority and an agenda is being developed
c. Policies promoting immunizations (e.g., vaccines)	_____	3 = A policy is being formulated for adoption
d. Policies related to screening for chronic disease (e.g., blood pressure, blood glucose)	_____	4 = A policy has been adopted and is being implemented
e. Policies promoting clinical linkages with community health workers	_____	5 = A policy is in place in some municipalities but not within the county/district as a whole
f. Policies related to emergency medical services (e.g., EMS training, public access defibrillation)	_____	6 = A policy is implemented and is being enforced and evaluated
		7 = Don't Know

19. If a new policy initiative related to chronic disease management were to be proposed, how much of a role would your county health department/ district have in advancing policy?

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| O1
No Role | O2 | O3 | O4 | O5
Major Role | O6
Don't Know |
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Policies for Reducing Excessive Alcohol Consumption

20. Using the categories below, please indicate the status of policy to reduce excessive alcohol consumption in your county/district.

Category	Response	Response Options
a. Increasing alcohol taxes	_____	1 = This has not been identified as a policy priority in this county/district 2 = This has been identified as a policy priority and an agenda is being developed 3 = A policy is being formulated for adoption 4 = A policy has been adopted and is being implemented 5 = A policy is in place in some municipalities but not within the county/district as a whole 6 = A policy is implemented and is being enforced and evaluated 7 = Don't Know
b. Regulation of alcohol outlet density	_____	
c. Commercial host (dram shop liability)	_____	

21. If a new policy initiative related to reducing excessive alcohol consumption were to be proposed, how much of a role would your county health department/ district have in advancing policy?

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| O1
No Role | O2 | O3 | O4 | O5
Major Role | O6
Don't Know |
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⇒ **CHECKPOINT: If you are part of a multicounty district, don't forget to fill out the supplement questions about the other counties!**

22. Your responses to this assessment are important for identifying the role of local health departments in setting policy. If you were to be asked to take this assessment again, how would you prefer to answer the questions?

- O1 Over the phone
- O2 By web
- O3 On paper by mail

Thank you for your responses. Please return this assessment using the self-addressed stamped envelope included in your mailing. In the event you no longer have the envelope, please return to:

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