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INTRODUCTION

The second annual CHIP Progress Report provides an overview of Health Agency accomplishments and performance targets for [CHIP](#) strategies coordinated through the Departments of Public Health (DPH), Health Services (DHS), and Mental Health (DMH). Of 54 CHIP strategies that Healthy Agency Programs conducted, 53 were on track for 2017, meaning they were on a path to accomplish their annual performance measure targets at the time of reporting.

This report does not capture all the public health work being done by the Health Agency, nor the myriad efforts to improve health throughout Los Angeles County that are led by organizations outside of the Health Agency. Due to the size of LA County – and the enormous number of initiatives – DPH is unable to comprehensively document all of the very important work underway in the County. The report also does not fully reflect the significant contributions made by many Health Agency programs and community organizations that are working as key partners. Instead, DPH has provided [links to coalitions](#) in LA County that are working toward the CHIP goals, via the CHIP’s website (www.thinkhealthla.org). At the end of the 5-year CHIP period, the final report will summarize Agency achievements resulting from our collective efforts from 2015-2020.

To learn more, or to get more involved in CHIP work in LA County, email DPHPlanning@ph.lacounty.gov, or visit the [CHIP](#) page on www.thinkhealthla.org.

SUMMARY TABLE OF CHIP STRATEGIES COORDINATED BY THE HEALTH AGENCY ON TRACK / NOT ON TRACK (FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017):

Priority Area	Goal	Total # of Strategies	# Strategies implemented by Health Agency	# Strategies on track* (of those led by Agency)
1	1.1	17	11	11
1	1.2	14	11	11
2	2.1	6	1	1
2	2.2	2	2	2
2	2.3	7	7	7
2	2.4	9	9	8
2	2.5	2	2	2
3	3.1	11	6	6
3	3.2	4	1	1
3	3.3	4	4	4
Overall	10 Goals	76	54	53

*“On track” signifies that the program was on target to accomplish its annual CHIP strategy performance measure at the time of reporting.

UPDATES ON CHIP STRATEGIES COORDINATED BY THE HEALTH AGENCY

Strategy	Program / Division	On track?
PRIORITY AREA 1: INCREASE PREVENTION TO IMPROVE HEALTH		
GOAL 1.1: Prevent and Manage Chronic Disease		
<i>Increase linkages between health care services and community-level prevention services</i>		
Create linkages between health systems and community resources so medical providers can refer patients to evidence-based health promotion programs that teach self-management and empowerment techniques for chronic disease management and prevention.	DPH-Office of Women's Health	Yes
Foster collaboration among non-profit hospital community benefit programs, foundations, and local health departments to increase financial investments to address the upstream determinants of health, such as access to healthy food at local grocery stores, quality educational systems that support youth to pursue higher education, and violence-free neighborhoods.	DPH-Community Health Services, Service Planning Areas (SPA) 7/8	Yes
<i>Increase access to healthy food</i>		
Encourage local governments to provide healthy food options in concessions and vending machines, and to adopt healthy food procurement policies at government-run venues such as parks.	DPH-Choose Health LA	Yes
Encourage local governments to support increased enrollment into available food programs, most importantly CalFresh and WIC; Promote use of CalFresh and WIC benefits at farmer's markets for purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables.	DPH-Nutrition and Physical Activity	Yes
Support the adoption of policies and practices in school that encourage successful implementation of healthy school meals, ensure drinking water is accessible, and allow time for physical activity.	DPH-Nutrition and Physical Activity	Yes
	DPH-Community Health Services, SPA 3/4	Yes
Support the adoption of policies and practices that limit children's exposure to unhealthy food and beverage marketing within childcare, school, and community settings, including retailers and convenience stores.	DPH-Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, Various Programs	Yes
Promote improved nutrition and physical activity policies and practices in licensed preschools, childcare centers and family day care.	DPH-Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health	Yes
Support policies that require or encourage hospitals to adopt "Baby Friendly" practices in order to increase the percentage of infants who are breastfed exclusively for the first 6 months of life.	DPH-Community Health Services, SPA 1/2	Yes
	DPH-Community Health Services, SPA 3/4	Yes
	DPH-Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health	Yes
<i>Increase access to opportunities for physical activity</i>		
Develop "joint-use" agreements that allow community use of school playgrounds after school hours and expanded use of city-owned recreational facilities (e.g., students' use of city pools); prioritize neighborhoods with high obesity rates.	DPH-Nutrition and Physical Activity, Choose Health LA, Cardiovascular School Health	Yes
<i>Reduce smoking and exposure to second hand smoke</i>		
Encourage policies to create tobacco-free environments in multi-unit housing, outdoor dining patios, and parks.	DPH-Tobacco Control and Prevention Program	Yes
Encourage local jurisdictions to implement strong Tobacco Retail License programs and to reduce youth access to tobacco products, including nicotine delivery devices (e.g., electronic cigarettes, cigars, and hookahs).	DPH-Tobacco Control and Prevention Program	Yes
	DPH-Community Health Services, SPA 3/4	Yes
GOAL 1.2 Increase Access to Care (medical, clinical preventive services, mental health, dental)		
<i>Increase access to medical care, including clinical preventive services</i>		
Continue targeted outreach, enrollment, and retention efforts to increase access to health care coverage, particularly among communities of color and immigrant populations, where the disparities in both access to care and health care coverage are greatest.	DHS-Managed Care Services	Yes
	DPH-Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health	Yes
	DPH-Office of Women's Health	Yes
Reduce barriers to access to care by providing language interpretation, transportation, and other supportive services.	DPH-Community Health Services, SPA 5/6	Yes
Develop solutions that address the health care needs of people who do not qualify for low-cost or no-cost health insurance, including but not limited to undocumented individuals.	DHS-Specialty Care Initiative	Yes
	DPH-Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health	Yes

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Provide education to people recently enrolled in health insurance on the patient-centered medical home concept and access to clinical preventive services with no additional cost.	DPH-Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health	Yes
	DPH-Office of Women's Health	Yes
<i>Increase access to mental health care</i>		
Train health care providers and other interested community groups to identify mental health needs and refer patients to community-based mental health services.	DMH-Training Division	Yes
Develop models of co-location and integrated services between primary care and mental health providers.	DPH-Community Health Services, SPA 1/2	Yes
	DMH-Office of Integrated Care/Directly Operated Programs	Yes
Educate schools and youth development organizations about mental health, including suicide prevention.	DMH-Training Division	Yes
Strengthen referral networks among physical health, mental health, and substance abuse providers; support the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Health Neighborhoods initiative to coordinate service delivery among DMH, DPH and the Department of Health Services (DHS), as well as community-based providers.	DMH-Office of Integrated Care	Yes
Support prevention, screening and treatment of perinatal depression by raising awareness of the needs of women suffering from perinatal mood disorders, training health professionals and other care providers, and advocate for policies on a county and statewide level.	DMH-Office of Integrated Care	Yes
	DPH-Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health	Yes
Encourage the practice of regular physical activity to prevent or limit depression and anxiety.	DMH-Directly-Operated Programs	Yes
<i>Increase access to dental care</i>		
Advocate for the expansion of Denti-Cal's provider network including addressing low reimbursement rates and developing incentives for more community clinics to be able to offer dental services.	DPH-Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health	Yes
	DPH-Oral Health Program	Yes
PRIORITY AREA 2: CREATE HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES		
GOAL 2.1: Prevent and Reduce Violence		
Coordinate with local police departments, County and community stakeholders to implement a comprehensive place-based violence reduction strategy. <u>NOTE REVISION:</u> Develop and implement a Trauma Prevention Initiative that improves surveillance of violence and trauma, increases community and agency collaboration, and partners with trauma centers, county departments and community stakeholders to reduce violence related trauma injuries and deaths in communities disproportionately impacted by trauma.	DPH-Injury and Violence Prevention Program	Yes
	DPH-Community Health Services, SPA 7/8	Yes
Goal 2.2: Prevent and reduce traffic collisions		
Adopt and implement transportation policies and practices at the local level (e.g. bicycle and pedestrian master plans, Safe Routes to School initiatives) that promote safe and convenient access to community destinations for people of all ages, whether walking, driving, bicycling, or taking public transportation.	DPH-Policies for Livable and Active Communities and Environments (PLACE) Program	Yes
Implement policies and programs that aim to reduce the number of deaths and severe injuries resulting from traffic collisions (e.g. Vision Zero policies that work to eliminate all traffic deaths, traffic calming measures that slow motorist speeds on busy streets, protected bicycle lanes, and adequate signal timing to allow people walking to safely cross intersections).	DPH-PLACE Program	Yes
Goal 2.3: Reduce Exposure to Air Pollution		
<i>Reduce Toxic Emissions</i>		
Identify and target communities highly burdened by air pollution and toxic emissions in order to reduce cumulative pollution burden.	DPH-Environmental Health	Yes
Promote policies that reduce emissions of pollutants from stationary and mobile sources such as industrial facilities, cars, trucks, trains, and ships, including from the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.	DPH-Environmental Health	Yes
	DPH-Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health	Yes
Encourage active monitoring and enforcement of air quality standards to protect public health. Bring industrial facilities into compliance with toxic emissions regulations.	DPH-Environmental Health	Yes
Collaborate across sectors on policies and programs to reduce air pollution.	DPH-Environmental Health	Yes

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<i>Design communities that reduce exposure to air pollution</i>		
Encourage local jurisdictions to design healthy and sustainable communities, including transportation and land use systems that make it easier to walk, bicycle, and use public transportation to meet every day needs. Promote policies that encourage carpooling, using public transportation, telecommuting, and walking and biking.	DPH–Environmental Health	Yes
Encourage jurisdictions to consider proximity to major sources of air pollution as part of land use planning, for example to consider siting new housing, schools and other sensitive land uses away from sources of pollution.	DPH–Environmental Health	Yes
Collaborate across sectors to support policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect the public from the repercussions of climate change.	DPH-PLACE Program	Yes
	DPH–Environmental Health	Yes
Goal 2.4: Reduce Transmission of Infectious Diseases <i>Reduce the rate of new gonorrhea & HIV cases</i>		
Promote and encourage HIV/STD education, condom use, abstinence, and HIV/STD testing and treatment for patients and their partner(s).	DPH-Division of HIV and STD Programs	Yes
	DPH-Community Health Services, SPA 7/8	Yes
Promote partner notification of exposure, partner testing and treatment and prevention/risk reduction counseling.	DPH-Division of HIV and STD Programs	No: Dramatic increases in sexually transmitted diseases have been reported across the nation. DPH is employing new methods to address this increase including a HIV/STD priority-setting process to identify the most urgent cases to investigate and which people are most in need of case management support.
Increase linkage to, re-engagement in and retention in HIV care by providing medical care coordination and linkage services to HIV positive persons who are not, or not consistently, in medical care.	DPH-Division of HIV and STD Programs	Yes
Expand access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) by increasing availability in both public and private clinics by 2020, and providing consumer and provider education. PrEP is medication that people take before they are exposed to HIV to help prevent infection, if they are at risk of exposure.	DPH-Division of HIV and STD Programs	Yes
<i>Reduce the rate of new tuberculosis (TB) cases</i>		
Provide education and training to public and private medical providers on best practices in TB case detection, screening / evaluation, diagnostics and treatment.	DPH-Tuberculosis Control Program	Yes
Improve TB infection treatment completion in high-risk populations (homeless, foreign-born, HIV, diabetes, substance abuse, smokers).	DPH-Tuberculosis Control Program	Yes
<i>Increase the number of kindergarteners who receive all vaccines required for school entry</i>		
Track immunization status of students, encourage adherence to school immunization mandates, and follow-up to ensure that students receive missing vaccine or are excluded from attendance, if needed.	DPH-Vaccine Preventable Disease Program	Yes
Broaden educational efforts for parents about the importance of following the CDC's childhood immunization schedule and the consequences of skipping or delaying recommended vaccine doses.	DPH-Vaccine Preventable Disease Program	Yes
Promote provider use of evidence-based strategies for increasing immunization rates, including reporting all vaccines given to both children and adults in the California Immunization Registry.	DPH-Vaccine Preventable Disease Program	Yes

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Goal 2.5: Prepare for Emerging Infections and Other Threats to Public Health		
Conduct “whole community” planning to engage all sectors of the community (business, community organizations, educational, healthcare, and government) in developing plans that save lives, meet human needs, restore essential services and community functionality, protect the environment, and transition to recovery.	DPH-Emergency Preparedness and Response Division	Yes
Conduct hazard-specific exercises with “whole of community” partners to ensure stakeholders know and can perform their roles in an actual emergency.	DPH-Emergency Preparedness and Response Division	Yes
PRIORITY AREA 3: ACHIEVE EQUITY AND COMMUNITY STABILITY		
Goal 3.1: Increase the Availability of Safe, Quality, Affordable Housing		
<i>Increase the availability of affordable housing</i>		
Support plans and policies in Los Angeles County jurisdictions that expand the supply of affordable housing for low-income families and individuals, and protect existing affordable housing that is at risk of conversion to unaffordable market-rate housing.	DPH-Chief of Staff Special Projects Unit	Yes
Develop data-driven analyses (i.e., Health Impact Assessments) on the potential impact of housing policies on public health and the availability of affordable, safe, quality housing for low-income community members.	DPH-Community Health Services, SPA 5/6	Yes
<i>Prevent displacement and homelessness</i>		
Expand efforts to increase access to permanent housing with supportive services for homeless individuals and families to help them maintain stability and self-sufficiency	DPH-Chief of Staff Special Projects Unit	Yes
	DHS-Housing for Health’s County+City+Community (C3) Initiative	Yes
<i>Improve the quality of housing</i>		
Implement new approaches to inspect multi-family properties to increase access to units for inspection and for educational or community outreach to tenants; to detect code violations; to enforce needed remediation; and to educate landlords on low toxic treatments for vermin control, such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM). <u>NOTE REVISION:</u> Educational material under development to be handed out during compliance hearings (to landlords re IPM)	DPH–Environmental Health	Yes
Develop and implement a plan, in partnership with community organizations, local cities, and other County Departments, to remove or remediate lead paint from homes built before 1978 across Los Angeles County. <u>NOTE REVISION:</u> Develop and implement a plan, in partnership with community organizations, local cities, and other County Departments, to identify, reduce and eliminate lead hazards on the buildings that were built before 1978 across Los Angeles County.	DPH-Environmental Health (w/ DPH-Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health)	Yes
Educate community members on tenants’ rights and legal resources to address poor housing conditions.	DPH–Environmental Health	Yes
Goal 3.2: Increase the Number of Youth Who Graduate High School and Pursue Higher Education		
Support local initiatives to increase high school graduation rates, prioritizing low-performing schools with high rates of students eligible for free and reduce lunch and foster care youth.	DPH-Community Health Services, SPA 5/6	Yes
Goal 3.3: Prevent and Treat Substance Abuse		
Support prevention efforts to increase community awareness and educate youth and adults about the dangers of sharing prescription drugs with other people, securing their prescription medications, proper procedures for the safe disposal of unused medications, unintentional poisoning and drug overdoses, and about the 24-hour helpline number for the California Poison Control System.	DPH-Substance Abuse Prevention and Control	Yes
Support efforts to increase the availability and use of extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs also known as medication take-back programs, in order to reduce the availability of unused and expired prescription drugs in the community.	DPH-Substance Abuse Prevention and Control	Yes
Enhance access to high quality substance abuse treatment including medication-assisted treatments to decrease the burden of addiction and promote resiliency and recovery.	DPH-Substance Abuse Prevention and Control	Yes
Promote the utilization of prescription drug monitoring programs, such as the California Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)/Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES), to monitor the prescribing and dispensing of controlled prescription drugs to patients, and to help safeguard against overprescribing.	DPH-Substance Abuse Prevention and Control	Yes