ACCREDITATION UPDATE

HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL: QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

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HDHHS Official Responsibilities

- **Houston Code of Ordinance, Chapter 21, Article I, Section 21-2**
  
  - There is created a health and human services department. The officers and employees of that department are charged with the duty of enforcing all laws and ordinances related to health and such other duties as are now or may hereafter be placed upon them by the mayor, city council and by the ordinances and Charter of the city.

- **Role of City Council**
  
  - Consider, amend and approve or disapprove requests for public health ordinances, contracts, expenditures and budgets for HDHHS.
Accreditation

- National Voluntary Movement
  - Administered by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

- Opportunity to examine our function:
  - Provision of the 10 Essential Public Health Services
  - Documentation for continuous quality improvement

- Will influence federal funding
COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

- Health of Houston Survey 2010
  - UT School of Public Health
  - Assessed multiple segments of the population on health status, conditions, behaviors, insurance coverage, and access

- State of Health Houston/Harris County 2012
  - HDHHS/Harris County Health Care Alliance
  - 50 Topics covering trends, population differences, geographic distribution, economic impact, Healthy People 2020 and public health actions
Addresses issues identified in the community
- 7 primary health areas & 4 special initiatives

Monitors community’s progress towards addressing issue areas in Community Health Assessment (CHA)

Living document: actively monitored and updated regularly as data and strategies evolve
GOAL 3
INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTHY LIVING

3.1 INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND ENCOURAGE THE AVAILABILITY OF WHOLESMITH FOODS FOR ALL HOUSTONIANS

OBJECTIVE 3.1A
Develop a multi-sectoral initiative to increase access to physical activity opportunities for all Houstonians, focusing on underserved communities.

OBJECTIVE 3.1B
Implement a program to disseminate information on healthy eating and physical activity through community partnerships and social media.

3.2 REDUCE EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS, SUCH AS OZONE, ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY, SMOKING, AND LEAD

OBJECTIVE 3.2A
Conduct a comprehensive assessment of indoor air quality in underserved neighborhoods to identify areas with elevated levels of pollutants.

OBJECTIVE 3.2B
Develop and implement an educational program on the risks associated with environmental hazards and strategies for mitigation.

3.3 PROMOTE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

OBJECTIVE 3.3A
Establish a community-based mental health support network to provide access to counseling services for residents.

OBJECTIVE 3.3B
Develop and implement a program to promote social connection and reduce social isolation among older adults.
HDHHS STRATEGIC PLAN

GOAL 1: PROTECT THE COMMUNITY FROM DISEASE

GOAL 2: PREPARE FOR, RESPOND TO AND RECOVER FROM DISASTERS

GOAL 3: INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTHY LIVING

GOAL 4: GIVE CHILDREN A HEALTHY START

GOAL 5: ALIGN SERVICES WITH NATIONAL MANDATES AND STANDARDS

GOAL 6: DEMONSTRATE ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

GOAL 7: REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES
EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Business process improvements
- Enhanced collaboration on health improvement initiatives
- Increased community involvement
- Improved health outcomes