



Health Improvement Partnership Background and Information

Purpose and Role:

The *Orange County's Healthier Together* Health Improvement Partnership (HIP) is a collaborative of public and private entities working together to improve community health in Orange County. The Partnership will conduct the following activities to fulfill the vision of a healthy Orange County and an optimal public health system: 1) **Community Health Assessment:** The Partnership will support and steer Orange County's community health assessment process with facilitation and support from Orange County Health Care Agency, Public Health Services. 2) **Community Health Improvement Plan:** The Partnership will utilize data from community health assessments to periodically update a community health improvement plan including community health priorities, goals, objectives, and strategies to address priorities identified. 3) **Coordination and Collaboration:** The Partnership will facilitate the coordination and collaboration of community health planning and improvement activities in Orange County. These efforts will include fostering resource sharing and aligning resources to improve health in Orange County. 4) **Capacity Building:** The Partnership will act as a resource for the use of data and best practices in community health planning and improvement activities.

Membership Representation:

The Partnership is made up of individuals who are dedicated to community health planning and come from a variety of backgrounds. The Partnership will include representation from county-wide public sector entities including: Orange County Health Care Agency, Orange County Social Services Agency, Orange County Department of Education, CalOptima, Children and Families Commission of Orange County, and Orange County 211. The Partnership also seeks representatives with the following expertise or perspectives:

- Non-profit (community benefit) hospital
- Community based organizations
- Community health center
- Foundations or other funders of community health initiatives
- Healthcare provider or other affiliation
- Local business
- Local government
- Public safety
- Universities, colleges, and other research institutions
- Individuals, including community members, representing perspectives of populations identified as having health disparities through the community health assessment process. Examples include, but are not limited to, older adults, Latinos, women, persons with mental health conditions.
- Other at-large members involved in assessing and/or promoting community health

Member Responsibilities:

In order to complete these tasks, members have the following responsibilities:

1. Participate in at least half of scheduled meetings. Meetings will occur at least quarterly.
2. Commit to serving on at least one Partnership committee.
3. Communicate information about the activities of the Partnership to the community and partners



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Our Values

- **Equity** – *The health of all people, families, and communities is equally important.* The Partnership's membership, activities, and planning processes will be inclusive of the diverse communities in Orange County, especially those where data indicate disparities in health.
- **Comprehensive** – *Health includes physical, mental, spiritual, economic, environmental, and educational factors that contribute to it.* The Partnership's membership and planning processes will be inclusive of a broad range of perspectives representing the various factors that contribute to health.
- **Collaborative** – *Optimal health requires a partnership between many entities including residents, health providers, community-based organizations, schools, businesses, and government.* The Partnership will conduct its activities in a collaborative manner and actively engage community partners in working towards its shared vision and goals.
- **Multi-dimensional** – *Health must be understood at the individual, family, neighborhood, and county level.* The Partnership will ensure that planning processes consider the various dimensions of health including the social determinants of health in establishing health priorities and strategies.
- **Prevention and Health Promotion** – *Optimal health starts with the prevention of disease and injury, and is supported by access to high quality care and treatment.* The Partnership's planning process will promote use of strategies that prevent disease and promote health, and support access to quality health care and services.
- **Self Sufficiency** – *Health and wellness includes promotion of self-sufficiency and functional independence for those with disabilities and illness.* The Partnership's planning process will promote use of strategies showing evidence for supporting self sufficiency.

For more information, please review the *Health Improvement Partnership Governing Structure*.
Please request or submit applications to OCHIP@ochca.com.