

**Mendocino County
Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health
5-Year Needs Assessment
for June 2009**

Presentation to MCPHAB
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Federal Title V MCH Funds

- Provided to the State via Block Grant
- Primary source of federal support for improving health & well-being of mothers and children
- Requires comprehensive statewide needs assessment of Maternal & Child Health population every 5 years

Needs Assessment Framework

- Decentralize statewide needs assessment process by having each local jurisdiction conduct a needs assessment
- **Key Goals:**
 1. Build local jurisdiction needs assessment capacity
 2. Obtain extensive stakeholder input at the local level
 3. Identify “needs” and issues that would be missed by only analyzing state level information
 4. Focus local MCAH efforts by having each jurisdiction identify priority areas they will focus on during the next 5 years

Focus of Needs Assessment

2005-2009 Needs Assessment

1. Major focus was on identifying MCAH population needs and establishing priorities
2. Local Needs Assessment done June 2009
3. State Needs Assessment done June 2010
4. CA received federal recognition as model for other states, especially with inclusion of local stakeholders

Focus of Needs Assessment

2010-2014 Needs Assessment

1. Review & update MCAH needs and priorities
 - Community Health Profile
 - Community Resources Assessment
 - 27 Required Health Status Indicators
 - Other Health Status Indicators
 - Problems/Needs
 - Priorities

Focus of Needs Assessment

2010-2014 Needs Assessment (cont'd)

2. Major focus will be on assessing County & State MCAH “System” capacity to carry out the 10 Essential Public Health Services to the MCAH population
 - Identify gaps & ways to address the gaps
 - Identify areas of strength, including where we can maximize resources
 - Articulate to decision-makers the status of MCAH public health capacity

10 MCAH Essential Services

1. Assess and monitor maternal & child health status to identify and address problems

(Or “What’s going on in our community? Do we know how healthy women, children and adolescents are?”)

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2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards affecting women, children and youth

(Or “Are we ready to respond to health problems or threats? How quickly do we find out about problems? How effective is our response?”)

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3. Inform and educate the public and families about maternal and child health
(Or “How well do we keep all people informed about maternal and child health issues?”)

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4. Mobilize community partnerships between policymakers, health care providers, families, the general public and others to identify and solve maternal and child health problems

(Or “How well do we really get people and organizations engaged in health issues?”)

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5. Provide leadership for priority-setting, planning, and policy development to support community efforts to assure the health of women, children, youth and their families

(Or “What policies promote maternal and child health in Mendocino County & California? How effective are we in planning and in setting health policies?”)

10 MCAH Essential Services

6. Promote and enforce legal requirements that protect the health and safety of women, children and youth and ensure public accountability for their well-being
(Or “When we enforce health regulations are we up-to-date, technically competent, fair and effective? Does the public view MCAH as a community priority?”)

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7. Link women, children and youth to health and other community and family services, and assure access to comprehensive care

(Or “Are women, children and youth receiving the health care they need?”)

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8. Assure the capacity and competency of the public health and personal health workforce to effectively address maternal and child health

(Or “Do we have a competent public health staff? How can we be sure that our staff stays current?”)

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9. Evaluate the effectiveness, accessibility and quality of person health and population-based maternal and child health services

(Or “Are we doing any good? Are we doing things right? Are we doing the right things?”)

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10. Support research and demonstrations to gain new insights and innovative solutions to maternal and child health-related problems

(Or “Are we discovering and using new ways to get the job done?”)

So How Can You Help?

- In the coming months, our internal Planning Team will develop a process for doing our local MCAH Needs Assessment.
- There will be opportunities for community partners & stakeholders to participate in this process.
- We anticipate from 1-3 days of time from participants over the next 7-8 months.
- Let me know if you would be interested in participating or would like more information.

Thank you !

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