Are We There Yet -- How Will We Know If Health Care Reform Is Working?  
Community Health Needs Assessment, OSHPD Data, and the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Wednesday, July 17, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ANNOTATED AGENDA

10:00 a.m.  Welcome and Introduction  
Carmen Nevarez, MD, MPH  
Vice President for External Relations  
Public Health Institute

10:10 a.m.  Elements of an Effective Community Health Needs Assessment — Moving from Compliance to Transformation  
Kevin Barnett, DrPH, MCP  
Senior Investigator  
Public Health Institute

The ACA requires that non-profit hospitals conduct a community health needs assessment (CHNA) every three years and adopt an implementation strategy to meet the needs identified through the assessment. This presentation will describe the CHNA conceptual model for the key elements of a needs assessment process including geographic parameters; data collection and interpretation; identification, prioritization, selection of health needs; and the development of an implementation strategy. The discussion will also include reasons for doing an assessment (beyond the ACA), where to begin, key stakeholders, effective processes and practices, guidelines and checklists, and references. Strategic opportunities for the use of these assessments to advance ACA-related development will also be discussed.

10:30 a.m.  OSHPD’s Hospital Community Benefit Planning Program  
Ron Spingarn  
Deputy Director  
Healthcare Information Division  
CA Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD)

Prior to the enactment of the ACA, California non-profit hospitals (since 1994) have been statutorily required to conduct community health needs assessment every three years and submit annual hospital community benefit plans to OSHPD. The statute
provides general guidelines for these processes and has allowed hospitals considerable flexibility in how they meet the unique needs of their local communities. This presentation will describe the key elements of the California hospital community benefit program; how these efforts compare with ACA requirements; and OSHPD data sources that can support the needs assessment process.

10:45 a.m.  **Key Data Sources for Community Health Needs Assessments**

Amy Neuwelt, MPH  
Public Health Prevention Service Fellow  
Public Health Institute

Demographic, health status, health care, and other types of data play an essential role in supporting the community health needs assessment process. There are a variety of national, state, and local sources for primary and secondary data that are available to support these efforts in California (including OSHPD), and more recently, a number of new websites have been developed to help communities broker these datasets in ways that are more user-friendly, particularly for those who do not have access to highly technical analytical tools and expertise. This presentation will provide an inventory and general description of some of the key data sources and resources; show how communities can access them; and walk the audience through a data analysis website tool.

11:00 a.m.  **San Francisco Community Health Improvement Plan and Process**

Tomás Aragón, MD, DrPH  
Health Officer, City & County of San Francisco  
San Francisco Department of Public Health

In coordination with nonprofit hospitals and academic partners as well as the broader community, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) has built on the success of the 14-month community health needs assessment effort to create a community-driven, transparent health improvement plan for San Francisco aligned with community values. This presentation will describe the process, key data sources, the role of community partners (including local hospitals who report community benefits to OSHPD), challenges encountered, and lessons learned by SFDPH in integrating the findings of its assessment into a prioritized list of goals and objectives designed to improve population health for San Francisco.

11:15 a.m.  **Questions and Answers**

11:30 a.m.  **Adjourn**