Healthy Communities Institute
A Tool for Population Health & Community Health Needs Assessments
Why do clients use the HCI Systems?

• Planning/Decision Support Tool
• Standards Tool: Federal IRS 990, Health Care Reform, MAPP, Healthy People 2020, CHIP, SHIP
• Communications Tool
• Evaluation Tool
• Quality Improvement Tool
• Partnership-building/Alignment Tool: inter- and intra-organizationally
Increase appropriate utilization
Reduce readmission rates
Contain or reduce costs of care
Improve access to care
Reduce mortality rate
Improve continuum of care
Continuous Health Improvement:
Effectively Moving from Data to Action

HCI System: 4 Pillars

- **Evaluation & Tracking**
  - HP 2020 trackers
  - Local Priority trackers
  - Comparative and longitudinal evaluation

- **Local Community Data**
  - 100 – 200 indicators
  - Constantly updates
  - Data Visualization

- **Collaboration Centers**
  - Form working groups
  - Set local goals
  - Manage objectives

- **Implementation Strategies**
  - Database >2000 Promising Practices
  - Programs & Policies
  - Evidence-based
A complete picture of community health status through 100+ outcome and determinant of health data collection and synthesis, including health behavior, environment, and socio-economic factors.
Improve implementation efficiency through GIS mapping allowing better use and coordination of community health resources and defining of health priorities.
Close the gap by understanding key disparities in cross-sections of the population to identify discrepancies in the incidence rates or in care provided.
Understand pathways of health and disease through tools that analyze causes, contributors, and response to health problems.
Determine effective courses of action to improve or sustain health status by borrowing from more than 2100 best practice programs and policies.
Establish benchmarks and measure performance to explicitly demonstrate value and accountability in improving health status over time.
Some examples of already active HCI sites.

PORH can be found at; www.porh.psu/porh/population-health

Kansas
http://www.kansashealthmatters.org/

Arizona
http://www.arizonahealthmatters.org/

Hawaii
http://www.hawaiihealthmatters.org/

Rhode Island
http://www.rihealthcarematters.org/

Delaware
http://www.delawarehealthtracker.com/

Wyoming
http://www.wyominghealthmatters.org/index.php

New York – North Country
http://www.ncnyhealthcompass.org/index.php

Virginia – Hampton Roads
http://www.ghrconnects.org/

Colorado - Boulder
http://www.bouldercountyhealthcompass.org/

Georgia - Coastal
http://www.coastalgaindicators.org/

Missouri - SW
www.swmocounts.org

Oregon
http://www.healthyklamath.org/