

Appendix 4.2

State and National Capacity Assessment Resources

Colorado Resources

[Colorado Core Public Health Services](#)

Effective November 30, 2011, the Colorado Board of Health's core public health services were placed into rule in compliance with the Public Health Act of 2008 to assure the prevention of injury, disease, and premature mortality; promotion of health; and response to public and environmental health needs and emergencies. As a result, each local public health agency in Colorado is required to provide or assure the following core public health services: Assessment, Planning, and Communication, Vital Records and Statistics, Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation, and Control, Prevention and Population Health Promotion, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Environmental Health, and Administration and Governance.

[Colorado's 10 Winnable Battles](#) (2012)

Colorado's Winnable Battles are key public health and environmental issues in which significant progress is estimated to be made in the next three years. These 10 Winnable Battles were identified because they provide Colorado's greatest opportunities for ensuring the health of our citizens and visitors and the improvement and protection of our environment. Many of Colorado's Winnable Battles align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Winnable Battles or are consistent with the Seven Priorities for EPA's Future, while others reflect Colorado's own unique priorities. These broad topic areas can be customized by counties and cities based on local priorities and authorities, or by agencies and other organizations whose missions overlap. After assessing capacity to perform or assure core public health services, some communities may elect to assess capacity within a specific focus area or "winnable battle."

Colorado's 10 Winnable Battles include:

Clean Air	Obesity
Clean Water	Oral Health
Infectious Disease Prevention	Safe Food
Injury Prevention	Tobacco
Mental Health and Substance Abuse	Unintended Pregnancy

National Resources

[Healthy People 2020 Objectives](#)

Healthy People 2020 provides science-based, 10-year national objectives for improving the health of all Americans. Healthy People offers established benchmarks and monitored progress over time in order to encourage collaborations across sectors, guide individuals toward making informed health decisions, and measure the impact of prevention activities. HP 2020 objectives can offer specific and measurable benchmarks against which to measure your capacity.

[Making Strategic Decisions about Service Delivery: An Action Tool for Assessment and Transitioning](#)

Developed by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO), this workbook serves as a guide for local public health agencies as they make strategic decisions about the provision of clinical services.

[National Public Health Performance Standards \(NPHPS\)](#)

The NPHPS's Local Public Health System Performance Assessment Instrument analyzes the public health system in terms of how well it is meeting standards developed around the nationally-recognized 10 Essential Services. NPHPS is recommended by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) in their community health strategic planning process, [Mobilizing Action through Planning and Partnerships](#) (MAPP). The NPHPS is a large process that assesses the entire public health system including activities, competencies and capacities. It requires commitment of time and resources by local public health agencies. Following a system-wide engagement process, local data is submitted online to the NPHPS, where it is analyzed, scored, and generated into a summary report that is provided back to the submitting agency.

[Environmental Public Health Assessment Instrument](#)

Developed in cooperation with the NPHPS Program, this self-assessment tool can be used at the program, department, or system level to assess capacity related to provision of the [10 Essential Environmental Public Health Services](#).

Performance Management for State and Local Government

The National Performance Management Advisory Commission released [A Performance Management Framework for State and Local Government: from Measurement and Reporting to Management and Improving](#). Visit this report for information applying performance management principles to improve organizational results. Related tools include the Turning Point Performance Management National Excellence Collaborative's [Performance Management Self-Assessment Tool](#) and [From Silos to Systems: Using Performance Management to Improve the Public's Health](#).

Program Sustainability

For communities wishing to employ a sustainability plan as part of their action steps to address long term system or agency capacity, The Center for Training and Research Translation has prepared the [Program Sustainability Plan Template 2011](#). The template provides a framework for sustainability planning within priority-focused domains, and emphasizes decision-making based on the key sustainability elements of political support, funding stability, partnerships, organizational capacity, program evaluation, program evaluation, program adaptation, communications and strategic planning.