



Bela T. Matyas, MD, MPH
Public Health Officer/Deputy Director

Dear Public Health Partner:

Solano County Public Health is in the beginning stages of completing a Community Health Assessment (CHA) in preparation for public health accreditation. The community health assessment is an invaluable component of public health and provides essential information needed by Solano Public Health for problem and asset identification, policy formation, and implementation and assurance functions. Further, the CHA is the foundation on which a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) will be built.

At Solano Public Health, we believe a successful CHA is a community-driven and interactive process, facilitated by our county's public health leaders. This is why we have chosen to use the Mobilizing for Action Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process to develop Solano County's CHA. MAPP is a well-established process, created by the National Association of County & City Health Officials, which has been used by hundreds of counties to conduct community health assessments.

Solano Public Health is now forming a steering committee to guide the MAPP process and assure its success. We hope the steering committee will be a broad group representative of the many sectors of our community. *We would like you to consider being part of the steering committee.* As a leader and public health advocate in the local public health system, your involvement will provide invaluable insight into developing a plan for gaining broad community participation.

The attached document outlines the role and responsibilities of the MAPP steering committee for each phase of the process. Your contribution to the MAPP process will play an integral role in identifying the health needs of Solano County residents. With your collaboration, goals and strategies will be formulated to address the needs of these residents.

Furthermore, the Accreditation process outlines 12 Domains, which are groups of standards that pertain to a broad group of public health services. The first ten domains address the ten Essential Public Health Services. Domain 11 addresses management and administration, and Domain 12 addresses governance. Steering committee members will also be designated as Domain Champions, who play a critical role in assisting with the Accreditation process.

The CHA is an essential instrument if we are to deliver the high quality services that our county's residents deserve. We truly hope that you consider this opportunity to contribute to our county's health and well-being. If you will be attending our February 23, 2015 steering committee meeting, please RSVP to Amber Siddle-Manas at HealthySolano@SolanoCounty.com by February 9, 2015. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bela T. Matyas, MD, MPH
Solano County Health & Social Services Department
Public Health Division

Enclosures: MAPP Phases and Roles of the Steering Committee
12 Domains of Public Health Accreditation
Healthy Solano Steering Committee Invite List

275 Beck Avenue, P.O. Box 4090, MS 5-240, Fairfield, CA 94533-6804, tel 707 784 8600, fax 707 421 6618

