

February 3, 2015

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 documents outline the role and responsibilities of the MAPP steering committee for each phase of the process, and detail the 12 Accreditation Domains, which are groups of standards that pertain to a broad group of health services. 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.

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](mailto:HealthySolano@SolanoCounty.com) by February 13, 2015. **The meeting will be held at the County Administration Center in room #1600, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm, on February 23, 2015.** Thank you.

Sincerely,



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

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