

**Survey Response Summary**  
**6/8/2012**

**Question 1:** Local health departments are required to include a minimum of two Healthy North Carolina 2020 objectives from different focus areas in their community health assessment action plans. Based on those focus areas, please rank your local health department's top 5 priorities.

HNC 2020 Objective	Number of LHDs that identified objective as a top 5 priority.	Mean Rank
<b>Physical Activity and Nutrition</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2.05</b>
<b>Chronic Disease (eg, diabetes, CVD, cancer)</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2.78</b>
<b>Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Unintended Pregnancy</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3.11</b>
<b>Tobacco Use</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2.69</b>
<b>Maternal and Infant Health</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>Social Determinants of Health</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Mental Health	14	3.64
Infectious Disease and Foodborne Illness	11	3.36
Oral Health	11	3.91
Environmental Health	8	3.88
Cross-cutting (eg, average life expectancy, percentage of adults reporting good, very good, or excellent health)	3	5
Injury and Violence	3	2.67

**Question 2:** What would you say are the 3 BIGGEST BARRIERS IN YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT to implementing EBS to improve population health?

Answer	Number of LHDs that identified barrier as one of their 3 biggest barriers.	%
<b>Limited financial resources</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>Lack of knowledge and skills about how to test and adapt EBSs or approaches so they work in your setting</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Availability of ongoing staff training to ensure EBS can be implemented appropriately/as intended</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Time required to learn about how to implement a particular EBS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Lack of technical assistance or guidance on how to implement a particular EBS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Lack of awareness of existing EBSs or approaches</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21%</b>
Time required to search for EBSs	12	18%
Inability to garner support of staff, LHD Board,	10	15%

county commissioners, or community partners to agree that using EBS is necessary		
Lack of adequate information about the resources needed to successfully implement a particular EBS	8	12%
Lack of knowledge regarding how to select the best EBS for your particular needs if there are several options	7	11%
Lack of understanding of how to identify EBS	5	8%
Other, please specify	-Too much money going to the state for overhead -Access to qualified staff/Lack of Staff -Lack of access to professional journals which weakens the ability to maintain an evidence-based practice that utilizes the most current research -Lack of EBS for priority area -EBS requires community wide participation	

**Question 3:** About how many public health staff in your health department ARE AWARE of evidence-based strategies in public health?

Answer	Response	%
0	0	0%
1-25%	27	41%
26-50%	18	27%
51-75%	7	11%
76-100%	11	17%
Not Sure	3	5%

**Question 4:** On a scale of 1 to 10, to what extent would you say that programs and policies CURRENTLY implemented by your health department staff are based on EBS?

Answer	Response
1 None	0
2	2
3	5
4	9
5	11
6	14
7	11
8	10
9	3
10 All programs/policies use EBS	1

**Question 5:** Which program area in your health department needs the most assistance implementing EBSs? Please select the top 3.

Answer	Response	%
<b>Promotion of healthy lifestyles (including health education about nutrition, physical activity, use of tobacco products)</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Chronic disease education and management (including diabetes, asthma, cardiovascular diseases, other)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Child health services (including immunizations, newborn home visits, well child care, CC4C, school nursing)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Prenatal and postpartum care (including pregnancy care management)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Communicable disease (including testing, treatment, and investigation of STD, HIV/AIDs, TB)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27%</b>
Environmental health (including restaurant, wells, pool inspections)	15	23%
Surveillance (including data analysis of DETECT, Controlled Substance Reporting System, NC EDSS)	11	17%
Animal control	9	14%
Nutrition services (including WIC)	7	11%
Oral health (including fluoride applications, school-based oral health services, dental treatment for children or adults)	6	9%
Other, please specify:	-Family planning/preconception health care (x2) -Substance Abuse - PH Preparedness	

**Question 6:** Are you aware of, and does your staff use any of the following websites of EBSs to accomplish the Healthy NC 2020 objectives or Community Health Assessment action plans?

Resource	Aware and use it	Aware but don't use it	Not aware	Would like to learn more about it
Guide to Community Preventive Services (CDC)	44	11	5	9
US Preventive Services Task Force (CDC)	30	12	16	10

National registry of Evidence Based Programs and Practices (NREP, SAMHSA)	18	13	27	17
Knowing What Works in Health Care (RWJF)	20	15	23	13
Center for Training and Research Translation (UNC-CH)	17	20	23	14
Best Evidence Encyclopedia (Johns Hopkins)	4	7	46	24
Blueprint for Violence Prevention (University of Colorado)	3	9	47	16
Child Trends that Work (National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education)	9	16	34	18
Promising Practices Network (RAND)	10	13	35	17
Social Programs that Work (Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy)	4	7	44	21
Other:	The Cochran Library NACCHO Toolbox NC Eat Smart, Move More Community Care Case Management We are happy to learn more about other options but there is not enough time to do all the research and the daily activities or work too.			

**Question 7:** What are the most important types of assistance DPH or other organizations could provide to your health department to help you implement EBS? Please select the top three:

Answer	Response	%
<b>Help with grant writing to obtain funding to implement EBS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Staff training to improve knowledge and skills</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>Good examples of successful EBS implementation</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Strategies and data to help you demonstrate the impact of EBS in your community</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>33%</b>
Assistance selecting community appropriate EBS	18	27%
Easy access to information about potential funding sources	17	26%
Assistance with implementation	15	23%
Creation of a peer support network with other NC health departments implementing similar strategies	13	20%
Evaluation assistance	10	15%
Help recruiting and retaining qualified staff	10	15%
Assistance with communicating the importance of implementing EBS to staff, local health department board, county commissioners, or other community partners	6	9%
Other, please specify:	Unlimited access to peer review journals and articles Funding/Ongoing Funding	

**Question 8:** Do you partner with any of the following entities in your community (or surrounding communities) in identifying, implementing, or evaluating the implementation of evidence based strategies? Check all that apply.

Entity	Identifying EBS	Implementing EBS	Evaluating EBS	Do Not Work with Organization to identify, implement or evaluate EBS
Other local health departments	47	33	20	7
Division of Public Health	43	46	27	2
Division of MHDDSAS	10	4	3	39
Universities/colleges	33	26	23	18
AHECS	31	19	14	20

Community based organizations	34	28	17	14
Hospitals	33	30	15	16
Funders	28	34	23	14
Businesses	14	15	7	30
Municipal planning departments	22	14	9	29
Local educational authorities (LEA)	33	31	23	15
Local Management Entities (LME)	22	21	11	25
Local Departments of Social Services (DSS)	27	19	12	21
Other:	1	2	0	1

**Question 9:** Population Size

Population Size	Response
<50,000	22
50,000-100,000	18
100,000-25,000	19
250,000+	7

**Question 10:** Does your department cover one or multiple counties?

Answer	Response
Single County	59
Multiple Counties	7

**Question 11:** Does your health department/district cover Tier 1 counties?

Answer	Response
Yes	29
No	33