

PENDER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Title: Community Involvement
Pender County Board of Health

Department: Board of Health

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Background and Purpose: To have a procedure that assures community input and public participation in the development of goals, objectives and strategies for the Community Health Assessment and used to develop the agency's Strategic Plan.

Scope: When developing strategies to improve the public health and safety of Pender County, it is the policy of The Pender County Board of Health to involve community members in developing its comprehensive quadrennial Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Strategic Plan.

Procedure:

1. The Pender County Board of Health relies on the community to provide input into the development and dissemination of public health data in Pender County.
2. During the course of the quadrennial Community Health Assessment, Pender County Health Department will solicit the assistance of community partners and citizens to identify needs in all areas of community health to be addressed appropriately for the betterment of Pender County's health.
3. The CHA and the SOTCH report will be used to develop the agency's strategic plan. The plan will be updated annually and include:
 - 1) A review and analysis of factors influencing the health department's ability to improve the community's health
 - 2) Local health status data and information to set goals and objectives
 - 3) Community input where applicable
 - 4) Desired outcomes for each element
 - 5) Priorities for the agency
 - 6) Community collaborations to implement activities