CHA-CHIP-SOTCH CYCLE

BASED UPON NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT (LHD) ACCREDITATION CRITERIA & NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONSOLIDATED AGREEMENT
Four Year Cycle
Timeline

- The CHA is ideally a continuous, collaborative, community process.
- During the “CHA year” LHDs gather primary and secondary data for analysis.
- Health priorities are identified by the community using an iterative process.
- In NC, LHDs must submit a CHA report every 4 years.
- CHAs are submitted to NC DPH by first Monday in March following the year of assessment.

Example: A 2018 assessment is conducted during calendar year 2018 and submitted to DPH by March 2019.
Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Timeline

- CHIPs are derived from the priorities identified in the CHA.
- Each CHIP must relate to one or more HNC 2030 Indicators.
- CHIPs are written using results-based accountability language.
- Visualization of data and the story behind the data is strongly encouraged.
- CHIPs are submitted to NC DPH within six months of CHA submission, or first week in September.

Example: CHIPs should be submitted no later than first week in September if a 2018 CHA was submitted in March 2019.
Timeline

- Report progress on performance measures identified in CHIPs.
- Review changes, if any, to morbidity and mortality data since the last CHA or SOTCH.
- Report on emerging issues and new initiatives that impact health.
- Submit to NC DPH by first Monday in March every year (unless submitting a CHA).

Example: A 2018 assessment is conducted during calendar year 2018 and submitted to DPH by March 2019. The next SOTCH is due in March 2020 based upon the CHIPs submitted by September 2019.
Three Year Cycle

If working with a charitable health care system/hospital, the LHD may opt to conduct assessment every three years.

Timeline still applies, but cycle occurs every 3 years instead of every 4 years.
Exceptions

EXCEPTIONS TO THE DATES FOR SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS TO THE STATE SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING BEFORE THE ACTUAL DUE DATE.

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