

Greetings Steering Members!

Hello all and happy fall! As we continue the process of community health improvement, it will require us to identify and engage community partners and members in Vital Signs' collective efforts. The implementation of the Community Transformation Plan can only achieve its purpose if it is community-driven and owned. This includes organizations that service community needs, contribute to the health and well-being of the community, and represent populations who are disproportionately affected by conditions that contribute to poorer health outcomes.

### **Preparation for the Steering Meeting:**

At the next meeting, you will participate in a brief brainstorming activity to **identify community stakeholders, partners, and members** that we need to include and build relationships and alliances for advancing our health improvement efforts. The names you share at the meeting will be compiled and used for recruiting community members to the action planning and implementation of the Community Transformation Plan.

### **OUR ASK:**

- Please identify community stakeholders, partners, and members who need to be involved to make progress on the priority health issues and share them at the **September 26<sup>th</sup>** Steering meeting.
- To help guide you, please reference the criteria below for identifying who we need to include.

### **Questions to Consider:**

- **Who is the highest priority for us to engage around our priority health issues?** Behavioral Health, Chronic Disease, and Injury and Violence?
- **Whom do the issues affect the most?**
- **Who may have an impact on the priority issue** -*whether positive or negative?*
- **Who represents communities that are impacted by the issues and health inequities?**
- **Who is currently addressing work/interventions related to the issue?**

### **Organizations to Consider:**

- **Other public health entities** -public health institutes, military installations health departments, university public health departments
- **Community Organizations** that serve communities that suffer high health risks, health inequities, etc.
- **Governmental Agencies** -e.g., education, transportation, community development
- **City/Towns** -representatives
- **Not-for-Profits Groups** -Advocacy organizations, associations, or groups related to the health priorities
- **Housing** -those that serve the unhoused
- **Indigenous People/tribal members and communities**
- **That represents populations impacted by the Priority Issues** -child care providers or early childhood education
- **Recreation Organizations**
- **Faith-based**
- **Businesses**
- **Behavioral Health/Mental Health organizations or groups** that provide SUD treatment or harm reduction services.
- **Populations impacted by the Priority Issue**