

Chapter 2

TRIBAL COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT APPROACH



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A CHA can be conducted even if a tribe does not seek accreditation through PHAB. This toolkit has specifically tailored publically available CHA frameworks to include topics of relevant to tribal health departments.

Enhanced topics include:

- The role of tribal governance recognizing that each tribe has its own protocols
- Greater focus on community involvement in approval and initial decision process
- Importance of community and individual protections when collecting data for a tribal CHA
- Data sources and methods that are relevant to tribes, given the issues with the limited availability of quality data
- Template memorandum of agreement and data sharing agreement

Recall that the toolkit is organized into five chapters. The remaining chapters 3-5 describe the Tribal CHA Toolkit's three phase approach: Planning Phase, Implementation Phase, and Take Action Phase. The three phases cover the following topics:

Planning Phase:

- Develop a plan
 - Determine the purpose, need, and readiness
 - Choose the best approach for the Tribal CHA
 - Tribal and support and permission
 - Community engagement and support
 - Recruit members and work teams
 - Develop a work plan
- Define the community and the audience
- Engage the community

Implementation Phase:

- Identify community health indicators
 - Determine health priorities
 - Select and prioritize health indicators
 - Identify and assess data sources
- Collect data
 - Enter into data sharing agreements
 - Design an approach for collecting the data
- Analyze data
- Construct the CHP

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Take Action Phase:

- Communicate the results
 - Share the findings
 - Engage the community and planning committee
- Re-assess health priorities and identify opportunities for action
- Make plans for action
 - Tribal Community Health Improvement Plan
 - Tribal Health Department Strategic Plan

Figure 5: Phases of the CHA.



