Background

On November 7, 2012, the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (LBDHHS) convened a meeting of community stakeholders, representing a broad cross section of the City’s public, private and nonprofit organizations, to present the summary of the Community Health Assessment (CHA), and engage participants in prioritizing key health and social issues in Long Beach. This forum sparked the beginning of the development of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Over 75 community leaders attended the meeting and over 50 community leaders volunteered to serve on the CHIP Task Force to develop specific strategies aimed at solving the top health and social issues in Long Beach.

The CHIP provides guidance to the Health Department, its partners, and stakeholders for improving and maintaining the health of Long Beach. Task Force members serve as catalysts for fostering the community-wide collaborations necessary to sustain a public commitment to improving health and social conditions.

About this Document

This annual progress report highlights key accomplishments that contribute to the advancement of the goals and objectives of the CHIP. The 2015 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Annual Progress Report covers examples of key community-wide activities from January 2015-December 2015. Strategies are being implemented in collaboration with community stakeholders and partners.

The first CHIP 2014-2020 Annual Progress Report was released in March 2015, covering activities from January 2014-December 2014. The 2014 annual report documented key community-wide efforts aimed at improving the quality of life in Long Beach.

In preparation for the development of the 2015 annual progress report, the CHIP Task Force met on December 9, 2015 and identified major initiatives that cut across all goals of the CHIP and agreed to use those city-wide initiatives as a framework for reporting on the overall progress of the city in achieving the goals and objectives of the CHIP.

The CHIP Task Force identified the following cross-cutting, city-wide initiatives that are aligned with the overarching goals of the CHIP. These place-based initiatives as well as those that address social determinants of health help fulfill the CHIP goals and objectives.

1. **Place-based Initiatives:** For more than five decades, public, private and nonprofit entities have implemented a range of targeted neighborhood revitalization strategies designed to tackle the challenges associated with concentrated poverty. At their core, these comprehensive initiatives try to tackle long-standing disparities in housing, employment, education, and health caused by public policy decisions, market forces and failures, and patterns of discrimination (Source: Community Investments, Spring 2010 Volume 22, Issue
1). There are several long-term placed-based initiatives addressing the same neighborhoods in Long Beach.

- **Building Healthy Community (BHC) Long Beach** is a collaborative initiative focused in Central and West Long Beach. The work of BHC Long Beach is guided by the following vision statements: 1) residents live in communities with health promoting land-use, transportation, and community development; 2) children and their families are safe from violence in their homes and neighborhoods; 3) communities support healthy youth development; and 4) neighborhood and school environments support improved health and healthy behaviors. Funded by The California Endowment, the mission of BHC Long Beach is to reduce health disparities and improve community health overall through systemic changes fueled by adult and youth resident engagement, collaboration and resource sharing, and strategic communication about community needs and solutions.

- **Best Start Central Long Beach** is funded by First 5 LA and focuses on building supportive communities where children and families can thrive. First 5 LA supports Best Start in 14 communities across Los Angeles County. Through a local steering committee of community leaders, Best Start Central Long Beach works in partnership with local networks to promote a common vision and collective will throughout each community that will give kids the best start in life. The Best Start initiative funds several programs in Long Beach. These programs focus on improving maternal, infant, and child health outcomes, focusing on the first 5 years of a child’s life. Examples of Best Start Program in Long Beach include Welcome Baby, Baby Friendly Hospitals, Home Visiting Program, Learning by Doing, and Choose Health LA Kids.

- **North Long Beach Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Zone** initiative is designed to help combat obesity by making healthy choices accessible to more people in underserved communities across Southern California. Funded by Kaiser Permanente, the program targets North Long Beach and the Long Department of Health and Human Services serves as the coordinating agency of the Coalition for a Healthy North Long Beach, an alliance of community groups focused on improving health for all residents in North Long Beach. HEAL Zones are designed to help make healthy choices accessible to more people in underserved communities and ultimately prevent diseases and conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and obesity. The overall vision of the HEAL Zone initiative is to support people to eat better and move more as part of their daily life.

- **The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Central Long Beach Health Neighborhood Initiative** brings together health, mental health, and substance use disorder service providers to establish and enhance collaborative relationships and promote the integration of whole-person care. Participating service providers are linked to an extensive network of governmental and community supports including, but not limited to, County and city agencies, educational institutions, housing services, faith-based groups, vocational supports, advocacy and non-profit organizations, prevention programs, social services, etc. These providers come together with vital input from the community to enhance the health and wellbeing of neighborhood residents.
2. **Community Coalitions:** A community coalition is an alliance of individuals and/or organizations working together to achieve a common purpose. While all community coalitions are collaborative efforts by definition, they can vary in numerous ways including purpose, governance, and procedures. Community coalitions often organize around a single issue or event (Source: Community Catalyst. A Guide to Building Community Coalitions. August 2003). There are countless community coalitions of varying sizes working to address diverse issues in Long Beach. The two coalitions highlighted here are noted for their long term history in Long Beach and the specific alignment of their work with the CHIP.

- **The Long Beach Alliance for Food and Fitness (LBAFF),** led by The Children’s Clinic, Serving Children and Their Families, is made-up of community members, non-profit agencies and public organizations who work together to bring quality, affordable healthy foods to Long Beach residents and create opportunities for them to be more physically active in a safe environment. The goal of LBAFF is create systematic, comprehensive strategies aimed at creating and sustaining a healthier Long Beach.

- **The Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma (LBACA)** is a community coalition that seeks to improve the quality of life of children and adults with asthma or at risk for developing asthma. LBACA employs education, partnerships and policy change to address behavioral, social and environmental factors that lead to asthma and associated complications.

3. **Social Determinants of Health:** Health starts in our homes, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities. The conditions in which we live explain in part why some Americans are healthier than others and why Americans more generally are not as healthy as they could be. Public safety and educational attainment, both addressed in the CHIP, are key drivers of optimal health.

- **Open Space and Recreational Element of the City of Long Beach’s General Plan:** Adopted by the Long Beach City Council in 2002, the Open Space and Recreational Element of the City of Long Beach’s General Plan, addresses four topical areas: open space for the preservation of natural resources, open space for the managed production of resources, open space for public health and safety, and open space for outdoor recreation. The plan seeks to increase safe and accessible recreational spaces throughout the city.

- **Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention,** adopted by the City Council in May 2014, addresses a broad safety agenda aimed at reducing all forms of violence, including domestic abuse, child abuse, elder abuse, hate crimes, bullying, gang violence, and violent crime. The Plan draws upon the City’s many existing assets to target violence at its root and attain the goal of building a safer Long Beach by 2020. Safe Long Beach envisions a city where residents live in safe families and communities, attend safe schools, and are contributing citizens connected to their community.
• **The Academic and Career Success For All Initiative** was unanimously approved by the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) Board of Education in September 2007 to increase the college and career readiness of all students. It is part of the district’s larger strategic plan and will help ensure that students graduate from high school with as many options as possible. One of the LBUSD’s academic goals is to increase the percentage of students meeting graduation requirements to at least 90% and is recognized as one of the key objectives in the CHIP.

It is recognized that there are many more citywide activities that contribute to fostering a healthy Long Beach. The implementation of the CHIP is a collective effort involving multiple partners and agencies throughout the City of Long Beach. Through this iterative learning process, we are continuously learning along the way on how to strategically use our strengths to make significant improvements in community health and well-being.

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**Supported by Place-based Initiatives and Community Coalitions:**
BHC LB • Best Start Central LB • North LB HEAL Zone • LACDM Health Central LB Health Neighborhood • LBAFF • LBACA

**Supported by Social Determinants of Health Initiatives:**
Open Space and Recreational Element • Safe Long Beach •
Academic and Career Success For All Initiative
Terms and Indicators

While public health data are typically collected at the state or county levels, this report uses Long Beach-specific data as much as possible. The indicators used in this report are from a variety of sources and are intended to ensure data comparability and provide a broad indication of the general health status of our community at a point in time. The frequency of data collection varies by source and this report contains the most recent data available at the time of the development of this report.

The following key is used in this report and provides a quick reference as to progress of meeting the specific objectives articulated in the CHIP. The stoplight symbols signify the following status:

- **RED**: movement in the wrong direction
- **YELLOW**: Actions are pending
- **GREEN**: Movement in the right direction
Are We Meeting our Objectives? A Summary of Overall Performance

OBJ. 1A: BY 2020, REDUCE ADULT AND CHILDHOOD OBESITY BY 5%. (Baseline for adults 31%; Target for adults 29.4%)

Using the data from the 2007 Los Angeles County Health Survey, the baseline for this objective is 31% with a target of 29.4%. The percentage of adults who are obese in Long Beach is decreasing. According to the 2011 Los Angeles County Health Survey, while the percentage of obese adults decreased from 31% to 22.8%, the percentage of overweight adults increased from 37% to 40.9%.

According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, between 2005 and 2010, the state of California saw a modest but significant decline in the prevalence of obesity among children in grades 5, 7, and 9, after 30 years of generally rising rates. There also has been progress in reducing obesity among California preschoolers enrolled in federal health and nutrition programs. A 2013 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that obesity rates among 2- to 4-year-olds from low-income families dropped 2.9 percent, from 17.3 percent in 2008 to 16.8 percent in 2011.

Thus, while the City of Long Beach is beginning to see improvements in adult and childhood obesity, the need to address overweight and obesity as important public health issues among children and adults remains imperative.
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Examples of Key Achievements for 2015 that Support CHIP Strategies:
OBJ. 1A: BY 2020, REDUCE ADULT AND CHILDHOOD OBESITY BY 5%.

- The Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Public Works and Health and Human Services opened the Houghton Park Fitness Zone, expanding access to clean, safe, and free exercise facilities to residents in North Long Beach.

- The City of Long Beach, with broad community partnerships, implemented Beach Streets Uptown to showcase local neighborhoods, businesses, and parks, as well as local transit, health, and recreation options. Beach Streets opened streets up for walking, bicycling, and socializing by temporarily closing thoroughfares to automobile traffic.

- A survey conducted by the LBDHHS showed that smoke-free apartments increased in Long Beach to significant levels. Forty-eight percent of Long Beach apartments are now smoke-free, up from 16 percent in 2008.

- Healthy Active Long Beach, with community partners, hosted the Third Annual Fruit and Veggie Party which provided health and nutrition information, sample healthy recipes, tour the Peace Garden, and participation in health promotion activities.

- The Long Beach City Council adopted a resolution to re-establish health guidelines for snacks sold in vending machines on Long Beach city property. The Healthy Vending Machine policy requires 100 percent of beverages and snacks served at youth serving sites meet USDA specified nutrition standards as well as requiring city-contracted vending machines, both available to the general public and city staff, to have at least half its snacks and all of its beverages meet the same health guidelines. The resolution also stipulates that as of December 2016, all vending machines on city property display calorie content.
Number of Consumer Served, SPA 8, LAC DMH FY 2010-2014

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Examples of Key Achievements for 2015 that Support CHIP Strategies: OBJ. 1B: BY 2020, INCREASE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

- Increased community awareness of trauma-informed care as holistic and integrative care for children. To make the most of this opportunity for early and ongoing intervention, TCC created the Every Child Bright Beginnings Initiative to address the effects of toxic stress and chronic exposure to violence in infants, toddlers and pregnant mothers by embedding stress screenings, which measure not only stressors but support and build protective factors, into routine prenatal and pediatric medical check-ups. This innovative program’s goal is to recognize trauma-related issues during the first three years of life, a critical time in childhood development that has long-lasting effects on how they behave and cope with life changes as they grow older.
- Maintained, expanded, and built upon the successes of mental health programs led by Mental Health America and other agencies to deliver services to at risk groups such as persons who are homeless, veterans and transition age youth.

- Health Neighborhoods Central Long Beach FY 14-15 highlights are noted below.

The following service providers have signed the Health Neighborhood MOU

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- The following agencies have also been participating in the Central Long Beach Health Neighborhood: Pacific Asian Counseling Services, The Guidance Center, and For the Child, Inc.

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- DMH has collaborated with LB-DHHS, BHC-CLB, & MHALA to support the City of Long Beach’s aim to improve the quality of life for community residents and co-facilitated a community forum on Health Neighborhoods in which representatives from LB-DHHS, BHC-CLB, & MHALA discussed ideas focused on improving health and wellness in Central Long Beach.
In Central Long Beach, DMH SPA 8 is replicating the St. Joseph-DMH Partnership in which the DMH Clergy Academy provides mental health trainings, including Emotional CPR and Mental Health First Aid, to faith-based communities.

DMH has participated with local homeless service providers, including: LB-DHHS Multi Service Center, Harbor Interfaith Services, and the South Bay Homelessness Coalition to evaluate community needs and plan for potential collaboration with LB-DHHS, Long Beach Police Department, and the City of Long Beach Prosecutor, for a pre-booking diversion population pilot effort.

**OBJ. 1C: BY 2020, REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE UNINSURED BY 10%.**

**Target:** 4.41% (0 to 17 years) 19.98% (18-64 years)

A report issued by the US Census in 2015 (Health Insurance Coverage 2014), reported that the uninsured rate decreased between 2013 and 2014 by 2.9 percentage points. In 2014, the percentage of people without health insurance coverage for the entire calendar year was 10.4 percent, or 33.0 million, lower than the rate and number of uninsured in 2013 (13.3 percent or 41.8 million). According to the Kaiser Family Foundation California Longitudinal Panel Survey (July 2014), of those Californians who were uninsured prior to open enrollment, 58 percent now report having health insurance, which translates to about 3.4 million previously uninsured adult Californians who have gained coverage, and 42 percent say they remain uninsured. While Long Beach-specific data on the full impact of the Affordable Care Act is not yet available, national and statewide trends, point to a similar decrease in the uninsured in Long Beach.
Examples of Key Achievements for 2015 that Support CHIP Strategies: OBJ. 1C: BY 2020, REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE UNINSURED BY 10%.

- All city-wide initiatives continued their promotion, outreach, and enrollment efforts for Medi-Cal and Covered California. The LBDHHS and The Children’s Clinic were awarded the Covered California Navigator grants in Long Beach, expanding the overall capacity of the city to enroll individuals and families into health insurance and link them to quality care.

- The BHC Central Long Beach promoted its Health4All campaign to ensure that all Californians should have access to health coverage, regardless of their immigration status.

- The City of Long Beach joined the White House Healthy Communities Challenge to enroll the largest number of individuals into Covered California during open enrollment season.

**OBJ. 2A: BY 2020, INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF OPEN SPACE THAT PROMOTES ACTIVE LIVING.**

Long Beach continues to find innovative ways to increase open space that promote healthy living throughout the entire city. Long Beach ranks number 24 out of 60 cities in park space access, spending per person and median size of city parks. Los Angeles ranks 45th. In Long Beach, 79 percent of residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park and spends $146 per person on parks, above the national average.

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Examples of Key Achievements for 2015 that Support CHIP Strategies: BY 2020, INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF OPEN SPACE THAT PROMOTES ACTIVE LIVING.

- City officials opened the NAACP Freedom Park, a 2.8-acre park along a bicycle path provides open space in Central Long Beach.

- Opened parklets in the Downtown and Retro Row business and dining districts of Long Beach, facilitating community interaction and social cohesion among residents.

- The City of Long Beach started its effort to transform the Terminal Island (TI) Freeway to a local serving road, while increasing open space and buffering the Westside community from air, noise, light and visual pollution. Green TI will result in a conceptual plan to decommission the City-owned segment of the freeway from Pacific Coast Highway north to
Willow Street. Green TI will draw upon community and port-related engagement to identify alternative and preferred design concepts for the re-use of the TI Freeway, including new neighborhood connectivity for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

**OBJ. 2B: INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS, SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFE LONG BEACH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN.**

Long Beach continues its implementation of the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan and has galvanized a robust community coalition of leaders and stakeholders in employing a multi-pronged and multi-disciplinary approach to community safety. A 2013 survey found that 20% of respondents felt safe or very safe in their own communities and 74% felt safe in all parts of Long Beach. Data will be collected in 2016 to determine any changes in perceptions of community safety.

![Safe Long Beach Community Survey, 2013](image)

Examples of Key Achievements for 2015 that Support CHIP Strategies: OBJ. 2B: INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS, SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFE LONG BEACH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN.

- As part of the Safe Long Beach My Sister's Keeper awareness campaign, the City hosted a Student Safety Symposium to promote youth empowerment and help ensure the future success of young people. The free event included community safety, health and wellness, anti-bullying, and human trafficking prevention information booths and resources. The
event also featured a series of workshops for parents and youth grades 6 to 12 to address important topics facing teens, including relationships, Internet safety, teen suicide prevention and warning signs, human trafficking prevention, and approaches for effectively responding to difficult life circumstances.

- Long Beach was awarded two U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) grants totaling $529,000 to support youth violence prevention strategies, enhance the safety and health of the community, and further implement the goals of Safe Long Beach. The $250,000 Youth Violence Prevention Expansion Project grant will be aimed at expanding community outreach and local resources to assist families and children affected by violence. As part of this grant, expert training will be provided to more than 80 Safe Long Beach partners who offer specialized care and services for children that are victims of abuse or exposed to violence in the home.

- Similarly, the $279,000 State and Community Development grant will be used to support Long Beach students, and implement a strategic plan to improve school attendance and reduce truancy and subsequent delinquent behavior. City staff will work alongside the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) to implement the All In campaign at high-truancy schools and engage the community to help ensure that students are in school during regular school hours. As part of this partnership, the LBUSD will receive a portion of this grant in the amount of $100,000.

| OBJ. 3: INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS MEETING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS TO AT LEAST 90%. |

Educational attainment is one of the key social determinants of health. The Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) continues to make significant strides in accomplishing its strategic plan goals and continues to be recognized nationally for its educational innovation and achievement.

About 96 percent of students in the Class of 2014 passed either the math or English portions of the California High School Exit Exam, with 94 percent passing both. The overall pass rate represents a 1 percent increase over the prior year.
Cohort Graduation Rates, Long Beach Unified School District, 2010-2013 (cde.ca.gov)

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Examples of Key Achievements for 2015 that Support CHIP Strategies: OBJ. 3: INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS MEETING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS TO AT LEAST 90%.

- LBUSD graduation rates increased for the third year in 2015, surpassing state and county rates. Students of color in Long Beach schools also outperform their peers countywide and statewide. Six high schools here posted graduation rates above 90 percent, including the California Academy of Mathematics and Science, along with Avalon, Renaissance, Millikan, Lakewood and Wilson high schools. Poly, Cabrillo and Jordan high schools all reported graduation rates exceeding the state average of 80.8 percent.

- The Washington Post’s annual ranking of top high schools has repeatedly listed multiple LBUSD high schools among those in the top 10 percent in the nation based upon college prep programs. The 2015 listing includes Wilson, Millikan, the California Academy of Mathematics and Science, Poly, Lakewood, Renaissance and Avalon high schools.

- The 2015 ranking of America’s top high schools by U.S. News and World Report included the California Academy of Mathematics and Science along with Renaissance, Avalon, Wilson, Millikan and Poly high schools.

- Scholarships and other monetary awards earned by graduating LBUSD seniors in the class of 2015 exceeded $96 million, a new record.

- Students here signed up for more than 10,000 Advanced Placement college-level exams in 2015, an increase of more than 41 percent over two years. This significant increase occurred after concerted efforts to increase access to AP courses and tests.

- More than 600 students, parents and other community members attended LBUSD’s first-ever Students of Color Town Hall Meeting in February of 2015 at Cabrillo High School. The event was part of a partnership with the White House and other large school districts, and it provided dozens of workshops and important information on helping to prepare all students for success in college and careers.

Recommendations for Improvement:

- Create a communications and recruitment plan to continually engage and expand
agency participation in the CHIP Task Force.
• Continue to use the collective impact model as a framework to drive the implementation of the CHIP.
• Develop incentives or formal commitments from CHIP Task Force Members to own each objective and work collaboratively to achieve optimal health outcomes.
• Continue to build upon data sources and data gathering infrastructure to better understand of the health needs of the community.

CHIP Task Force Members:

Best Start Central Long Beach, First Five LA
BIKEable Communities
Board of Health
Building Healthy Communities Long Beach
Centro Community Hispanic Association
City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City of Long Beach Public Library
City of Long Beach Development Services Department
City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services
Community Hospital of Long Beach
Disabled Resource Center
Families in Good Health
Help Me Help You
Homeless Services Advisory Committee
Idea Group
Junior League of Long Beach
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Long Beach Cares
Long Beach Memorial Medical Center
Long Beach Unified School District
Marietta Jones, Community Member
Mental Health America Los Angeles
Miller Children’s Hospital
St. Mary Medical Center
The California Endowment
The Children’s Clinic Serving Children and Their Families