

# Community Health Improvement Plan

## Proposed Development Process

**Objective:** Produce a written action plan for health improvement in Grays Harbor County, by December 2011, which incorporates:

- data on health status
- estimates of health system capacity needs
- strategies to improve our community health and healthcare

<b>CHIP Development Work Plan</b>	
<p><u>Step 1:</u> <b>Name Task Force</b></p>	<p>Invite community leaders to join a task force: CHIP for Grays Harbor</p> <p>Emphasize effective use of member's time: Three pre-scheduled meetings, held as workshops – and not a series of routine meetings. Staff work will be done in advance and presented to task force members in writing before meetings, as well as in oral presentations at meetings.</p> <p>Task Force co-Chairs:</p> <p>Tom Jensen, Grays Harbor Community Hospital</p> <p>Joan Brewster, Grays Harbor Public Health &amp; Social Services</p> <p><u>Proposed Dates:</u></p> <p>March 24, June 23, September 8,</p>
<p><u>Step 2:</u> <b>Hold local workshops</b></p>	<p>Invite additional community leaders to attend one of four workshops on specific health topic areas.</p> <p>Present known health data to participants and then engage them in describing strengths, needs and desired strategies, using a standard set of assessments (required by RWJ grant.) Task force members will be encouraged to attend at least one workshop, but not all of them. The</p>

	<p>workshops will focus on:</p> <p>March 30: <i>The Health Needs of Children and Youth</i></p> <p>April 21: <i>The Community “Safety Net” – What is Missing?</i></p> <p>April 29: <i>The Prevention Potential and Chronic Disease Burdens</i></p> <p>May 21: <i>A Health Care Forum for Health Providers</i></p>
<p><u>Step 3:</u> <b>Present findings to task force</b></p>	<p>Synthesize findings and recommendations from the workshops to present to the task force.</p> <p>Use a half-day workshop session on <b>June 23</b> to elicit the key strategies that local leaders believe need to be put in place in order to improve the health of our residents. There will certainly be implications for commitments for the hospital and the health department. We also anticipate there will be implications for others, because the factors that influence health extend far beyond traditional healthcare settings. For example, strategies may include local government, schools, businesses, service agencies, the faith community and philanthropic organizations.</p>
<p><u>Step 4:</u> <b>Develop written plan</b></p>	<p>Create a written draft plan for circulation to task force members and then the broader community for comment. Finalize the document in task force discussion <b>September 8</b>, incorporating comments. Publish final plan by <b>December, 2011</b>.</p>
<p><u>Step 5:</u> <b>Monitor action and changes</b></p>	<p>Establish and maintain tracking of selected metrics to demonstrate changes in community health over time – and which serve to demonstrate a link between changes in health outcomes and the committed actions taken by the community.</p> <p>Per the law, publish successive documents outlining progress toward community health improvement goals. A health “report card.”</p>