

Public Health Community Engagement: Aligning goals and objectives to improve health outcomes for all **Riverside County Residents**



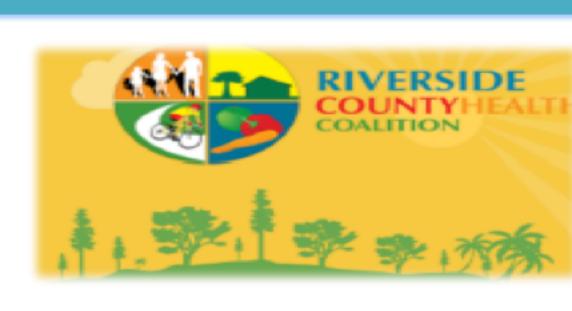
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Introduction

In Riverside County, community engagement is an essential for Public Health to address diverse health needs of its population of over 2.3 million residents living across a vast 7,200 square miles.

As an active member of the **Riverside County Health Coalition, Community Health** Improvement Plan (CHIP) Workgroups (Figure .and Public Health Accreditation Steering Committee (Figure 2) I became part of Public Health community engagement efforts to best meet the needs of all Riverside County residents..





Background

Scope of Work:

- Assist with the launch of Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Priority Area Workgroups through planning and promotion of Riverside Health Coalition meeting.
- Serve as facilitator at CHIP workgroup meetings held throughout Riverside County to encourage community member feedback on the CHIP.
- Support collaboration of Public Health with Riverside County Health Coalition to reach shared vision, goals and objectives to improve health.
- Meet with Public Health staff to set goals for improvement of Public Health programs, services, and resources for Strategic Plan 2016-2020...
- Research health data to create a Balanced Score Card for Public Health to track progress toward achievement of goals and measure performance in pursuit of public health accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board (Figure 3).



Figure 3. Public Health Accreditation

Leadership Roles

Member: Public Health **Accreditation Steering Committee** Co-chair: Promoting Healthy Behaviors CHIP Workgroup Figure 2. Public Health Accreditation Steering Committee

Riverside County Health Coalition (RCHC) brings

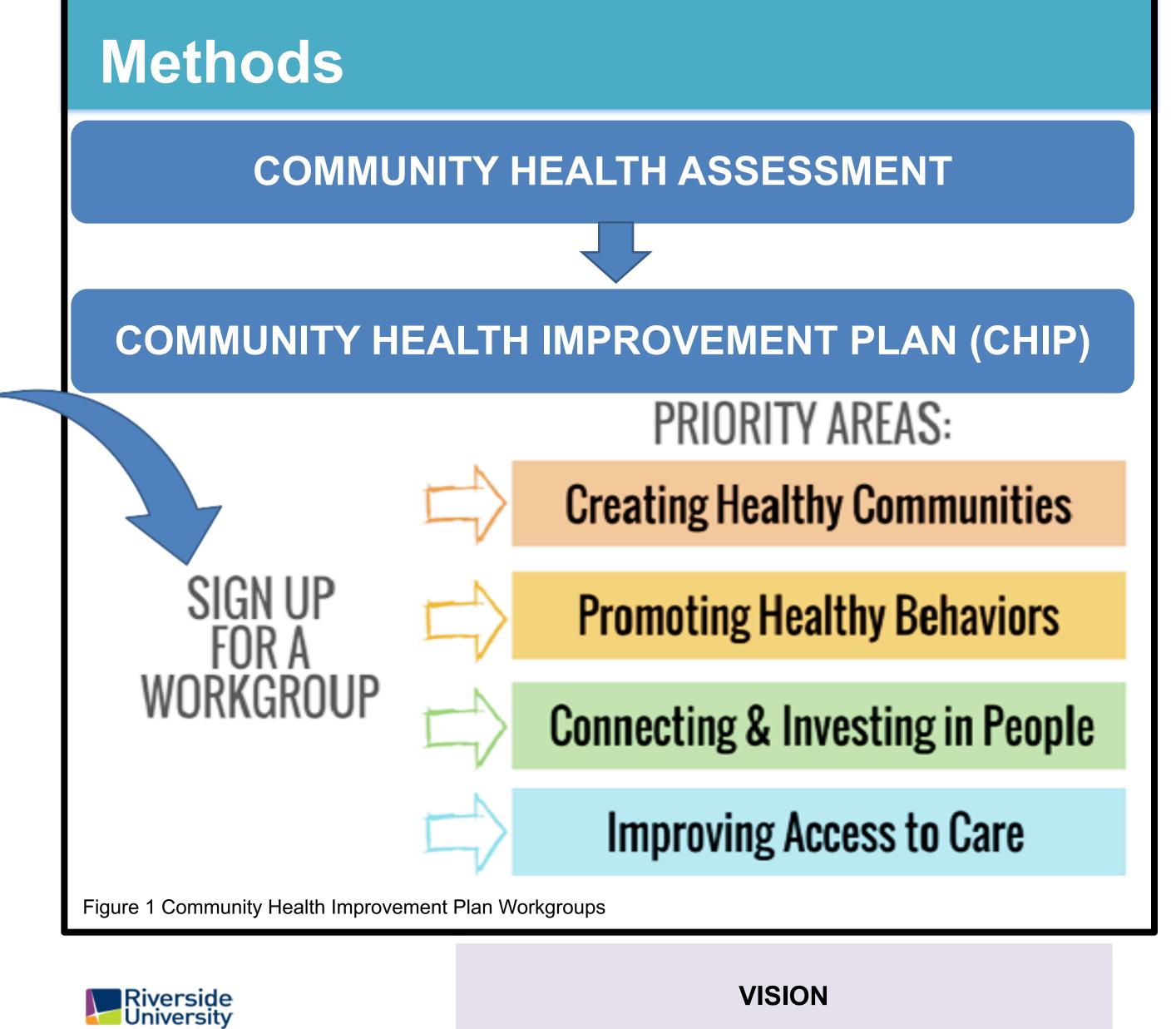
Public Health staff members together with Riverside

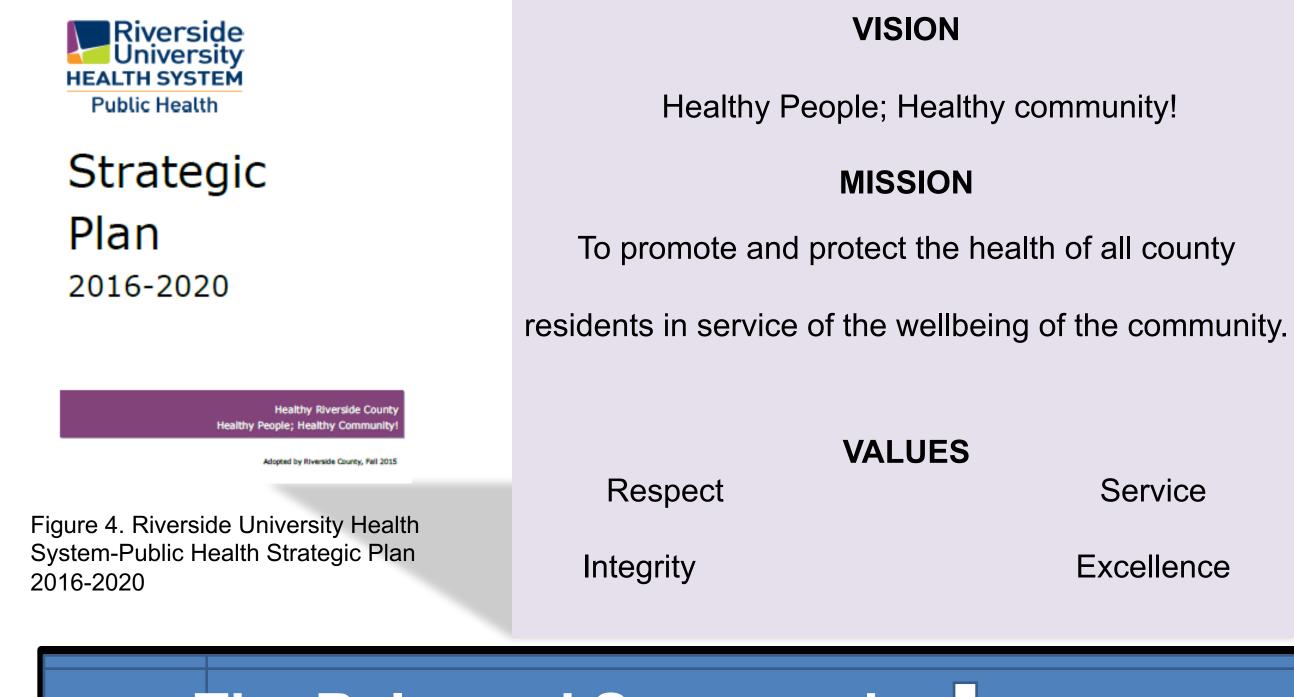
residents diverse sectors, organizations and

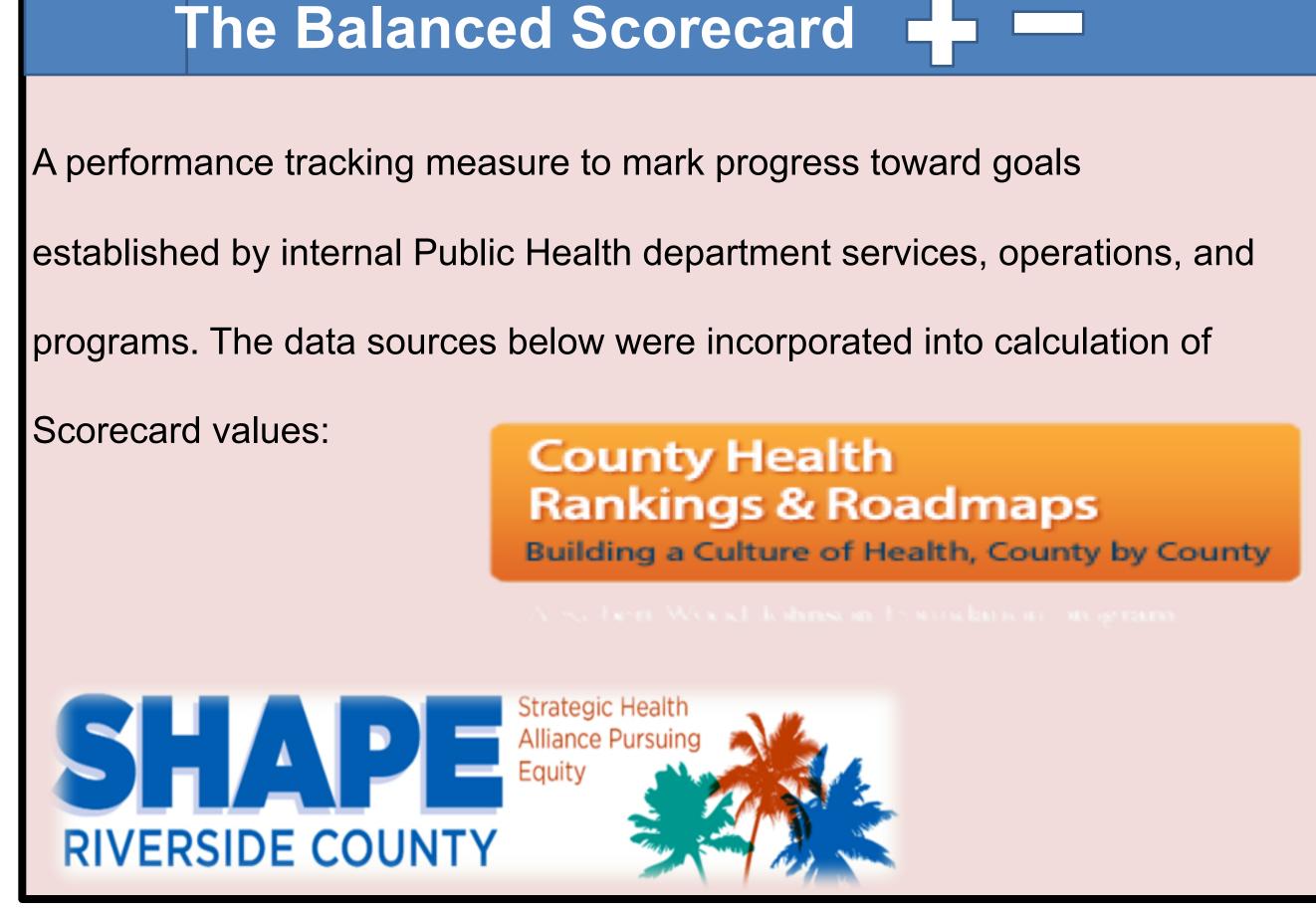
community groups to develop policy, advocate for and

support efforts to create a healthier Riverside County.

Building Health into Everyday Life!

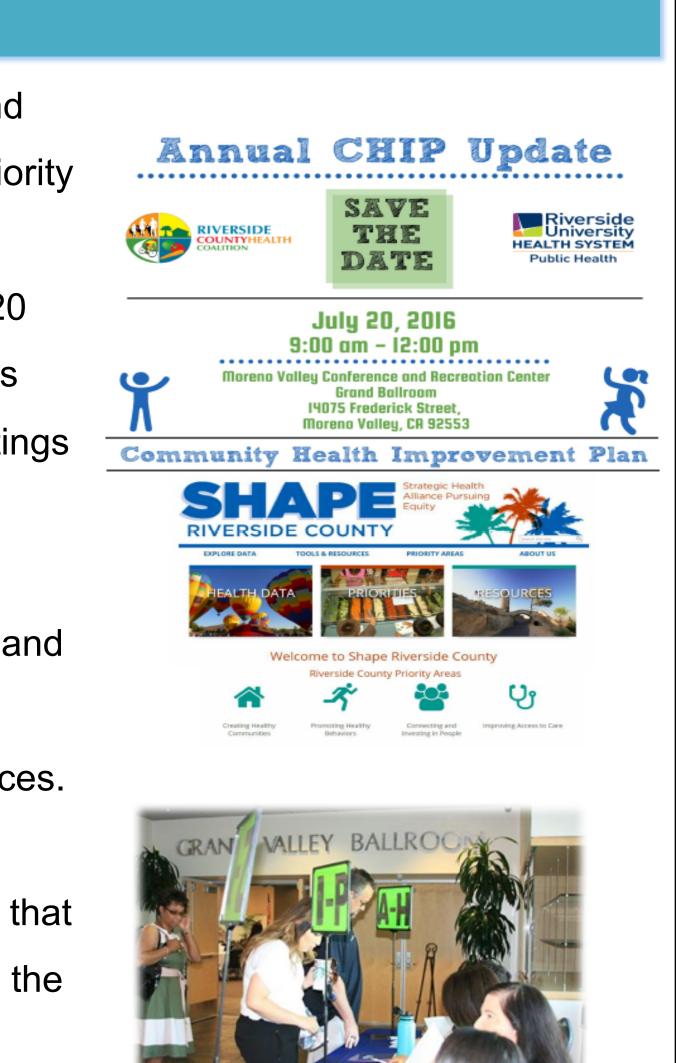






Results

- Workgroups refined vision, goals and objectives within each of the four priority areas.
- ❖In updating Strategic Plan 2016-2020 (Figure. 4) community' feedback was incorporated with outcomes of meetings with staff from several internal departments where data and information were obtained on goals and areas of expected growth and improvement of programs and services.
- Strategies for improving health outcomes are now being developed that communicate Public Health work in the context of sustained community contributions to improving health.



Conclusions

Competencies Addressed:

MPH 1: Incorporation of health data sources on population health status for an operational understanding of specific factors and social determinants.

LM 5: Participation and leadership in CHIP Workgroups enhanced student abilities of engaging in dialogue to learn from others with the primary purpose of advance public heals goals.

LM 11: Balanced Scorecard development involved integration of quality and performance improvement concepts.

LM 13: Leadership skills demonstrated through interactions with Public Health staff to set goals and directions for future growth.

Riverside University Health System—Public Health will continue to support community health improvement planning efforts and provide opportunities to gain feedback from community members. Elements of the CHIP, Strategic Plan, and Balanced Scorecard will be regularly evaluated and assessed to ensure priorities remain representative of Riverside County; built to respond and adapt to emerging public health issues and new priorities.

The approach of Riverside University Health System —Public Health of engaging with community members promotes local capacity building, strong partnerships, improved public health programs, services, and resources in the community for a healthier Riverside County.

