

## APPENDIX B: GLOSSARY

| <b>TERM</b>                                  | <b>DEFINITION</b>  |
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| <b>Action</b>                                | An activity or task. A stepping stone that helps to implement strategies.  |
| <b>Associated Indicator</b>                  | A measure that is related to the headline indicator.   |
| <b>Community Health Improvement Plan</b>     | A long-term, systematic effort to address public health problems on the basis of results of the Community Health Needs Assessment and the community health improvement process. The plan is used by health and other governmental education and human service agencies, in collaboration with community partners, to set priorities and coordinate and target resources. |
| <b>Community Health Needs Assessment</b>     | A local health assessment that identifies key health needs and issues through systematic, comprehensive data collection and analysis.  |
| <b>Evidence-Based Public Health Practice</b> | The development, implementation, and evaluation of effective programs and policies in public health through application of principles of scientific reasoning, including systematic uses of data and information systems and appropriate use of behavioral science theory and program planning models.   |
| <b>Forecast</b>                              | An estimate of future trends assuming the current level of effort or intervention.   |
| <b>Headline Indicator</b>                    | The most important measures that rise to the top in the RBA rating process.  |
| <b>Health Disparity</b>                      | A particular type of health difference that is closely linked with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage.  |
| <b>Health Equity</b>                         | The attainment of the highest level of health for all people.  |
| <b>Indicator</b>                             | A measure that helps to quantify the achievement of a result.  |
| <b>Performance Accountability</b>            | A manager or group of managers within an agency responsible for the performance of a program or service system.  |
| <b>Performance Measure</b>                   | A measure of how well a program, agency, or service system is working.   |
| <b>Population Accountability</b>             | A group of partners responsible for the well-being of a population in a geographic area.   |
| <b>Prioritized Root Cause</b>                | A factor causing certain health outcomes that we can influence and that rises to the top in the RBA rating process.  |
| <b>Priority Area</b>                         | The categories of public health issues that will be addressed in the 2017 CHIP. These include Behavioral and Mental Well-Being, Healthy Child and Family Development, Healthy Eating and Active Living, Safe Communities, and Sexual Health.   |
| <b>Results Based Accountability</b>          | A disciplined way of thinking and taking action used by communities to improve the lives of children, families, and the community as a whole.  |
| <b>Result Statement</b>                      | A condition of well-being for children, adults, families, or communities. Also known as outcome, goal, or vision.  |
| <b>Root Cause Analysis</b>                   | An analysis to help workgroups determine the factors that are causing certain health outcomes in our community. Also known as the fish bone diagram.   |
| <b>Social Determinants of Health</b>         | A range of personal, social, economic, and environmental conditions in which people are born, live, work, and age that affect their health.  |

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| <b>Story Behind the Baseline</b> | A narrative that explains the root causes and underlying factors influencing the data.  |
| <b>Strategy</b>                  | A coherent collection of actions that have a reasonable chance of improving results, usually implemented as programs or initiatives. Also known as programs, initiatives, systems, and services |
| <b>Target</b>                    | A specific desired future level of achievement for an indicator.  |