COMMUNITY HEALTH CAPSTONE PROJECTS

CORE ACTIVITIES		PROJECT OUTPUT	PROJECT OUTCOMES/IMPACT	LONG-TERM OUTCOMES/IMPACT
Policy capstone projects		Planning and institution of a state-level tobacco prevention program	• Existing community programs merged • Development of legislative and preventive objectives • Implementation of biannual prevention conference	State funds for tobacco control doubled; passage of community clean air acts, tobacco use decline
		Development of a county-level tobacco education/clean air ordinance policy	• Smoking prevalence assessment conducted • County-specific educational campaign developed • Stakeholders convened for development of clean air ordinance	Rollout of smoke-free policies; eventual decline in health disparity lung cancer rates in county
		Policy and program revisions to state grant system for safety net/primary care clinics	• Action research conducted with state and local stakeholders • Policies and application procedures revised to disburse increased funds and accept competing applications	New funding mechanism put in place; increased funds equitably available for patient care
		Governance analysis and strategic planning for community health organizations	• Community needs mapped and health strategies built • Strategic plans used to market and gain funding	Improved ability to fund and target community health needs
		Comprehensive analysis of statutes on health nuisance complaint jurisdiction	• Clarification of jurisdiction for response to nuisance complaints • Recommendations provided for needed statute revision	Improved collaboration and response to health nuisance complaints
Assessment capstone projects		Institution of spit tobacco education and prevention programs in a rural county	• Youth focus groups conducted and education provided on perception vs. usage rates • Prevention materials publicly promoted at county events	Increased youth awareness of dangers of spit tobacco use; ongoing county prevention and evaluation efforts
		Survey of health promotion community coalition leaders to identify success factors	• Survey instrument for factors influencing success developed and implemented across state • Success profile used to deliver specific technical assistance and skills training	More effective use of outreach resources. Published in Leadership in Public Health
		Survey of immunization practices and barriers among private providers in coverage disparity county	• Administration and analysis of survey for immunization providers • Challenges and barriers to effective/complete immunization identified • Educational brochure developed for state use	Increased ability to promote effective immunization through patient/provider education
		Community health assessment and health disparity reduction program development	• Formation of task forces in each disparity area: family stability, substance use, nutrition • Task forces develop programs in each area	Improved community awareness of health needs; greater program accessibility
		Multi-year, multi scholar CHAP revitalization and health priority area development	• Increase in participation for program development • Priority program outcomes: access to care, physical activity, child injury prevention, tobacco prevention	Sustainability of CHAP; incorp. into non-profit status for program funding
		Development of public health education articles for rural, low-income community paper	• Increased public awareness and knowledge of public health services available through health department	Increased awareness of, funding for, and community partnerships with health dept
		Development of rural heart health promotion/disease prevention programs	• Research applied to flexible program development • Community education programs in nutrition, activity, stress management, lifestyle change • Free physical screenings to track progress	Increased opportunities to lower obesity, heart disease, diabetes rates
		Succession planning for sustainability of urban safety net clinic	• SWOT analysis of organizational needs • Development of succession strategy to ensure funding streams and effective management	Earned income paths established; increased collaboration between safety net clinics in area
Assurance capstone projects		Provision of telemedicine in frontier county with limited physician access	• Delivery of primary care services to low-income patients in rural areas • Strategic planning for telemedicine in rural schools	Multi-county resource sharing; improved primary care access.