

Health Action: Planning for a Healthy Sonoma County

Prioritizing Community Health Issues

The following criteria will be used to help identify priority health issues in Sonoma County.

1. **Significant impact.** The issue significantly impacts the community's health as well as the health care delivery system.
2. **Requires a comprehensive approach.** Long-term solutions to this issue must address both the community conditions that contribute to the issue and needed improvements to the health care system.
3. **Realistic scope and scale.** The scope and scale of the issue offer opportunities for feasible and effective local solutions.
4. **Mobilizes community resources.** Working on this issue can leverage partnerships and strategic opportunities to align community resources for action.
5. **Community commitment to system change.** This issue generates a high level of community interest, engagement, and commitment to create lasting, systemic change.
6. **Policy impact.** This issue creates opportunities for local, statewide, or national advocacy for policy and systems change to support local health improvement efforts.