

Prevention Agenda Update October 2013

- Goal of the Prevention Agenda 2013-2017 is improved health status of New Yorkers and reduction in health disparities through increased emphasis on prevention.
- The Agenda was developed by the Public Health and Health Planning Council in conjunction with a large group of stakeholders at the request of the Department of Health.
- The Prevention Agenda is serving as a call to action to a broad range of stakeholders to collaborate at the community level to **assess** health status and needs, **identify** local health priorities and **plan, implement and evaluate** strategies for local health improvement.
- The release of the Prevention Agenda is tied to Local Health Department Community Health Assessment & Community Health Improvement Planning and to the completion of Hospital Community Service Plans. These planning documents are due November 15, 2013.
- Commissioner Shah asked LHDs and Hospitals to work together to assess health status, select common priorities including one to address a health disparity, and develop and implement a plan to address priorities. The five priorities are:
 - Prevent chronic diseases
 - Promote a healthy and safe environment
 - Promote healthy women, infants and children
 - Promote mental health and prevent substance abuse
 - Prevent HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, vaccine-preventable diseases and healthcare associated infections
- Commissioner Shah has also asked hospitals to consider increasing their investments in community benefit to support the implementation of the Prevention Agenda. As per the ACA, hospitals are now required to report community benefit to the IRS on form 990.
- With funding from the RWJF, the DOH has been able to provide small grants to HANYS and to 5 regional planning organizations to offer on the ground technical assistance to hospitals and local health departments during the development of the health assessments and service plans.
- The DOH will review the submissions and provide feedback. The NYS Health Foundation is providing funding to local health departments to support the work of local coalitions in the implementation of their community improvement plans.