

# Supporting Program Evaluation for County Health Council's Community Health Improvement Process

Tennessee Department of Health, Office of Strategic Initiatives, Community Collaboration and Impact Internship  
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## Background

- The Office of Strategic Initiatives primary purpose is to bridge TDH strategies and resources with local knowledge, priorities, and leadership.
- The Community Collaboration Impact team aims to support TN's County Health Councils (CHCs) to play a leading role in reducing disparities and advancing community health.
- The team provides resources, training, and funding to CHCs to facilitate the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Improvement Planning (CHIP) process.

## Practicum Goal

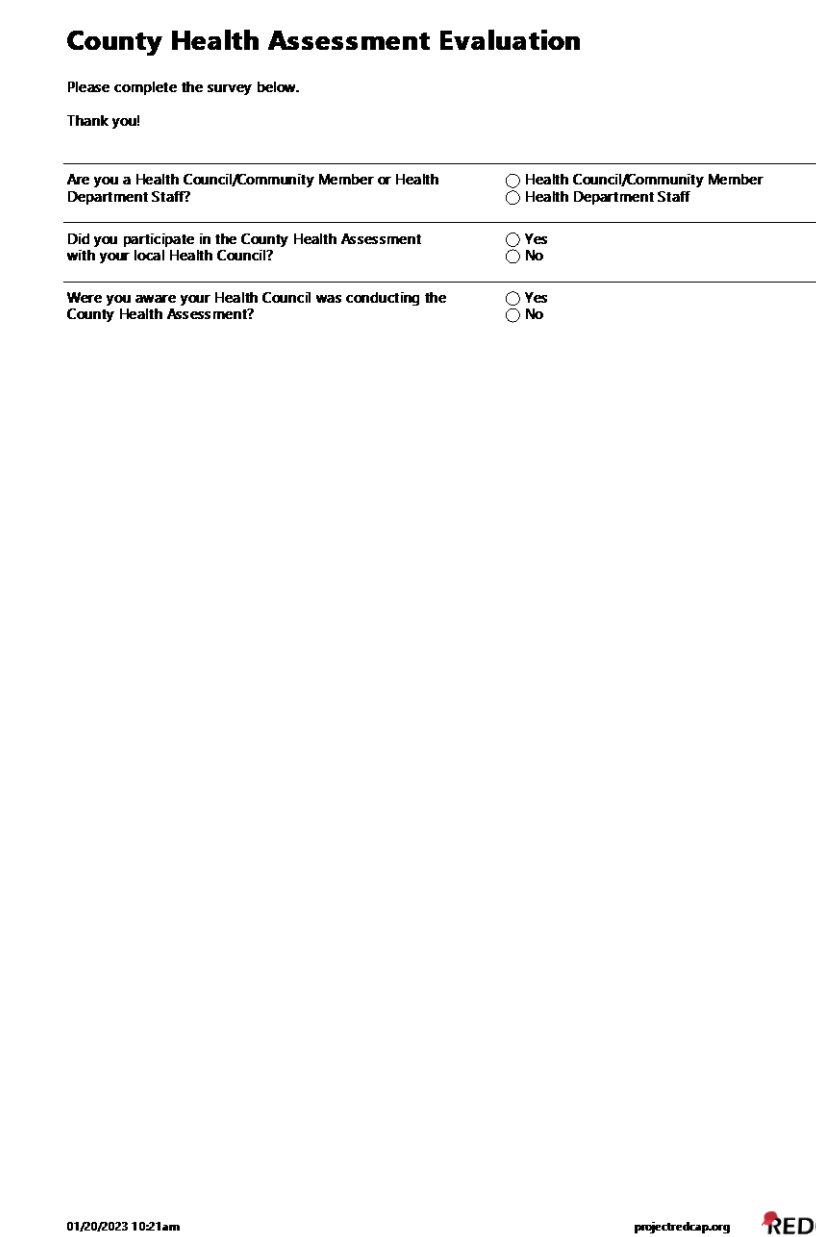
The internship's overall goal was to develop tools to improve County Health Council's capacity to facilitate the Community Health Improvement process and establish community partnerships for project implementation.

## Methods

1. Develop implementation tools including program planning and monitoring worksheets
2. Preliminary qualitative analysis of CHA cohort evaluation
3. Quantitative and qualitative analysis for the County Health Council capacity assessment
4. Conduct quantitative data analysis and create data visualization for Williamson county's leading death cause
5. Conduct informational interviews with organizational partners

## Results

1. Developed worksheets and templates to facilitate program planning, monitoring and implementation in the CHA/CHIP process
2. Produced preliminary results for CHA Cohort Process Evaluation with recommendations for improved resources and assistance for CHCs that are conducting the CHA
3. Produced a statewide summary of the CHC assessment; summary highlighted differences among TDH regions that will inform additional resources and supports available to CHCs
4. Produced a summary report of leading death causes in Williamson County
5. Developed interview questions and conducted informational interviews with community partners; summarized relevant content to share via OSI's monthly CHC newsletter



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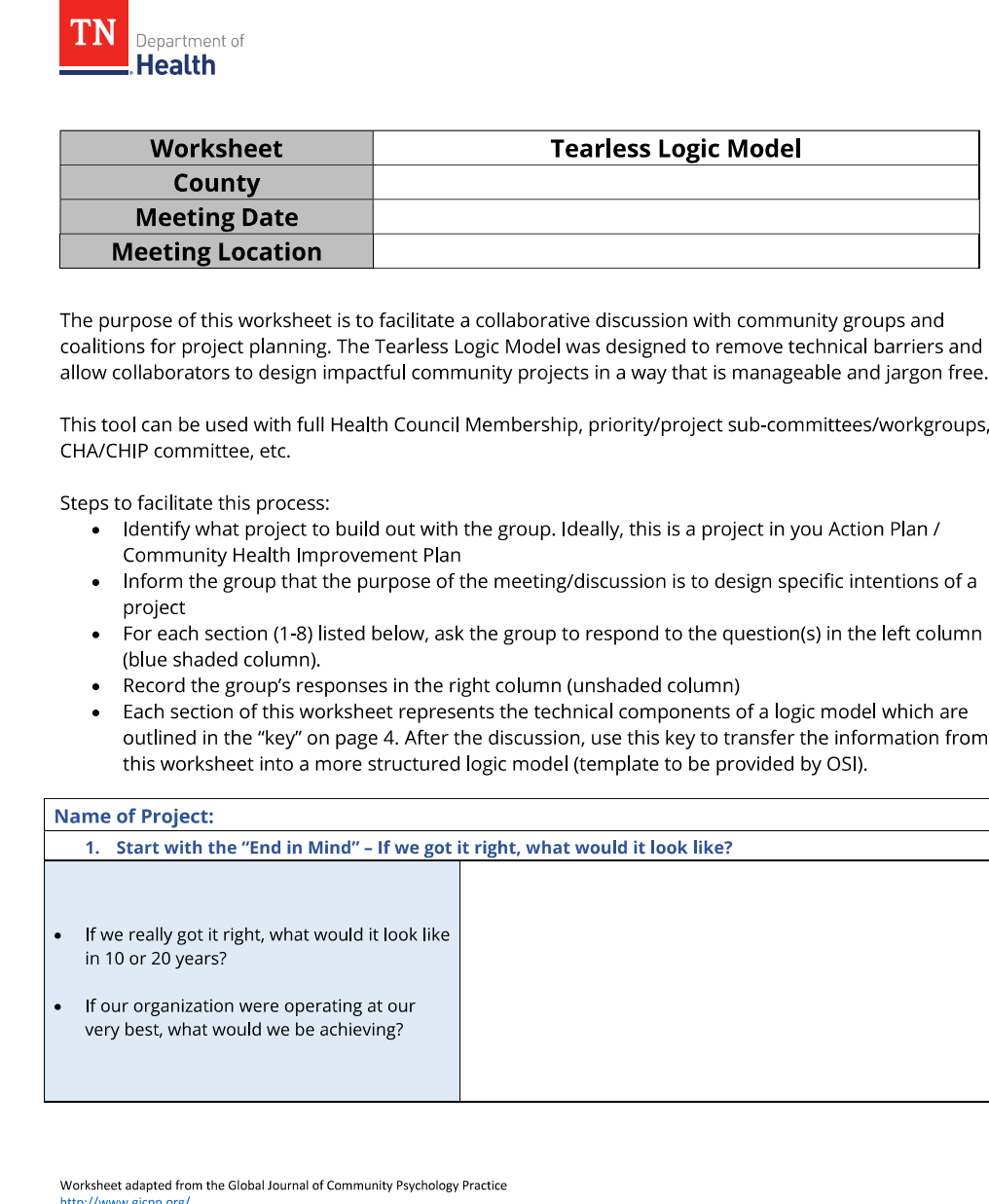
Please complete the survey below.

Thank you!

Are you a Health Council/Community Member or Health Department Staff?  Health Council/Community Member  Health Department Staff

Did you participate in the County Health Assessment with your local Health Council?  Yes  No

Were you aware your Health Council was conducting the County Health Assessment?  Yes  No



Worksheet	Tearless Logic Model
County	
Meeting Date	
Meeting Location	

The purpose of this worksheet is to facilitate a collaborative discussion with community groups and coalitions for project planning. The Tearless Logic Model was designed to remove technical barriers and allow collaborators to design impactful community projects in a way that is manageable and jargon free.

This tool can be used with full Health Council Membership, priority/project sub-committees/workgroups, CHA/CHIP committee, etc.

Steps to facilitate this process:

- Identify what project to build out with the group. Ideally, this is a project in your Action Plan / Community Health Improvement Plan
- Inform the group that the purpose of the meeting/discussion is to design specific intentions of a project
- For each section (1-8) listed below, ask the group to respond to the question(s) in the left column (blue shaded column).
- Record the group's responses in the right column (unshaded column)
- Each section of this worksheet represents the technical components of a logic model which are outlined in the "key" on page 4. After the discussion, use this key to transfer the information from this worksheet into a more structured logic model (template to be provided by OSI).

Name of Project:

1. Start with the "End in Mind" - If we got it right, what would it look like?

- If we really got it right, what would it look like in 10 or 20 years?
- If our organization were operating at our very best, what would we be achieving?

Figure 1. Cohort evaluation REDCap Form Figure 2. Tearless Logic Model Worksheet

## Summary

Deepened my understanding of how to efficiently empower rural communities to improve population health.

Community engagement and partnerships are essential components to aligning goals in order to propel project planning, implementation, and evaluation.