



Department of Public Health

## **Community Vital Signs is Public Health's Vision in Action**

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The Department of Public Health is implementing the Community Vital Signs (CVS) Initiative, which puts the wellness element of the Countywide Vision into operation. CVS will align various sectors, stakeholders, and initiatives around a common agenda by focusing on priority goals and strategies for action along with an agreed upon metrics for measuring success.

Multiple summits and meetings will be held throughout the county from July through September 2013. These summits and meeting will engage and empower the voices of community leaders to shape the future of this collective strategy and improve the wellness of the county, and ultimately realize the Countywide Vision. The in-depth analysis including feedback from community leaders will be published in a comprehensive final report scheduled for public release in the fall of 2013.

“As our Countywide Vision progresses, CVS will continue to align individual, state, and national efforts to support a collective impact, engage our community, and establish the goals, strategies and measures for achieving wellness in our County,” said Trudy Raymundo, Director of Public Health.

CVS is a community-driven initiative in partnership with the County of San Bernardino to establish a community health improvement framework to encompass policy, education, and systems change to ensure quality of life; improve and sustain education and workforce; and attract economic development. Initiated by the County's Departments of Public and Behavioral Health and Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, CVS has transformed into a grass-roots initiative aimed at improving the health of all county residents. Currently, the growing membership of this initiative represents a diverse group of agencies, organizations, and institutions with unique expertise and experience whom are all invested in the health of the county.

CVS, in concert with a contracted consultant, has begun an in-depth analysis of the current health of the county, and will assist organizations and agencies in the county to develop or enhance programs and policies to better meet the needs of residents.

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