



Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department

Our role in public health is to:

PROMOTE community-wide wellness, preparedness, & self-sufficiency;

PREVENT illness, injury, & disease; and

PROTECT the community from infectious diseases, environmental hazards, & epidemics



Public Health

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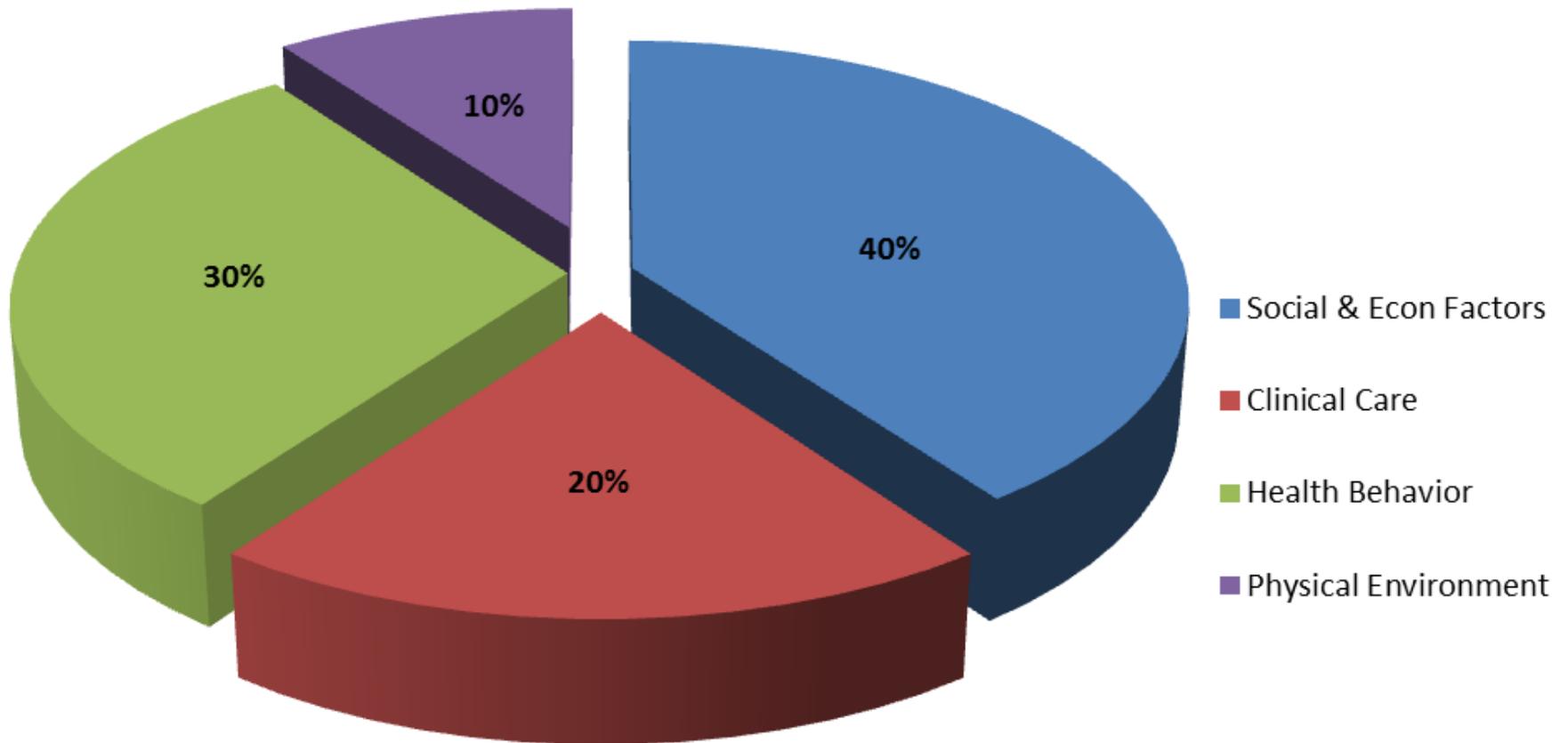
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Public Health

Health Care is vital to all of us some of the time, but Public Health is vital to all of us all of the time.

C. Everett Koop. Former U.S. Surgeon General

Determinants of Health



Some of the Things We Do in Local Public Health

- Epidemiology (Data)
- Vital Records (birth, death and fetal death certificates)
- Investigate Disease Outbreaks
- Clinical Prevention
 - Immunizations
 - Sexually Transmitted Diseases
 - Tuberculosis
- Environmental Health/Restaurant Inspections, permitting
- Preparedness, Bioterrorism
- Chronic Disease
 - Tobacco
 - Obesity
 - Diabetes
- Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health
 - Women, Infant, Children (WIC)
 - Teen Pregnancy Prevention
 - Injury Prevention
- Community Services (Neighborhood Centers)

Health Care and Public Health

Health Care	Public Health
Deals with Individual Patients	Deals with the community as its patient
Focuses on treating patients	Focuses on preventing illness

Core Functions of Public Health

- Assessment
- Policy Development
- Assurance

Summary: How HHSD Works to Address Chronic Disease

- **Assessment**

- Data - Mortality, Morbidity , Behavioral Risk, etc.
- Health Information Exchange Data Development

- **Policy Development/Assurance**

- Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan, Chronic Disease Coalition, Schools, Community-Based Organizations, Employers (Mayor's Health and Fitness Council), Health Care (Integrated Care Collaborative, Community Care Collaborative)
- Supporting clinical system change and use of decision support and data to drive performance
- Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice - Imagine Austin, Working with Planning, Development and Review , Public Works, Transportation; Tobacco-Free Living
- Community Health Worker diabetes educator program
- Tobacco Cessation Services

Example 2: HHSD Works Closely With Health Care on Preparedness (H1N1, Ebola)

- **Assessment**

- Disease Surveillance and Reporting (e.g. Syndromic Surveillance, Bioterrorism monitoring, Vital Records)

- **Policy Development**

- City/County Regional Planning
- Communication with Travis County Medical Society/Hospitals/Department of State Health Services/CDC
- Isolation/Quarantine
- Epidemiologic Response

- **Assurance**

- Direct Active Monitoring (Ebola)
- Medical Countermeasures
- Fatality Management
- Medical Surge



Public Health: Key Issues

How can the City of Austin Best Leverage its Investments in Health and Health Care Delivery with other Public and Private Investments in Health and Health Care Delivery for Increased Benefit to the Community?

- Look for opportunities to support preventive efforts that increase success with clinical interventions. Make the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice

Public Health

Other Voices/Partners

COA Departments

- Planning, Development and Review Dept.
- Public Works
- Transportation
- Libraries
- Parks and Recreation
- Austin/Travis County EMS/Office of the Medical Director
- Austin Fire Department
- Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Austin Police Department
- Austin Regional Intelligence Center
- Austin/Bergstrom International Airport
- Austin Energy
- Austin Water Utility
- Watershed Protection and Development Review
- Austin Animal center

Travis County Departments

- Travis County Health and Human Services and Veterans Services Dept.
- Travis County Sheriffs Office
- Office of Emergency Management

Other Local Partners

- Austin Independent School District
- Central Texas School Safety Consortium
- Neighboring counties
- Austin/Travis County Integral Care
- Travis County Medical Society
- Dell Medical School
- Local Hospitals

Regional Partners:

- Capitol Area Council of Governments
- Capitol Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council

Federal Partners

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Joint Terrorism Task Force,
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Transportation Security Administration
- Customs and Border Protection

Upcoming Council Action

April 2, 2015

- Community Services Block Grant - Additional Grant Funds
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness - Supplemental Grant Funds

April 23, 2015

- Summer Youth Employment Program Travis County Interlocal Agreement