

**Selecting Health Priorities
for the Health Department and Healthy Carolinians Partnership to work on**

Accreditation requirements:

Activity 1.1.k: Identify leading community health problems

Healthy Carolinians requirements:

- List of community health priorities based on CHA findings
- “Must demonstrate that the HC Partnership has conducted or used a community assessment completed within the last three years to determine priorities and identify priority populations. Community members should help decide priorities.”

Who selects	Pros of using this in your county	Cons
CHA team		
Community partners via Healthy Carolinians board		
LHD stakeholders via Board of Health		
Interested population via community forum		
How they select	Pros	Cons
Majority vote		
Nominal group technique, “Dots”		
Consensus		
Delphi process		
Rate and rank		

Keep in mind:

- 2 tiered process: agreement between community concerns and health statistics lead to first tier: ~10 concerns. The processes listed above help winnow down to 3-4 priorities.
- Make criteria for selecting priorities explicit.
- Keep It Simple, Stupid! (list criteria, don’t have fancy weighting systems – too confusing!)
- Some combination of these methods is stronger than any one alone