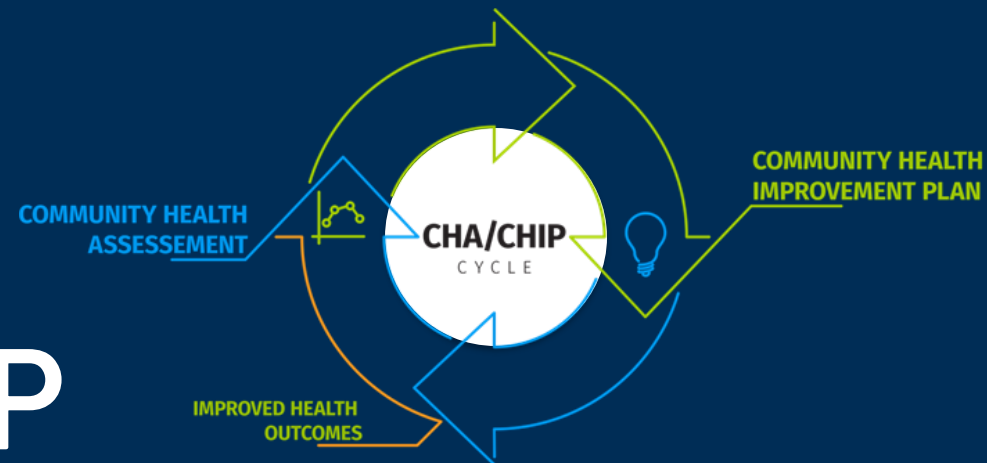# DDPHE CHA & CHIP
Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee
March 26, 2025

Empowering Denver's communities to live better, longer

Image: Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Dept., 2024.

Community Health Assessment (CHA)

- Identifies factors that affect population health
- Assesses availability of resources to help
- Systematic, comprehensive data collection and analysis

Source: Modified from Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, n.d.

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

- Long-term, systematic effort by local public health authority (LPHA) & partners
- Identifies and implements strategies towards measurable health improvement
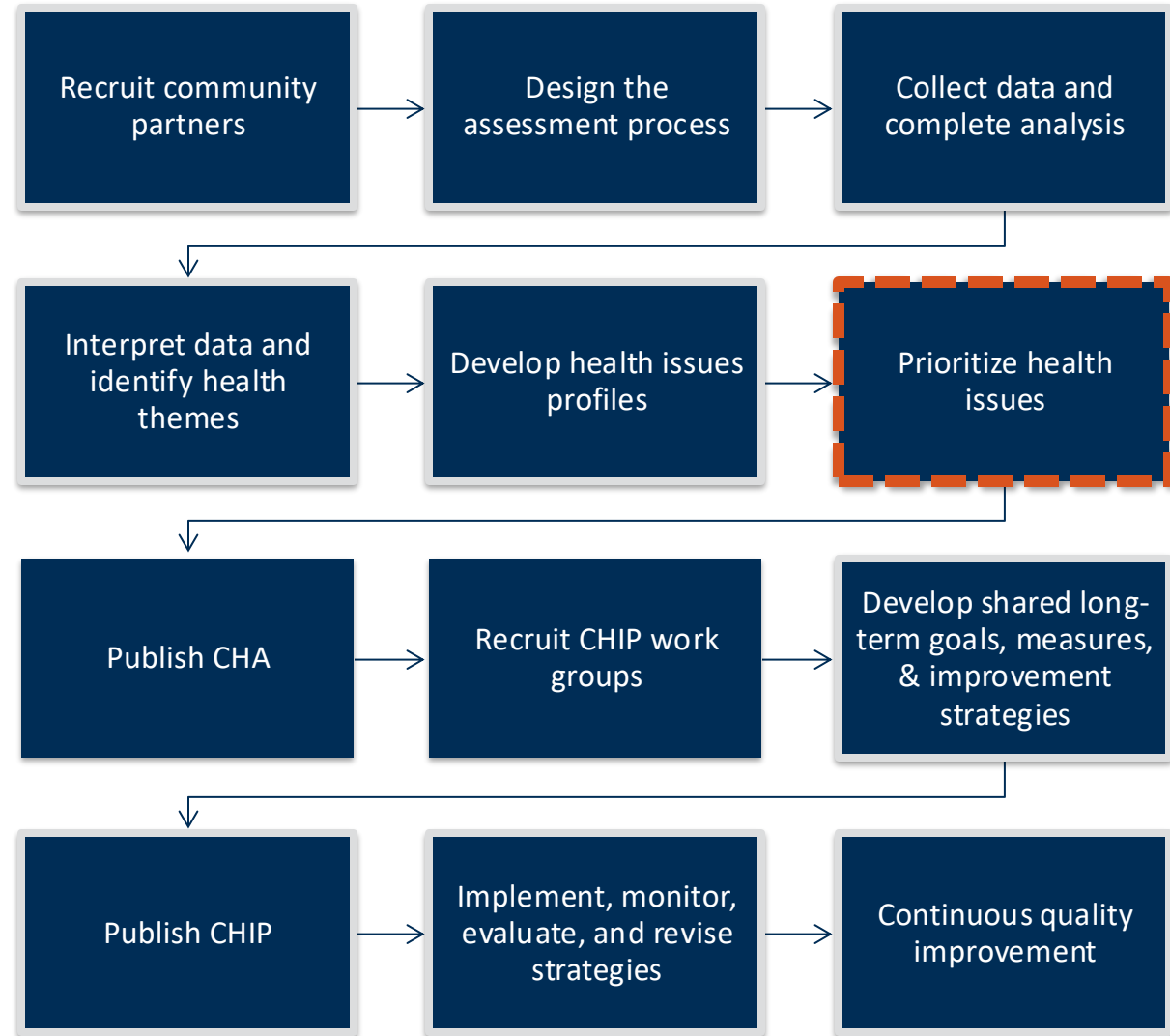- Completed every five years by LPHAs in Colorado

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Community Health Improvement Cycle

Research-based community health improvement framework

Emphasizes community engagement and data-driven assessments

Focus on improving inequities, cross-sector collaboration

Source: Modified from National Association of City & County Health Organizations, 2023.

Recruit community partners → Design the assessment process → Collect data and complete analysis

Interpret data and identify health themes → Develop health issues profiles → Prioritize health issues

Publish CHA → Recruit CHIP work groups → Develop shared long-term goals, measures, & improvement strategies

Publish CHIP → Implement, monitor, evaluate, and revise strategies → Continuous quality improvement

Social Determinants of Health

- The conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life.
- Non-medical factors that influence health outcomes

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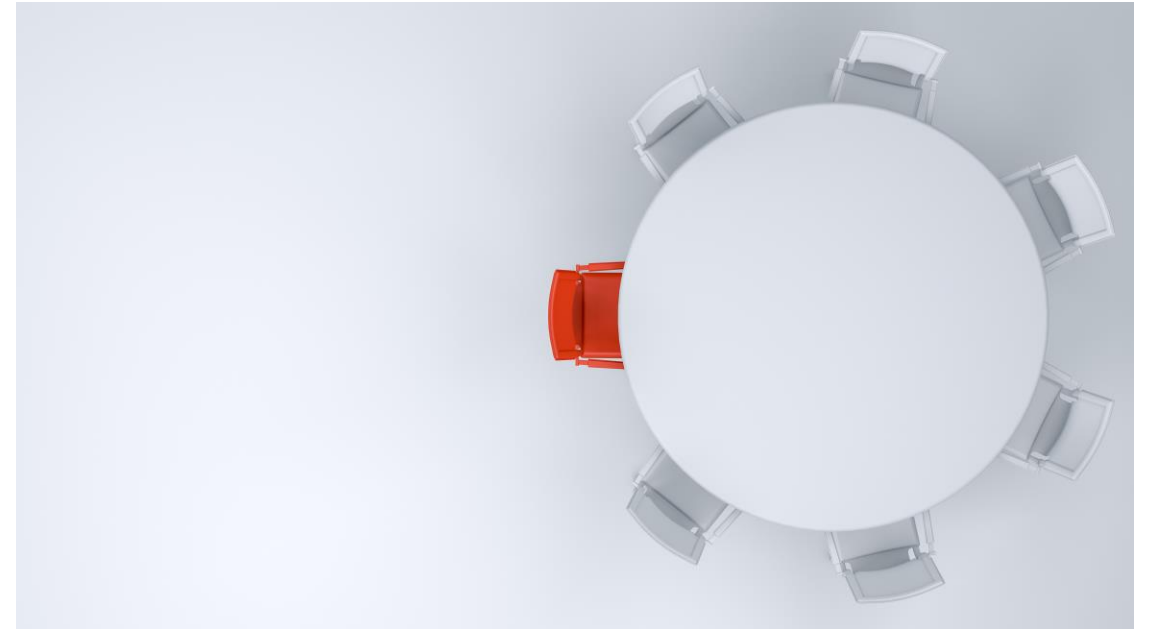
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Community Engagement

Community Engagement

- Steering Committee
- Assessment Design Team
- Community Advisory Group
- Data collection

Data Collection & Interpretation

Data Collection

Community Involvement	Quantitative Assessment	Current DDPHE Expertise
• 2,154 Thrive in the Mile High survey responses • 12 focus groups across different populations • 2 town halls	• ~100 data indicators across 15+ datasets • Temporal, demographic, and geographic trends	• Public health assessment bibliography • Prioritization involvement

- Analyzed all sources of CHA information to identify key patterns, trends
- Assessment Design Team (ADT) identified ten issue statements, outlining health problems, severity, and impact
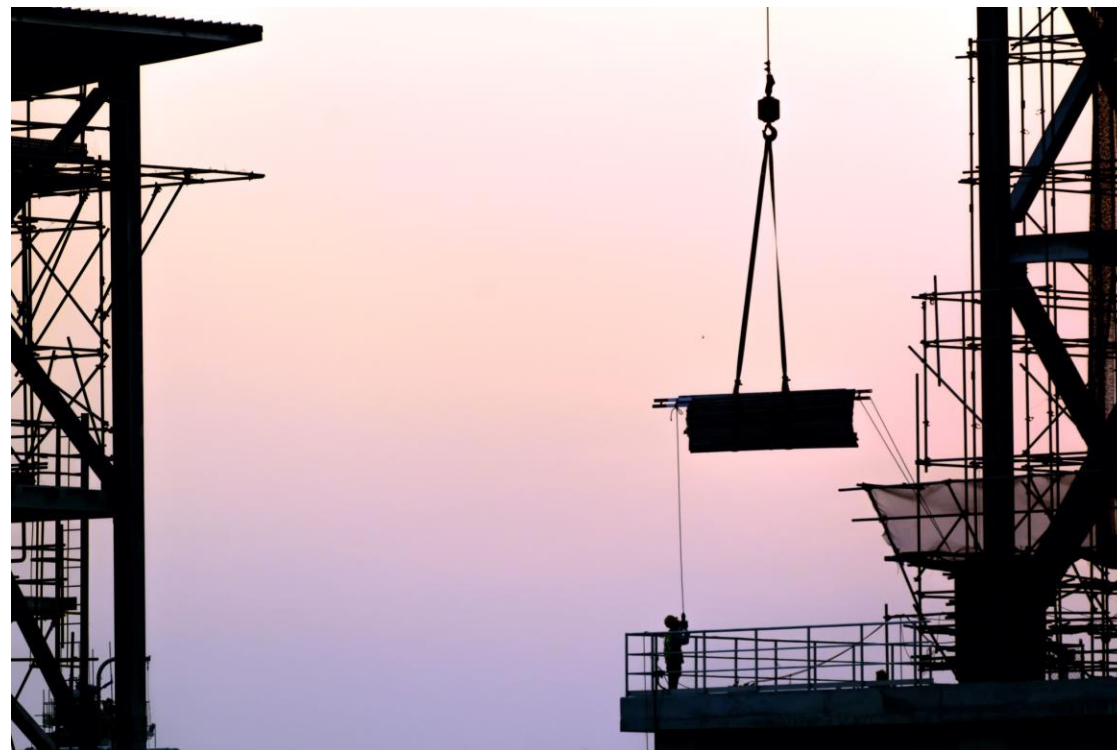
CHA Preliminary Findings

- Access to health care
- Belonging among transgender - identifying high school students
- Firearm-related homicides among men of color
- Food insecurity
- Income

- Overdoses among people experiencing homelessness
- Racism
- School drop-out rates among select vulnerable populations
- Safe and affordable housing
- Transportation access

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