

## Goal Area 1: Identify and Eliminate Disparities

*Activity 2: Community Intervention – assessment: Review the basic data sets (Disparity Data Fact Sheet) sent to your coalition/workgroup from MDCH; add additional local data that is relevant or available; determine specific gaps and disparate outcomes suggested by the data.*

### Discussion Questions and Report Template

October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011

*\*To be included in Tri-Annual Report due June 15, 2011\**

The following questions have been developed to help guide your discussion regarding the data set you received, and to organize the report of your findings (see table below). This activity is to be completed during the second reporting period (February – May 2011) with the summary report due June 15, 2011.

To help prepare for and guide discussions with your colleagues and/or coalition members, we encourage you to refer to the **Unnatural Causes Action Toolkit** located at [http://www.unnaturalcauses.org/download\\_toolkit.php](http://www.unnaturalcauses.org/download_toolkit.php) and to consider asking the questions below as well:

- a. In reviewing the data sets (*Disparity Data Fact Sheet*), what are the most obvious disparities that surfaced? Which populations were most impacted? (Responses should be recorded, described accurately and in detail.)
- b. Ask the question ‘why does this disparity exist’? What are the social determinants (lack of transportation, housing issues, lack of insurance, availability of food, job insecurity, poverty, quality education) associated with the disparity(s) and populations identified? With any disparity identified, be careful to always link it with social determinants, exploring WHY they contribute to the difference in health outcome for a particular population.
- c. Ask yourselves another question: “Why does a particular social determinant (for example, poverty) cause this population group to be disparately affected when it comes to tobacco use? “

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<b>Community Intervention – Assessment Report Template</b> <i>*To be included in Tri-Annual Report due June 15, 2011*</i>	
<b>Goal Area 1: Identify and Eliminate Disparities</b>	<b>Summarize findings from the data review, and identify at least one specific need in your community.</b>
1. Describe members of your discussion group – name of agency, what they do in your community, county(s) served, etc...	
2. What dates did you meet?	
3. What kind of format was used in the meetings? Informal/open discussions, prepared agenda (include copy with report), etc...	
4. What additional local data did you add to the Disparity Data Fact Sheet for your county/district/population?	
5. Describe some of the most obvious disparities identified in your discussions.	
6. Describe at least one discussion that emerged from asking the question, “Why does this disparity exist?” Use social determinants discussion as part of the answer.	
7. Record any important comments or conclusions – either negative or positive, that emerged in discussions.	
8. What good ideas emerged?	
9. List recommendations and/or suggestions for next steps or follow-up actions (that would be helpful) identified by the group.	
10. Which one population disparately impacted by tobacco use and secondhand smoke (in addition to other chronic health conditions) is your group planning to focus on and develop a plan to eliminate? Describe why you selected this group?	

If you have further question, please contact your consultant or Sonji Lynn Revis at 517-335-9898. Thank you!