

# Austin Travis County Community Health Plan

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# Overview



**Together We Thrive**  
Austin/Travis County Community Health Plan



Understanding the Community Health Plan

Evolution and Timeline

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Next Steps



# Why Community Health?

*Good health begins where we live, learn, work and play. Stable housing, quality schools, access to good jobs, and neighborhood safety are all important influences, as is culturally competent healthcare.*

*Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*

## Social Determinants of Health

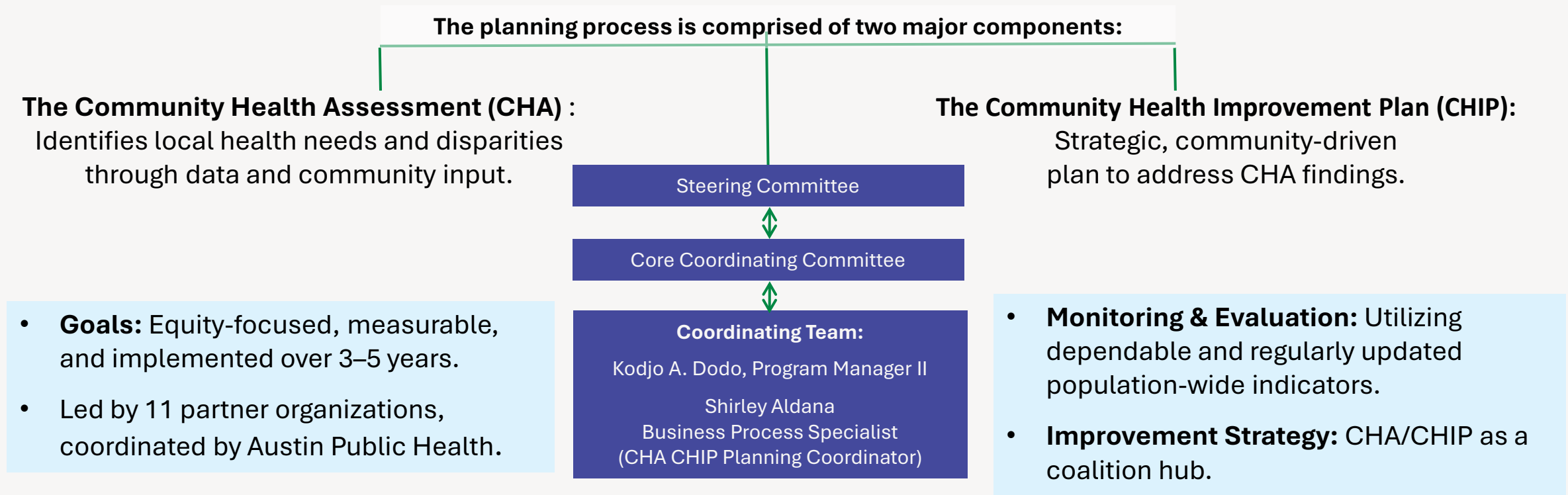


## Partners

- Ascension
- Baylor Scott & White Health
- Capital Metro
- Central Health
- Integral Care
- The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School
- St. David's Foundation
- UTHealth School of Public Health
- Travis County Health and Human Services

# Understanding the Community Health Plan

**The Austin/Travis County Community Health Plan is a collaborative planning initiative spearheaded by 11 partner organizations and facilitated by the Austin Public Health Planning Coordinating Team.**



# The CHA/CHIP Evolution



2012–2026: Four CHAs, Three CHIPs, and a fourth CHIP in progress

2018 CHIP: Behavioral health, equity strategies, LiveHealthyATX

2024 CHIP: Mental Health, Economic Stability, Built Environment

Learning from gaps: Need for deeper engagement and accountability

Future: Co-creating CHIP with community

# 2024 – CHIP Priorities



**Mental Health:** Increase access to mental healthcare and prioritize substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery.

**Economic Stability:** Improve access to resources that support financial security

**Built Environment:** Support environments that promote health and safety

**Goal for All Priorities:** Strengthen navigation to trusted services

# 2024 – CHIP SPOTLIGHT – Mental Health



Co-Chairs - Integral Care and Community Advancement Network

- Participating Organizations
  - Any Baby Can
  - Austin Public Health
  - Healthier Texas
  - St. Edward's University – School of Social Work
  - UT Health San Antonio – School of Public Health
  - Other community-based organizations
- Primary Goal - Increase awareness of and access to existing mental health and wellness resources by strengthening coordination across providers and incorporating community-informed insight into CHA analysis.
- “Did You Know? / ¿Sabía que?” forum series
  - LGBTQ+ communities, including affirming mental health and wellness resources
  - Immigrant families, with attention to access, prevention, and navigation of services
  - Community-wide wellness, including physical activity, nutrition, and preventive health

# Highlights from the 2025 Assessment



## Chronic & Communicable Disease

Heart Disease  
Cancer  
Diabetes  
HIV



## Economic Stability

Poverty  
Childcare  
Under employment



## Environmental Health

Air Quality  
Climate  
Water Quality



## Food Insecurity

Limited Access  
Uncertain Access



# Highlights from the 2025 Assessment



## Healthcare Access

Insurance  
Wait Times  
High Cost



## Housing Instability

High Costs  
Displacement  
Eviction Rates



## Maternal & Child Health

Teen Births  
Low Birth Weight  
Maternal Morbidity




## Mental Health & Substance Use


Anxiety  
Depression  
Drug -related ED visits

# Priorities and Next Steps


✓ Inclusive prioritization process guided by equity criteria.

 Identify 3–4 priority areas for 2026–2029 CHIP

 First prioritization session: January 23, 2026.

 Finalize priority areas based on community and data insights.

 Build workgroups to develop goals and strategies.

 Launch CHIP framework in Spring 2026.

# Vision for the Future

- **Moving Toward a Healthier, More Connected Austin**

Co-creating the 2026 CHIP with community at the center

Grounded in equity, healing, and shared responsibility

Built on transparency, trust, and deep partnerships

Informed by lived experience— not just DATA



# Questions?

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Link to the full report

[2025 Community Health Assessment](#)



## Together We Thrive

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