COUNTY APPLICATION
Community Dialogues to Improve County Health
A joint project of the National Association of Counties, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute

NACo, in collaboration with RWJF and University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, will be conducting a one day community dialogue around the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps in a local jurisdiction to convene county officials and community stakeholders to assess, plan and strategize efforts in coordinating health initiatives to improve county health. Please complete the attached application and return to Katie Bess, kbess@naco.org by COB Tuesday, October 1. For information about the community dialogues and eligibility criteria, please click here or go to http://www.naco.org/programs/csd/Documents/RWJF_County_Health_Rankings_Initiative/Community_Dialogues_Overview.pdf. Community dialogues are open to all NACo member counties. Please make sure you have a county official sign on to the application before submission.

County Name: ________________________________

Primary Contact
Name:__________________________________________
Title:___________________________________________
Department:_____________________________________
Street Address:__________________________________
City, State, Zip:_________________________________
Phone:_________________________________________
Email:_________________________________________

County Official
Name:__________________________________________
Title:___________________________________________
Department:_____________________________________
Street Address:__________________________________
City, State, Zip:_________________________________
Phone:_________________________________________
Email:_________________________________________

By agreeing to these terms and condition, the chief elected official of the county certifies that the information in the application is correct and is willing and able to participate in a NACo community dialogue.

Signature:_____________________________________
Chief Elected Official

Please return the application to Katie Bess by email, kbess@naco.org, or faxing materials to 202.737.0480
Please respond to the following in a separate document (maximum of 4 pages)

1. Has your county used the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps in its work? Yes/No
   a. Yes, please explain.
   b. If no, how do you think the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps may assist you in your work?

2. What are some of the critical issues your county is facing? What have been some previous challenges, barriers, and/or opportunities to fostering change in your county?

3. What are the demographics of your county (e.g., geography, population; economic status; regions)?

4. How does your county currently partner with local government agencies, non-profits, and/or community stakeholders on projects to improve community health?

5. Are there federal, state and/or private grants supporting these efforts and if so, can you share information on those efforts and support?

6. Explain a few initiatives your county is engaged in to create a healthier community – in doing so, please articulate 1) the rationale for focusing on the issue, 2) specific outcomes you have achieved and/or hope to achieve, 3) what measurement/evaluation activities you use to assess initiative outcomes and 4) what other organizations or partners are involved in your efforts.

7. How can a community dialogue assist your county? What are the expected outcomes you would like to achieve in a community dialogue? Who would be invited to participate?

8. How can NACo, RWJF and our County Health Rankings & Roadmaps partners help to ensure your community dialogue is successful and leads to actionable next steps?

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For more information, please contact Katie Bess, kbess@naco.org or 202.942.4215 or visit http://www.naco.org/improvingcountyhealth