



Background: Despite public health’s increasing focus on how environments impact health, our ZIP codes remain a more accurate determinant of health than our genetic codes. As a society, we have a collective responsibility to create conditions that allow all members of our communities to live healthy lives.

Purpose: the Department of Health is holding four regional events across the Commonwealth to bring together different sectors (e.g. business, education, housing, transportation, etc.) to have a conversation about how we can create conditions that allow all members of our communities to live healthy lives.

Event locations have been chosen based on BRFSS data and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s County Health Rankings’ health outcome data around five health priority areas of obesity, diabetes, oral health, substance use, and tobacco use.

Where and When:

- ◆ February 23, 2017– CENTRAL: Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry Counties
- ◆ March 27, 2017– NORTHEAST: Carbon, Columbia, Northumberland, and Schuylkill Counties
- ◆ April 19, 2017– WEST (follow-up event): Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, and Indiana Counties
- ◆ May 2017– SOUTHEAST: Philadelphia County