

Wicked Problem Solving – Sustainability

Sustainability: The ability to maintain activities and benefits over time.¹

Sustainability Frameworks		
Georgia Health Policy Center Sustainability Framework²	Rural Health Information Hub (RHIH) Key Considerations for Sustainability³	National Association for County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Guide – Understanding and Planning for Sustainability⁴
<p>The Sustainability Framework describes seven elements for sustainability:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic Purpose 2. Contextual Relevance 3. Practical Alignment 4. Data Utilization 5. Active Collaboration 6. Effective Communication 7. Visionary Leadership 	<p>RHIH presents considerations for sustainability, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify opportunities to leverage/build upon existing priorities/activities. • Identify diverse funding opportunities. • Implement data-driven decision-making processes. • Identify existing and potential partners to continue the work. 	<p>NACCHO presents seven domains of sustainability, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community and organizational partnerships 2. Funding 3. Governance 4. Staffing 5. Ongoing assessment and continuous quality improvement 6. Strategic Communications 7. Policy
Common Elements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committed/aligned leadership • Leveraging aligned opportunities • Community and organizational partnerships/collaboration • Diverse funding sources • Data-driven decision making • Strategic Communication 		

¹ Schell, S.F., Luke, D.A., Schooley, M.W. et al. Public health program capacity for sustainability: a new framework. *Implementation Sci* **8**, 15 (2013). <https://doi.org/10.1186/1748-5908-8-15>

² <https://ghpc.gsu.edu/tools-frameworks/sustainability-framework/>

³ <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/toolkits/health-promotion/6/key-considerations>

⁴ https://www.naccho.org/uploads/downloadable-resources/Sustainability-Planning-Guide_2023-05-09-150857_gsgd.pdf