

WORKSHEET

Priority-Setting Activity

After brainstorming, the group must categorize and prioritize the issues uncovered during the brainstorm or as a result of more formally determining community needs through collecting data and other information. Using the brainstorm and priority-setting method, everyone's voices will be heard equally in developing a group consensus and in setting group priorities.

Nominal Group Technique

Steps:

- 1) Ask each person to rank their top three to five community problems that they would like to tackle as a group.
- 2) Each person should write each of these community problems on a piece of paper. They should write one problem per sheet, write horizontally, and write in big letters with the markers.
- 3) If you want to maintain absolute confidentiality, ask everyone to turn in their papers. Group them in columns on the wall, and you will quickly observe which ideas are more important to the majority of group members.
- 4) If you would like to encourage group participation during the prioritization, ask for someone to volunteer their health problem. Ask everyone else with a similar problem written on their paper to come forward. Begin to make columns of similar issues. If there are any questions if one idea goes with another, ask the person to clarify their idea. Ask the group to decide if the ideas go together.
- 5) At the end of the exercise, the group consensus will be apparent by which community problem has the longest column.