HEALTHY PLACES

Participants offered general comments, as well as comments specific to some of the strategic goals.

- Again, participants found the Objectives to be vague, inconsistent, and too general. They felt the Places Goals did not reflect a public health framework.
- Participants thought that transportation between places (e.g., car and bus safety), environmental health issues, improving nutrition, and specific outreach to immigrant and migrant populations were missing from the Objectives.
- Participants felt that when appropriate, some of the Objectives should be collapsed and placed in a new, general, non-place specific category. This was also related to their identification of overlaps between Objectives in the people goal area with those in the places goal area.
- Some perceived the places Objectives as fairly weak. Participants asked how CDC will provide surveillance, program evaluation, and best science for best practice for the Objectives in the Places Goal?
- The Objectives assume a well-trained, environmental workforce yet training and workforce development are not mentioned.

> Example: Overlap and similarity between Objectives in different Goal Areas:
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> Objective 6 (People):
> Increase the numbers of infants and toddlers who live in social and physical environments that support their health, safety, and development (repeated for each age group)
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> Objective 38 (Places):
> Support the design and development of built environments that promote physical and mental health by encouraging healthy behaviors, quality of life, and social connectedness.

- Participants asked about the overall approach to places Objectives. Are some of the Objectives a natural expansion of public health activities? Which Objectives will require the development of new relationships and partners?

Communities

- Participants suggested that the Objectives stress the use of renewable energy and reducing noise levels.
- Some also recommended the addition of an Objective devoted to enhancing the local public health infrastructure.
- Participants suggested clarifying Objective 41, Prevent injury and violence and their consequences in communities, to distinguish it from the Healthy People Objectives.
- Some participants felt that CDC is unable to accomplish Objective 42 related to the social determinants of health, including poverty, discrimination and low education levels.

Homes

- Participants noted the absence of domestic violence in the Objectives.

- Participants asked if Objectives should focus on highest risk housing and how best to integrate health considerations into building and housing maintenance codes.

Travel and Recreation
- Some participants felt that travel and recreation should be separate strategic goals.
- Recreation and travel are not places. Participants suggested using other language.
- Participants noted that Objectives 46 and 48, related to injury prevention during travel and recreation and to safe travel environments respectively overlap and suggested that differences between the two be clarified.
- Participants pointed out that safe travel also involves travel to and from school on buses and transportation as a primary workplace, e.g., truck drivers, pilots, etc., not just vacation travel.

Healthcare Settings
- Participants suggested including an Objective to limit the work load and hours of healthcare workers to increase the quality of care.
- Participants proposed adding an Objective to increase the number of healthcare facilities that have standing vaccine orders (e.g., pneumococcal and influenza).
- Participants noted that nursing homes received no mention.

Schools
- Participants commented that CDC should include an Objective to increase the number of schools that meet recommended staffing levels for general health services and mental health services.
- Participants also felt that many important Objectives were missing including the eight components recommended by CDC/DASH's coordinated school health program model.

Workplaces
- Participants suggested the addition of Objectives dealing with the acceptable exposure levels of toxic substances (perhaps CDC can partner with NIOSH), increasing occupational safety training, and creating 100% tobacco-free workplaces.
- Some recommended that Objective 63, reduce the numbers of workers killed on injured on the job, be reworded to read, "Increase the number of workplaces that meet or exceed OSHA's standards."