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<b>Assessment</b>	The process of gathering, describing, or quantifying information about performance
<b>Peer and Societal Norms</b>	Rules that a group uses for appropriate and inappropriate values, beliefs, attitudes and behaviors.
<b>Culture</b>	Attitudes and behaviors, which are characteristic of a particular social group or organization.
<b>Health Advocacy</b>	The process by which the actions of individuals or groups attempt to bring about social and organizational change on behalf of a particular health goal, program, interest, or population.
<b>Health Information</b>	The content of communications derived from credible sources related to individual, group, and community health issues and concerns.
<b>Health Outcomes</b>	Measurable change in or reinforcement factors related to health status or quality of life attributable to a series of events, whether planned or unplanned.

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<b>Healthy Behaviors</b>	Exercising or showing good judgment, related to one's actions, in the promotion of good health.
<b>Healthy Lifestyle</b>	Patterns of behavior that maximize one's quality of life and decrease one's susceptibility to negative health outcomes.
<b>Multiple Dimensions of Health</b>	A concept of health related to the emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual make up.
<b>Communicable Disease</b>	An infectious disease communicable by contact with one who has it, with a bodily discharge of such a patient, or with an object touched by such a patient or by bodily discharges.
<b>Public Health Policies</b>	A formal statement or procedure often enacted through legislation or other forms of rule making for the science and art of promoting health, preventing disease, and prolonging life.
<b>Wellness</b>	An approach to health that focuses on balancing the many aspects or dimensions of a person's life through increasing the adoption of health-enhancing conditions and behaviors, rather than attempting to minimize conditions of illness.