Purpose
The purpose of the community health assessment is to convene a diverse stakeholder group to identify what factors affect the health of its population and what resources are available within the community to address these factors. Completing a Community Health Assessment is a core function of local public health.

Data Sources
- Minnesota Department of Health Statistics
- Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Census Data

Process
- Highlighted data sets from the above sources were compiled into a Community Health Assessment Data Profile Document. The Profile is posted online at www.communityhealthboard.org (Health Data tab)
- An opinion survey was distributed and completed by 109 St. Louis County residents.
- Community stakeholders met during 2012-2013 to review data and identify top health issues.

Partners Involved:
- Fairview Range Hospital
- Northern St. Louis Family Services Collaborative
- Salvation Army
- AEOA Planning
- AEOA HeadStart
- Laurentian Clinic
- Virginia Medical Center
- Ely Community Member
- Ely Community Resource Agency
- School Nurse

Priority: Mental Health
The percentages of adolescents who reported feeling under great pressure in the last 30 days (2010) are 12th graders - 41%, 9th graders 29%, 6th graders – 17% (MSS).

Priority: Obesity
According to data from Bridge To Health, from 2005 to 2010, percentage of adults reported as obese increased from 21.8% to 24.1% (BTH).

Priority: Access to Dental Care
Percentage of adults who reported as postponing dental work in the past year were in 2000-25.5%, 2005-23.8%, 2010-22.4% (BTH).
Priority: Percentage of Female Head of Household in Poverty
According to Minnesota Department of Health, percentages of single females with children under 18 living in poverty 2006-2010 were 44.3% (MDH).

Priority: Substance Abuse
The percentages of adolescents who reported as using marijuana on one or more days in the last two months (2010) were 6th graders- 2%, 9th graders- 20%, and 12th graders- 38% (MSS).

Priority: Uninsured/Underinsured
Percentages of adults who reported as uninsured were 2000 – 4.8%, 2005- 9.1% and 2010- 8.3% (BTH).

Priority: STD’S – STI’s – Sexual Activity
According to the Bridge to Health survey results, the percentage of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD’s) in St. Louis County is 3% (2010)

Priority: Childhood Vaccination – Pertussis
According to the Minnesota Department of Health, percentage of childhood immunization vaccine series completed in 2010- 53% and 2011- 60.3% (MDH).

Priority: Health Screenings (e.g. Prenatal and Colon)
According to Bridge to Health, in 2010, % of adults who have never had screening were for blood cholesterol- 12.9%, blood pressure- 3.7%, colon- 30.9% and mammogram- 10.3% (BTH).

Priority: Smoking in Pregnancy
Percentage of mothers who smoked during pregnancy
1996-2000 – 22%
2001-2005- 22.6%
2006-2010- 20.3%