

## TRANSMITTAL MEMO

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**From:** Laura McKieran, Executive Director  
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**Re:** Quarterly Progress Report: Year 01 Quarter 02

**Note:** As required by the Notice of Award, please find following Community Information Now's Quarterly Progress Report for the second quarter of Year 1. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.









3. **As a user I want** the tool to be in Spanish **so that I can access the data in the language I'm most comfortable speaking.**
4. **As an entry-level user I want** the data I retrieve turned into maps and charts **so that I don't have to visualize the data myself.**
5. **As an advanced user I want** to be able to download the data and metadata **so that I can do my own calculations.**
6. **As an instructor who uses data I want** an “explore your neighborhood” feature **so that students can engage with data on a personal level.**
7. **As an entry-level user I want** pop up info prompts/instructions on the tool itself **so that I can learn how to use each feature of the tool on the spot and without having to open a separate window or tab.**
8. **As a user I want** the tool to be similar to Google Maps **so that I can interact with it and put a little “person” down on the map and instantly pull up data about that area.**
9. **As a user I want** examples of how the data has been used **so that I can learn and use the data in similar ways.**
10. **As an entry-level user I want** virtual training on data concepts **so that I understand and can communicate about the data I've gotten from the tool.**

In March CI:Now staff pilot tested and formally deployed a community survey that will be held open throughout the project period. The survey will collect further information from Bexar County residents on community data needs and preferences, data user characteristics, and ways data is used. The [survey](#) has initially been distributed via CI:Now's [newsletter](#) (215 successful deliveries) and through the Bexar Necessities listserv (2,300+ subscribers). As of this writing CI:Now has received about 25 survey responses; the survey will continue to be pushed through all available avenues, including informal partner networks, CI:Now's newsletter, and groups like the Alamo Regional Data Alliance and a local Geographic Information System (GIS) user group.

- **Sub-objective 1.3. Dataset acquisition, processing, and integration.** In March CI:Now staff began to compile the list of indicators and datasets to be included in the tool. The initial inventory, which is quite extensive, includes all indicators staff know are available. In April that inventory will be prioritized based on community survey results, feedback from the UCD sessions, and staff knowledge of what data is frequently requested. Once the inventory is prioritized, staff will begin pulling, processing, and integrating those datasets to be loaded into the platform in subsequent months. In March CI:Now also attended a demonstration of a new (and much less extensive) data tool being launched by project partner San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) to learn what data and features Metro is offering and begin to think about how the OMH-funded data platform can build on this resource as it does other assets. Staff sent an initial request to project partner HASA, the area health information exchange, to determine data availability and completeness. Some indicators of interest include inpatient and emergency department utilization for key diagnoses (e.g., asthma, COVID-19), lab values (e.g., to indicate uncontrolled diabetes), and prescriptions (e.g., to indicate antidepressant use). HASA staff

















































