

Forest County Health Department Community Health Assessment Summary 2023

Who is Involved?

Tri-County Core Planning Team

- Forest, Vilas, Oneida, Aspirus, Marshfield Clinic
- Identify the process, collaborate on data collection, financial support for the survey

Forest County Health Department CHA/CHIP Team

- Department lead staff and director
- Assist with data collection, facilitate data discussion

Forest County Health Department Steering Committee

- Health care providers, community members, elected officials, business owners, tribal health, schools, local coalition members
- Provide oversight to the process and finalize the priority health areas

What is the Process?



The final prioritization process considered multiple criteria, including scope of the issue, community momentum, and organizational capacity. We know the drivers of health; income, education, housing, access to care, access to food and physical activity, play an important part of overall health. As the

improvement plan is written and evidence-based strategies are selected, we will strive to address the top social determinant of health that was identified, access to health care.

How will we develop the plan?

The health department will share the completed health assessment report with the public, elected officials, agency partners, local coalitions and other interested community members. We will invite others to engage in the work of creating the five-year plan knowing that this is truly a community effort and one organization cannot complete the work alone.

Health Department CHA Team developed primary goals for each of the three health priority areas, identified a team lead and a local coalition that is engaged in the issues.

Other community assets and partnerships have also been identified, such as, schools, social service, aging and disability, human service, libraries, pharmacies, tribal agencies, clinics, local law enforcement, UW Extension, and others.

Mental Health Primary Goal = Access to Care

Team Lead= Michelle Palubicki, Lenore Blemke

Coalition= COPE, Partnership

Substance Abuse Primary Goal = Prevention, Education, Resources

Team Lead = Kathy Kautz, Jessica Wilson

Chronic Disease Primary Goal = Prevention, Education, Resources

Team Lead= Gayle Webster, Jill Krueger, Michelle Palubicki

Once the CHIP is written, we will have a system in place to monitor and evaluate progress, adjust strategies if necessary, and report the progress on a routine basis.

Please refer to the health department website for more information on the CHA/CHIP.

www.forestcountypublichealth.org

We look forward to any discussion regarding the health priorities that have been identified.