

WEST CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

PRIORITIZATION

2022/2023 Community Health Assessment for the 2024-2029 Public
Health Improvement Plan

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Overview & Agenda

The West Central Public Health Partnership met to review the top issues from the 2022/2023 Community Health Assessment and to decide on the top priorities for the upcoming 2024-2029 Public Health Improvement plan. The partnership met in Gunnison county and on Zoom. All six (6) counties were represented and met over the course of four (4) hours.

10:00	Welcome & warm-up Agenda overview
10:15	Review of prioritization matrix Review top issues and potential evidence-based strategies Goals (1-3 priority areas, environmental health, regional capacity)
11:00	Finalize list of issues/Break
11:15	Prioritization Matrix Ranking
12:00	Networking & Lunch Break
1:00	Final round of prioritization
1:30	Next Steps
2:00	Adjourn



Goals for Prioritization

1) Prioritize our region's top health concerns to be included in our
Regional Public Health Plan

2) Use a matrix of questions and voting process.

3) Informed by data, community engagement (significance), ability to
impact (evidence-based strategies) and capacity

4) Consider whether it was a past priority and if there is regional
consensus

Prioritization Matrix

From 2021 to 2023 West Central Public Health Partnership (WCPHP) conducted a regional capacity assessment and a community health assessment to identify the top issues affecting the community.

The community health assessment included gathering secondary data, collecting survey responses, and conducting key informant interviews.

To determine the upcoming public health improvement plan priorities, WCPHP utilized the **Colorado Health Assessment & Planning System Prioritization Scoring Tool**.

Prioritization Goals

The WCPHP Steering Committee (local public health directors) agreed on goals for the prioritization that included:

Firstly, capping the priorities to no more than three, in order to focus in on the strategies and plan.

Secondly, for one of the goals to be Environmental Health focused, or for all of the goals to integrate an Environmental Health strategy.

Lastly, there would be Regional Capacity for each chosen priority.

Prioritization Criteria

The region's public health directors, Regional Epidemiologist, Gunnison Clinical Services Supervisor, Delta Environmental Health Director, San Miguel Health Educator, and Delta Outreach Specialist participated in the voting process.

Each criteria question was reviewed for understanding and agreement. All criteria were kept as is, but, a Regional Consensus question was added, “Is this a top priority for your county?” to confirm that each public health director was providing agreement or disagreement that a specific issue was a priority for their respective county.

Each of the criterion were weighted as-is, with no weight added, except for the Regional Consensus criterion was weighted double.

The process was facilitated by the WCPHP Coordinator and the WCPHP Grants Coordinator. Notes were collated and can be found throughout this presentation.

2019-2023

Public Health Improvement Plan Priorities

The previous Public Health Improvement plan originally had three priorities: Healthy Eating Active Living, Behavioral Health, and Housing.

*However with the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic, in 2020, West Central Public Health Partnership shifted focus to COVID-19 response.

- HEALTHY EATING
ACTIVE LIVING

- BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH

- HEALTHY HOUSING

- COVID-19*

West Central Public Health Partnership

2022/2023 Community Health Assessment

Top Issues

in no specific order

- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
- PREVENTION & EDUCATION HEALTH (CHRONIC DISEASES, WOMEN'S HEALTH, CANCER)
- ACCESS TO PRIMARY & SPECIALITY CARE SERVICES
- AGING IN PLACE
- AFFORDABILITY OF CARE
- CHILDCARE
- TRANSPORTATION
- IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

Colorado Health Assessment & Planning System Prioritization Scoring Tool



Significance to Public Health

Does the issue impact a large number or high percentage of people in our community?

Criteria Weight: 1

Do health disparities exist? (Are sub-populations more affected than the general public?)

Criteria Weight: 1

Ability to Impact the Issue

Do strategies exist that can be implemented locally produce the desired outcome?

Criteria Weight: 1

Does community support for change exist, including political will?

Criteria Weight: 1

Capacity to Address the Issue

Is a local organization prepared to take the lead on the issue?

Criteria Weight: 1

Are sufficient resources (funding, staff, expertise) available or obtainable?

Criteria Weight: 1

Prior Priority:

Was the issues a priority in your last public health improvement plan?

**Healthy Eating Active Living
Behavioral Health
Healthy Housing**

Criteria Weight: 1

Regional Consensus

Is this a top priority for your county?

Criteria Weight: 2

Review of Evidence-based strategies and/or current efforts in our community to build on.

Opportunity to ask clarifying questions on the topic.



EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES & EXAMPLES OF CURRENT EFFORTS FOR ADDRESSING

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Intergenerational Housing Development
- Pathways Vermont Housing First Program
- Housing Needs Assessment
- Montrose Housing Action Team
- Housing Policy Framework
- Workforce Housing in Hinsdale and Gunnison

EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES & EXAMPLES OF CURRENT EFFORTS FOR ADDRESSING ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (INCLUDING SUBSTANCE USE)

YOUTH

- [Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project \(GCSAPP\)](#)
- [Montrose School District implementing Salem-Keizer Threat Assessment Model](#)
- [Gunnison Valley Mentors](#)
- [Tri-County Health Network's Behavioral Health Directory](#)
- [Southwest Regional Opioid Consortium](#)

EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES & EXAMPLES OF **YOUTH & ADULTS**
CURRENT EFFORTS FOR ADDRESSING
ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
(INCLUDING SUBSTANCE USE)

- Co-responding mental health providers in Montrose County
- San Miguel county offers six free counseling sessions to all residents
- Gunnison Valley Health mobile crisis response services
- Gunnison Valley Health peer support team

EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES & EXAMPLES OF CURRENT EFFORTS FOR ADDRESSING PREVENTION & EDUCATION HEALTH (CHRONIC DISEASES, WOMEN'S HEALTH, CANCER)

- Women's Wellness Connection
- Regional Health Connector
- Increase availability of healthier food and beverage choices in public service venues.
- Montrose Regional Health Women's Health Navigation program

EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES & EXAMPLES OF CURRENT EFFORTS FOR ADDRESSING ACCESS TO PRIMARY & SPECIALITY CARE SERVICES

- Rural Healthcare Systems prioritizing Community needs
- Strengthening Economic Opportunity and Workforce Support
- Strengthening Infrastructure to Support Healthcare Access
- Health Navigators

EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES & EXAMPLES OF CURRENT EFFORTS FOR ADDRESSING FOR ADDRESSING AGING IN PLACE

- Tele-health visits
- Homemaker programs
- Young at Heart (Senior Meals)
- CDPHE Home Health program
- Tri-County Health Network Care Coordination

EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES & EXAMPLES OF CURRENT EFFORTS FOR ADDRESSING FOR ADDRESSING AFFORDABILITY OF CARE

- NEK Prosper: Coalition of healthcare providers and key stakeholders to elevate the communities' SDOH
- Community Health Workers
- Hospital financial assistance programs
- Omnisalud

STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING & EXAMPLES OF CURRENT EFFORTS FOR ADDRESSING CHILDCARE

- Early Childhood Councils and local funding - Workforce supports/housing.
- Facilities through Community Organizing - Montrose, child care center
- Tuition Assistance - Childcare Tuition Assistance, local funding

STRATEGIES & EXAMPLES OF CURRENT EFFORTS FOR ADDRESSING FOR ADDRESSING TRANSPORTATION

- Miles of Smiles Salida
- Sunshine Rides
- Senior Transport at Gunnison Valley Health
- Telluride Express
- All Points Transit

EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES & EXAMPLES OF CURRENT EFFORTS FOR ADDRESSING IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

- Community Health Workers
- PIC Place
- Hispanic Affairs Project
- River Valley Family Health Center

Updated list of Issues prior to ranking

WCPHP reviewed the list of evidence-based strategies, and some examples of current efforts throughout the region meant to improve the issues.

The public health directors were given the opportunity to pitch either adding or removing an issue.

WCPHP agreed that Affordable Housing, Affordability of Care, and Transportation are traditionally not in the perceived realm of public health and that other entities or organizations have capabilities to make a bigger impact and can more successfully take a lead on improving these issues.

Environmental Justice was added as an issue per the WCPHP Intergovernmental Agreement requirements to include an Environmental Health priority, and the continuous need for improvement.

Affordable housing, Affordability of Care, and Transportation were removed.
Environmental Justice was added.

Updated list of Issues prior to ranking

- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
- BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
- PREVENTION & EDUCATION HEALTH (CHRONIC DISEASES, WOMEN'S HEALTH, CANCER)
- ACCESS TO PRIMARY & SPECIALITY CARE SERVICES
- AGING IN PLACE
- CHILDCARE
- IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

Prioritization Matrix Methodology

WCPHP used a Google form to rank each of the seven (7) issues against each of the seven (7) criteria. The possible responses for each question were:

0 = No

1 = Somewhat

2 = Yes

The Regional Consensus section of the form was for the public health directors only. This section asked if each of the issues was a top priority for the public health director's respective county.

Once all responses were collated, WCPHP staff tallied the totals for each issue and criteria question, and assigned the appropriate weights to each criterion. Regional Consensus was weighted doubly.

WCPHP
2022/2023
Community
Health
Assessment
Ranked
Priorities

Results

1. Behavioral and Mental Health	170
2. Aging in Place	140
3. Prevention & Education Health (Chronic diseases, women's health, cancer)	139
4. Environmental Justice	88
5. Immigrant Access to Healthcare	80
6. Childcare	75
6. Access to Primary & Speciality Care	75

2024-2028 WCPHP

Health Equity Framework & Priority Populations

Through the Community Health Assessment key informant interviews, priority populations were identified:

- Seniors
- Immigrants and non-English speakers
- LGBTQ+
- Children
- Homeless
- Low income

WCPHP will continue to ground the conversation for the Public Health Improvement Plan using the Health Equity Framework to "address the social determinants of health through healthy public policy to achieve health equity among all Coloradans." (Health Equity Framework - CDPHE - Social Determinants of Health Workgroup (2010)).

Health Equity

AN EXPLANATORY MODEL FOR CONCEPTUALIZING THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH



Public Health's Role in Addressing the Social Determinants of Health

- Advocating for and defining public policy to achieve health equity
- Coordinated interagency efforts
- Creating organizational environments that enable change
- Data collection, monitoring and surveillance
- Population based interventions to address health factors
- Community engagement and capacity building

2024-2028 WCPHP

Public Health Improvement Plan Priorities

- **Behavioral and Mental Health**
- **Capacity Building for West Central Public Health Partnership**



Next steps



Summer 2023: Planning Process begins

Fall & Winter 2023: Public Health Improvement Plan completed

We invite our stakeholders to participate in the planning process. Contact information is below or connect with your local public health director.

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