

Jefferson County Data Review and Health Priorities Process, 2014

BACKGROUND: From February-April 2014, a group of community data users led by Jefferson Health Care and Jefferson Public Health reviewed the results of a community health assessment. The assessment included current data and trends for demographics, socioeconomic, community safety, quality of life, health care access, pregnancy and births, and behaviors, illness, injury, hospitalizations and deaths. In May, the group reviewed and compiled a list of top issues. In June, the group formalized those top issues into final priorities. These data are available at: <http://www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org>.

NEXT STEPS to Improve the Health of Jefferson County: Specific goals and action steps to address the priorities are under development. A cycle of systematic and ongoing monitoring of action steps, progress toward goal and assessment of health status should be established to ensure accountability to the process and to the intended outcomes.

June 13, 2014: FINAL PRIORITIES	TOTAL VOTES
1. Access to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Care	19
Goal: Create stable mental health treatment structure in Jefferson County Action: Work with Accountable Community of Health to integrate mental health, chemical dependency and medical services for all Medicaid recipients within Jefferson County and the region. Action: Stabilize local mental health service structure. Goal: Reduce tobacco use in pregnant women and youth Action: Identify tobacco prevention strategies. Goal: Ensure adequate access to mental health, substance use and tobacco treatment. Action: Evaluate access to treatment and structural community prevention.	
2. Healthy Eating, Active Living and Chronic Disease Prevention	10
Goal: Prevent chronic disease through healthy living, diet and exercise across the lifespan	
3. Access to Care	9
Goal: Increase access to needed preventative care with special focus on dental, prenatal and seniors	
4. Immunizations	7
Goal: Improve immunization rates	

Underlying these top issues are the ongoing root causes that impact health. Root causes are education, economic and housing and must be addressed by the community as a whole.

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May 18, 2014: TOP ISSUE SELECTION BY VOTING			CROSS-WALK TO
CATEGORY	ISSUE	VOTES	FINAL GOAL #
Morbidity	Mental health inadequacy for both adult and youth	10	1
	Chronic Disease	2	2
Preventable Behaviors	Immunization Rates	7	4
Healthy Eating / Active Living	Exercise	4	2
	Healthy foods available	4	2
Clinical Care	Dental Care	4	3
	Prenatal Care	1	3
Substance Abuse Care	Drug, alcohol, tobacco abuse	4	1
	Substance abuse care	1	1
Education and Employment	Poor academic performance	4	root cause
Who & Where	Needs of older population / fall prevention	4	3
Social Outcomes	A.C.E	3	1
	Bullying / adolescence	1	1
Income Poverty Housing	Economic Disparity	2	root cause
	Lack of affordable housing	0	root cause
	children living in poverty	0	root cause
	% of Medicaid births	0	root cause
Mortality	(no subjects listed)		

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The table below shows the alignment of Jefferson County Priorities to National and State strategies and priorities.

	NATIONAL AND STATE STRATEGIES				STATE PRIORITY AREAS								
	Environmental approaches to promote health and support healthy behaviors	Health system interventions to improve the effective use of clinical and other preventive services	Community resources linked to clinical services that sustain improved management of chronic conditions	Epidemiology & surveillance	Healthy Starts	Sexual & reproductive health	Tobacco & substance abuse prevention	Active and safe environments	Healthy eating	Screening, referral and follow-up	Social and emotional wellness	Quality clinical & preventative treatment services	Health equity
June 13, 2014: FINAL PRIORITIES													
1. Access to mental health and substance abuse care		X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X
Goal: Create stable mental health structure													
Goal: Reduce tobacco use in pregnant women and youth													
Goal: Ensure adequate access to mental health, substance use and tobacco treatment													
2. Healthy Eating, Active Living and Chronic Disease Prevention	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Goal: Prevent chronic disease through healthy living, diet and exercise across the lifespan													
3. Access to Care		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Goal: Increase access to needed preventative care with special focus on dental, prenatal, and seniors													
4. Immunizations		X	X	X	X	X				X		X	X
Goal: Improve immunization rates													
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Sources: <http://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/pdf/four-domains-nov2012.pdf>

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/PublicHealthSystemResourcesandServices/LocalHealthResourcesandTools/HealthyCommunitiesWashington>

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The table below shows the alignment of Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap community health priorities.

	CLALLAM	JEFFERSON	KITSAP
Access to Care; Medical Home	●	●	●
Adverse Childhood Experiences			●
Affordable Housing		*	●
Chronic Disease Prevention/ Mgmt.; Healthy Eating, Active Living; Prevent/Reduce Obesity	●	●	●
Early Learning/Parenting	●		●
Immunizations		●	
Mental Health	●	●	●
Oral Health	●	●	
Substance Abuse	●	●	

*identified within core community health issues but not selected for health improvement process priority.

Priorities established:

Clallam: October 2013

Jefferson: June 2014

Kitsap: November 2011 and September 2014