

**COLORADO COUNTY
COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENTS
IMPLEMENTATION REPORT
September 2021**

In order to understand the health needs of Columbus County (Columbus), the Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) contacted Dr. Tina Fields and Dr. Jeff Hatala to perform a **Community Health Needs Assessment in 2019**. The consultants gathered existing data and information of the county from numerous secondary sources and worked with CCH to establish focus groups to learn the community's perception of the county's health status.

Based on the statistical data and feedback from the focus groups, the following is the implementation report:

1. **Recommendation:** Mentoring program with the youth.

Plan: *The Boys and Girls Club of Champion Valley have a program called **POWER HOUR**. This program provides volunteers who come from 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. and help the children with their reading and homework in all grade levels. They also help with Arts and Crafts. B&GC also offers a program called **Triple Play**, that shows kids how to work as a team in sporting activities.*

2. **Recommendation:** Develop a repository for new information about events and resources in the community.

Plan: *The Columbus Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Colorado County Businesses to put their events on the Chamber website and on the Chamber LED sign on Walnut Street/Hwy 90. This way there is a universal repository for all events.*

CCH has a website, currently monitored by Groundswell Health (a marketing firm) with a current calendar for all events at the hospital. There is also a LED sign in front of the hospital for displaying information and events provided by the hospital. The local radio station, KULM, also provides a resource for advertising health events and community events. The radio features a physician on their weekly health segment.

Facebook is an excellent tool to post job openings, OB services, fundraising events, COVID information.

3. **Recommendation:** Treatment for mental health issues needs to be more accessible to members of the community.

Plan: *The Behavioral Health Task Force of Colorado County was organized. The team has provided resources for Behavioral Health issues to the health sector and the community.*

4. **Recommendation:** Provide more Diabetes education once the wellness center is completed.

Plan: *Columbus Community Hospital continues to offer Diabetes Education to the public but on a one-on-one basis. COVID-19 has prevented the educators from providing group instruction.*

Columbus Community Hospital began the construction of the Wellness Center, located on the CCH campus. Projected completion date is Summer of 2022. There will also be an addition that we provide meeting space for the community. The space can be used for education classes and community health events.

The FREE A1C testing has been postponed due to COVID-19.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

CCH provided COVID-19 Vaccines to the community at the Colorado County Fairgrounds. Vaccines were also administered in the hospital Atrium Conference Room during the beginning stage when the vaccine was first made available. The Moderna Vaccine was administered requiring 2 shots.

The COVID-19 testing was also provided to the community.

*The Physicians from CCH give **free** physical examinations in May to CISD and St. Anthony's athletic departments.*

The Community Relations person assisted the Medicare population with Open Enrollment from October to December.