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Clinton County Health Department Releases 2019-2021 Community Health Assessment

The Clinton County Health Department, along with UVM Health Network-CVPH, its partner in community health assessment and planning, is pleased to announce the release of the 2019-2021 Clinton County Community Health Assessment (CHA). The assessment is a comprehensive report that evaluates and identifies priority issues related to the health and wellbeing of all residents of Clinton County.

After a year’s long process, that included participation by partner organizations and stakeholders from across the county, two top priority health issues have been identified: Prevent Chronic Diseases and Promote Well-Being and Prevent Mental and Substance Use Disorders. The assessment process included a review of over 300 different health metrics. A survey of community residents added 1,600 local voices to the process. Providers of health, mental health, education and human services, along with representatives of the business community, shared their insight into the state of health in the county via surveys and at a community health priority setting session. Representatives from these sectors joined CCHD and UVMHN-CVPH in a Priority and Focus Area Finalization Process.

The goal of the CHA is to develop shared strategies to address the priority issues and improve the community’s health. These strategies are outlined in a work plan included in the CHA. Specific activities aimed at focus areas within each priority issue will be completed by various partners over the next three years. Healthy Eating and Food Insecurity, Tobacco Prevention and Chronic Disease Preventive Care and Management, along with, Well Being and Mental and Substance Abuse Disorders and Prevention will be addressed.

The priority areas selected for 2019-2021 are the same as those identified in the previous CHA. Mandy Snay, Director of Health Planning & Promotion at the Clinton County Health Department states, “Having both residents and health professionals weigh in and choose the same priority issues speaks to the complexity of these issues and the need to work together for collaborative, lasting solutions. By not changing course, we are able to build off of the great work toward health improvement already happening in our community."

The Clinton County 2019-2021 Community Health Assessment and the resulting community health improvement plan can be found at clintonhealth.org.

About the Clinton County Health Department:

The Health Department is an accredited full service department serving the residents of Clinton County. The Health Department’s Mission is to improve and protect the health, well-being and environment of the people of Clinton County. Visit our website at www.clintonhealth.org or connect with us on Facebook (@clintonhealth), Twitter (@ClintonCountyHD), and Instagram (clintoncountyhealth).