

# PUBLIC COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY – OPEN ENDED COMMENTS

**2. Below are seven areas of health needs. While all are important, please rank each according to how you think resources in your community should be allocated, with #1 being the area that should get the most resources/effort/attention and #7 the area to get the least resources.**

Drug/alcohol treatment and education. Our communities are being overtaken with drugs and narcotic medications. When these people do want help there is nowhere for them to go.

We have a great need for Mental Health in this area and surrounding areas. We are really missing the boat on this and the aging related issues.

Very hard to get emergent mental health services. Folks with Medical assistance do very little to care for themselves, high ER visits

We need life coaches in PDC!! Psychiatrists don't spend time talking with patients. All they do is listen to them for 5 min. and give them the increase in meds the patient thinks will help love their problems.

Consider low impact exercise for the elderly so they don't have to other towns to get it such as swimming pool or infinity pool.

All are important

Not enough community involment in taking care of the elderly and the mental ill. If there is a stigma atached then people don't want to help. Community resoures should be used on if someone thinks someone is deserving or not.

Difficult to make those choices. They are all important.

I have issues finding peditricians in the area or at least PCPs that are knowledgeable enough to diagnosis illnesses in children. It would also be nice to have more internal medicine MDs.

I don't feel educated enough about these to make an adequate rating.

There already seems to be enough resources for 6 and 7 so that is why they are ranked lower.

All are important and it seems some are not addressed well at all. My order does not represent that.

It would be great to see more information and support regarding mental illness. It is often overlooked. Many times, mental illness treatments are not covered by insurance, so people go untreated.

The communities of Grant County are severely lacking in the much needed areas of mental health an addiction care.

**3. The following are the most prevalent causes of death in our region. Please check the 3 that concern you the most when considering the health of your community.**

**“Other” responses:**

obestiy

Heart Defects

Mental Health and the lack of coverage

Overdose and addiction

Drug overdose

**4. Please mark the 4 environmental factors from the list below that you think have the biggest impact on health in your community. "Other" responses:**

limited access to AFFORDABLE (hoffman hall) recreation alternatimes	Anonymous
Mental health	Anonymous
high cost of homes here	Anonymous
mental health stigma	Anonymous
alcohol and drugs	Anonymous
Frac Sand	Anonymous
Affordable dental care	Anonymous
breakdown of family / moral values	Anonymous
eye care	Anonymous
community tolerance of drinking and drugs	Anonymous
Eye Care	Anonymous
good employment--small farm assistance	Anonymous
shortage of psychiatrists and other mental health professionals	Anonymous
poverty	Anonymous
limited access to health insurance	Anonymous
Culture of unhealthy behavior, alcohol, lack of exercise, unyhealthy choices	Anonymous
hazardous materials in the environment	Anonymous
Culture of exercise habits	Anonymous
Mental health and addiction	Anonymous
Lack of family involvement	

**5. Below is a list of behavioral factors. Please mark the 3 behavioral factors that you think most affect health in your community. "Other" responses:**

anxiety
drugs and alcohol
Drug addiction

**6. What could be done to improve the health of your community?**

UNSURE
Too many indigent and non insured people.
Access to,mental health services for chronic mentally ill
Focus on self care, proper growth and development of children for parents, father involvement of young children

Having more activities for children ages 8-13 that keep them active and away from the electronics!

More access to \*quality mental health providers, more healthy community initiatives and more assistance in connecting resources with those who need them.

have all doctors from all the clinics be able to see patients in the hospital.  
Crossing Rivers Clinic was not needed.  
Just needed more doctors at the two great clinics we already had

I feel that our community does well to provide what I/we need.

Education

More adult exercise activity.

Better parenting skills.

More education programs

Good paying jobs with benefits.

Get rid of Walker, increase jobs, income and provide better education.

More awareness, less "sweeping" under the rug.

The healthy choice needs to be easy-marked trails, healthy food options. I am especially concerned with limitations put on limited income households

More education

more efforts to build family and moral values, bring awareness to issues of alcohol and drugs. increase assistance with parenting skills

We no longer have eye care.  
transportation access for appointments  
community orchard at orchard manner for those unable to access fresh fruit  
home maintenance service for the elderly or disabled  
After school programs

Less social services, more personal responsibility.

Be there when you are needed

People doing what they know is healthy. Self Discipline.

More outdoor activities for seniors

Better doctors and more accessible health coverage.

Able to get healthy food at a fair price.

More public-shared transportation

Better medical and dental care.

First, to stop and prevent suicide, hire more psychiatrists and mental health professionals in public practice.

More engagement with residents in need.

Information

More awareness

More physical activity. Better eating habits.

Community gardens; more programs like Crawford County on the Move.

More community action programs. Healthy options for recreation. Active parent and children programs.

More farms for healthier food.

More programs like Crawford County on the Move that try to educate people about healthy habits.

More trails and paths that have public access.

Job development that pay a living wage.

If I knew I would be implementing/advocating for them.

affordable dental care

Enforce the laws

Community education on mental health issues.

Better parenting would go a long ways to improve the overall health of our community

Need better resources for food for low income individuals and families. Education on better eating, and recreational activities at low or no cost to get community members involved

More access to alcohol and drug treatment.

Continuation of programs and education on improved health and well being.

Encourage community members to participate in educational offerings and give some sort of an incentive or stress to them the importance of lifestyle changes and their health.

Work as a TEAM , not because your name!!

Parenting classes for soon to be/new parents.

Communication, health speakers, hand outs throughout the community, school/parent programs, free check up in the community once/twice a year

More health and dental opportunities for the people who can't afford it.

Access for all to dental care

increased primary care (Family Practice and Internist physicians)

Stricter punishment for drug use and drinking hazards.

More awareness and concern in regards to drinking and the overall impact this can have not only on an individual but a family.

More education on street drugs and their effects are needed.

More access to mental health and help for those that need it financially for mental health.

Access to consistant care. Affordable services and access to local health care services affordable transportaion.

I wish there were more physicians. I am unable to have a personal doctor, and must see a physician's assistant.

More specialty Doctors.

allow more businesses to come into our community which will in the end result in more options for employment, healthy living, and other resources.

Even if we have excellent food and water, people will still choose the cheapest food and drink. To change this culture would make a huge difference in the health of our people.

Education regarding the benefits of exercise and proper nutrition.

More outreach for activities

Getting everyone physically active.  
Eating properly.  
More parental guidance

Start young don't waste your time and dollars telling old people that don't care they eat too much, smoke too much and drink too much. They know it and don't care, you can't save everyone. I don't smoke because Kris Noble started a program when I was in elementary school and told me the dangers. I was young enough to still be influenced.

Families lead busy lives these days so I think there needs to be more time for families to sit down and talk together. I think some families need help with discipline, but the ones that need the help would probably not show up for the offered classes, etc. It may need to be a recommendation from the schools, church, etc.

A lot more education to kids on the correct ways to stay healthy and why. More education on risks of obesity. Just because you don't have high blood pressure or cholesterol now, doesn't mean you won't later. People don't realize all of the long term risks until it is too late.

Higher paying jobs to support a better standard of living. Some families are barely getting by with both parents working. Very difficult to break the cycle of poverty.

Consider the health of rural areas and not just PdC where there are more resources to start with.

Have areas for teens, young adults and even adults to go to have a good time without feeling the need to drink. It would be nice if there was a community location for teens to hang out with some supervision to guide them in the right direction.

Offer fitness activities in the workplace.

More services in our rural area.

More parenting classes, teaching over weight people to eat right and exercise. Not gain weight to get on disability.

Limit welfare. Affordable health care.

Provide addiction services and support. Educate the community and medical professionals on a largely ignored (by our area) on drugs/addiction in effort to avoid deaths that have occurred.

Education in schools and more articles in paper. More church services with all religions.

More recreation things to do.

Take a stance on drugs.

Education of healthier foods that are readily accessible

Educate!

More awareness!!!

More advertising/info on healthy eating and exercise i.e. high fructose corn syrup, eating oatmeal, etc. at least 15 minutes of walk everyday

Better education and eating habits

More renewable energy  
More exercise for kids

More facilities/groups for teenagers

Hospital run child care

More outreach activities

Access to exercise equip

An indoor swimming pool for all year round. Check out how Whitewater School District keep their pool clean and available to community.

Incentive for community involvement (i.e. tax breaks)

ecercise

More exercise

**9. What is your zip code?**

52001	1		53569	2		53810	1		54403	1
52003	1		53573	1		53811	1		54626	10
52053	1		53802	1		53813	38		54628	4
52146	1		53803	1		53816	2		54631	10
52157	6		53804	3		53818	9		54654	2
53216	1		53805	30		53820	3		54655	4
53518	1		53806	4		53821	50		54657	1
53553	1		53809	11		53826	20			222

**11. Any other comment?**

this survey doesn't seem relevant to anything

very disappointed the way hospital is being run

Increase access to providers.

Will we see the survey answers?

Mental health affects other physical health.

Public Health does a good job in this county with limited resources.

Thank you for caring and I hope some changes can be made.

This is for GRHC because I don't know about any other hospital. Privacy while checking in to see someone or attempting to make an appointment. A room with a door so no one else can here. Yesterday there was a woman who did not speak English and by the time they got done I knew she was seeing a gynecologist and no one should hear that.

Good luck!

NA

Health care costs are out of control.

not at this time

I think on question #5 I would have marked more than on question #4. Plenty of behavioral problems. We do also seem to have plenty of people living in this area with MS and Parkinson's. I do not know if that is environmental or hereditary.

A personal issue that I had while trying to set up lifeline for a family member who was being discharged to home on a Friday. Called

Grant Regional Hospital on a Thursday and was told to call Dean Feldmen at SWHC or PDC hospital because the SW was going on vacation until Monday. That was disappointment to me as I feel it is taking business away

I would love to see the hospitals or county do a program that helps with kids that are finicky/picky eaters. It's something I and many parents struggle with everyday.

good luck!!

Common sense should be taught to community.

No