

**MT. ASCUTNEY HOSPITAL & HEALTH CENTER
COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022**

A comprehensive community health needs assessment was conducted in 2021. Copies are available on the Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center website ([Click here for link](#)) and in paper copy at the switchboard. The results have been shared widely through multiple community presentations and electronic dissemination to stakeholders. This assessment identified the following 6 issues as the most pressing community health needs:

Community Health Needs

- 1. Availability of mental health services**
- 2. Cost of healthcare services, affordability of health insurance**
- 3. Alcohol and drug use prevention, treatment and recovery**
- 4. Socioeconomic conditions affecting health and wellbeing such as housing affordability, access to healthy foods and affordable, dependable childcare**
- 5. Affordability and availability of dental care services**
- 6. Strengthening families**

All of the above with an emphasis on diversity, equity and inclusion

Community Health Implementation Plan

Activity	Timeline
1. Educate the community regarding the outcomes of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and engage stakeholders and the community in the planning phase of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This will be done through Community Health Improvement Convening and multiple community health improvement presentations, dialogs with key stakeholders and dissemination of the CHNA in various formats.	Nov. 2021– Feb. 2022
2. Implement Community Health Improvement Plan, as an Accountable Community for Health, utilizing a collective impact model maximizing resources and avoiding duplication with an emphasis on the improving access considering diversity, equity and inclusion.	Jan. 2022 – Jan. 2024
a) Continue to support the work of Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP) networks and workgroups addressing Alcohol and Substance Misuse, Strengthening Families, Food Security, Affordable Housing, Senior Health, and Spiritual Health.	ongoing
b) Ensure timely completion of identified goals, strategies, tactics, timelines and outcome measures for the networks and work groups.	Feb. – Apr. 2022
c) Convene internal MAHHC leadership, psychiatrists and providers and community partners to analyze the current provision of mental	Feb. 2022

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health services and recommend improved services to meet present needs.	
d) Convene local and regional resources to analyze the options and opportunities to improve dental care services.	March 2022
e) Work with state organizations and resources such as the Blueprint for Health, the Vermont Dept. of Health, OneCare Vermont, Springfield and Greater Valley Integrated Services teams, foundations and philanthropic donors to leverage expertise and resources to address issues.	2022 – 2024
f) Improve, if needed, existing services to increase effectiveness and quality impact working with community partners.	Ongoing
3. Create community health dashboard as a means to track trend data and evaluate outcomes over time.	2022 - 2024
4. Disseminate outcomes of efforts to Mt Ascutney Hospital and Health Center Board, the Green Mountain Care Board and the community via: a) Public meeting (at least 1 annually) b) Website c) Annual report (target release of April of each year)	2022 - 2024
5. Repeat Community Health Needs Assessment in 3 years. Build on lessons learned from 2021 CHNA and work with community partners in a targeted outreach to consumers and hard-to-reach populations.	2024