Overview of Our Commitment to Community Health

Penn State Health is committed to understanding and addressing the health needs of the communities it serves. In order to best do that, the health system completed its 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA).

For this fourth assessment cycle, Penn State Health formed a collective workgroup that included the hospitals listed on the right to identify and address the needs of the residents living in a six-county service area. Because Penn State Health Lancaster Medical Center was under construction during this assessment, this community was also included. The Department of Public Health Sciences at Penn State College of Medicine coordinated the CHNA efforts. By taking a systemwide approach to data collection and community health planning, Penn State Health will leverage system assets across the service area to address prioritized health needs.

Through multiple methods of community engagement, facilitated dialogue with community health experts and a series of criteria-based voting exercises, the most significant issues to focus systemwide health improvement efforts over the three-year cycle from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025, are:

We thank all of our community partners who joined us in these efforts. Next, we will develop our Implementation Plan to foster a collective impact to improve health across the region and reduce health disparities. We look forward to continued partnership to strengthen our community together.

Additional Information and Feedback
For additional information about the CHNA and opportunities for collaboration, please contact us at CHNA@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

Overview and Full Report:
Penn State Health Hospitals pennstatehealth.org/community
Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute ppimhs.org/about-us/community-programs
Penn State Health Rehabilitation Hospital psh-rehab.com/patients-and-caregivers/admissions/community-health-needs-assessment/

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