

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT – COMMUNITY BENEFIT SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE FY 2024

1. The year of publication for the current community health needs assessment:

The most recent community health needs assessment was completed in 2021. An updated community health needs assessment was completed in mid-2024, which will be used for reporting in the next fiscal year 2024-2025.

2. The top health needs identified in the hospital's most recent community health needs assessment. Include information on geographies, populations or demographic groups affected.

- Maternal and family health
- Youth mental health
- Alcohol/drug/tobacco use
- Oral health
- Chronic disease
- Health-related workforce
- Housing and food security needs
- Health planning and resources for special populations (Hispanic, low-income, older adults)

3. The significant community benefit activities the hospital engaged in that addressed the health needs identified above.

- MCHD provides financial assistance to patients that are uninsured, underinsured, or otherwise unable to pay for necessary medical care.
- MCHD granted the Willow Creek Water Park \$5,250 for 150 free summer swim passes in partnership with the Morrow County School District to make sure that all kids within Morrow County had access to free swimming for the summer.
- In Oregon, heart disease is a leading cause of death. MCHD has provided several AEDs to numerous community partners this year including three to the City of Lexington, one to Lone Community Church and one to the Willow Creek Water Park to ensure that first responders and community members have easy access to AEDs.
- MCHD periodically sends mailers to every county resident containing information about health education topics (chronic disease, vaccinations, how to avoid illness, available healthcare services, etc.)
- MCHD helped to fund a community building project to assist with a housing renovation that prioritizes occupancy by healthcare workers.
- MCHD funds individual patient-specific needs when it is determined that an individual requires assistance with health or social determinants of health related needs that cannot be otherwise met (food, emergency clothing, temporary housing, etc.)
- MCHD employs three behavioral health consultants (2.5 FTE) to address behavioral health and social determinants of health needs, including reduction of alcohol/drug/tobacco use and assistance with accessing housing, food, healthcare, and other social needs.

4. Identify any community benefit activity that addresses the social determinants of health. Separate activities into those that:

a. Address individual health-related social needs:

- MCHD funds individual patient-specific needs when it is determined that an individual requires assistance with health or social determinants of health related needs that cannot be otherwise met (food, emergency clothing, temporary housing, etc.)
- MCHD made donations to community food banks to address unmet needs in Heppner, Irrigon, and Boardman.

b. Address systemic issues or root causes of health and health equity:

- MCHD executives continue to participate in the Morrow County Community Health Improvement Partnership to collaborate on ways to address the root causes of social determinants of health.