

# 2013 CLALLAM COUNTY HEALTH PRIORITIES

**BACKGROUND:** In August and September 2013, a Partnership Group reviewed and discussed community health assessment data to guide prioritization of health issues. In October 2013, Community Participants voted for final Health Priorities at a Community Health Summit. Multi-disciplinary groups are meeting to determine strategies to address the priorities.

## **PRIORITY: MEDICAL HOME/ AVAILABILITY OF PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS**

### **NOVEMBER 2014 Overview:**

The primary care shortage in our community is getting new attention due to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. With new opportunities for health care coverage, our goal is for each person in our community to have a primary care provider which acts as a “medical home” for that person’s health care needs.

### **ACTION AREAS (AS OF NOVEMBER 2014, NOT UPDATED):**

**Recruit more primary care providers for Clallam County. Olympic Medical Center, Family Medicine of Port Angeles, and Jamestown Family Health Clinic have focused on this recruitment in 2014 with some success.**

- OMC has recruited 3 Family Practice physicians and 2 physician assistants.
- FMPA has recruited 1 Family Practice physician and XX physician assistants.
- Jamestown has recruited 2 Family Practice physicians and 5 physician assistants.
- Challenge: providers are retiring; possible there is no net gain in providers.

**Consider implementing a family practice rural residency program with Swedish, FMPA, and Olympic Medical Center.**

- Task Force worked on this significantly including a program consulting review and a financial consulting assessment.
- FMPA considering converting to Federal Qualified Health Clinic.
- Significant more work on this in 2015.

**Encourage Primary Care Clinics to continue to be or move to providing “medical homes” for their patients.**

- FMPA has been certified as a “medical home” and Jamestown is making steps in this direction. OMP Primary Care not certified, but functions as one.

## **UPDATED FACTS**

**PRIMARY CARE SHORTAGE AREAS IN WEST END; FOR LOW-INCOME AND HOMELESS IN PT. ANGELES AND SEQUIM-ELWAH<sup>1</sup>**

**83% OF CIVILIAN ADULTS AGE 18-64 HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE; 77% UNDER 138% AND 91% AT OR ABOVE 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL<sup>2</sup>**

**OF CLALLAM ADULTS: 3 IN 4 HAS A PERSONAL DOCTOR; 59% HAD A ROUTINE MEDICAL CHECK-UP IN THE PAST YEAR; 70% MET SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COLORECTAL CANCER AND 80% FOR BREAST CANCER<sup>3</sup>**

**NO UPDATE: ER VISITS AND DAILY PATIENT LOAD INCREASED AT FORKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND OMC FROM 2006-2011<sup>4</sup>**

**3 IN 4 PREGNANT WOMEN STARTED PRENATAL CARE IN THE 1ST TRIMESTER, LOWER THAN WA<sup>5</sup>**