

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: SUBSTANCE ABUSE: OPTIATE, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO

NOVEMBER 2014 Overview: Clallam County has high rates of tobacco use among all populations. Drug related hospitalization and death rates are higher than the state average. Opiate overdose hospitalization and death rates are higher than the state average. This is a major concern since Clallam County Health and Human Services operates a syringe exchange. Access issues include the need for local detoxification and adult residential treatment services. A need for prevention and education in the jail has been identified.

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

AREAS OF HIGHEST NEED:

Subgroup on substance abuse: opiate, alcohol, tobacco met monthly from June through October, 2014. The group reviewed areas of highest need as related to the data. Needs were prioritized to see what could be accomplished and to see if there were agreements on needs. Four main themes emerged:

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| Access to treatment | Prevention |
| Focus on youth | Recovery support |

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CD/MH TASK FORCE FUND COMMITTEE:

Subgroup made recommendations to the CD/MH Task Force Fund Committee about funding case management or a chemical dependency professional for the jail and syringe services program with emphasis on motivational interviewing to help move along continuum from user to treatment to sobriety. A second recommendation was to fund intervention specialists in middle schools by September 2015.

SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTIAL AND DETOXIFICATION FACILITY

Subgroup supported opening of a 16 bed residential and 16 bed detoxification facility as a way to make treatment more available. Both have opened!

UPDATED FACTS

DRUG AND OPIATE HOSPITALIZATIONS INCREASED; CLALLAM RATES ARE 6TH AND 4TH HIGHEST IN WA RESPECTIVELY; DRUG DEATHS & OPIATE DEATHS & HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE WORSE THAN WA¹²

275,000 SYRINGES EXCHANGED AT CCHHS, UP 614% SINCE 2003³

PUBLICALLY FUNDED DRUG OR ALCOHOL TREATMENT RATES ARE HIGHER THAN WA STATE⁴

YOUTH BINGE DRINKING IS DOWN: 1 IN 20 8TH AND 1 IN 6 10TH GRADERS⁵

1 IN 5 ADULTS IS A CURRENT SMOKER; 1 IN 2 HAS EVER USED MARIJUANA⁶

IN THE PAST MONTH: 1 IN 20 8TH AND 1 IN 6 10TH GRADERS SMOKED; 1 IN 10 8TH AND 1 IN 4 10TH GRADERS USED AN E-CIGARETTE, UP 400% SINCE 2012⁶

2013 DATA REVIEW AND PRIORITIES PROCESS FACILITATED BY CLALLAM COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND OLYMPIC MEDICAL CENTER

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Sources: 1. WA State Dept. of Health CHARS; 2. WA State Dept. of Health Death Certificate Database; 3. Clallam County Health & Human Services; 4. WA State Dept. of Social and Health Services; 5. WA State Healthy Youth Survey; 6. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

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