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The Kittitas County Community Health Assessment (CHA) is Final

The 2018 Community Health Assessment (CHA) has been finalized! The CHA is an assessment of the county's health, which occurs every five years, with the most recent CHA process starting in June of last year. The final Community Health Assessment is available on the Kittitas County Public Health Department's website at

<https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/uploads/documents/health/assessment/2018-Kittitas-County-Community-Health-Assessment.pdf>.

The CHA process includes multiple assessments including Community Themes and Strengths Assessment, Local Public Health System Assessment, Community Health Status Assessment, and Forces of Change Assessment. For each assessment area, committees were formed and worked to compile information about what affects the health of Kittitas County.

The almost year-long process included collaboration from over twenty partners from various agencies under the guidance of the Kittitas County Health Network (KCHN) and KCPHD. The result is a document that includes the community health vision and values, general data about Kittitas County, the health information of our residents, and what is going on in our community that affects health and the quality of life.

The information provided in the assessment is in-depth and unlike any other comprehensive assessment in Kittitas County. Andrew Lyons, Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC) Chair, encourages community members and agencies to use the information within the Community Health Assessment. "The information is incredibly useful when drafting grant proposals and I have use CHA data on several occasions for Hopesource," asserts BOHAC Chair Lyons.

"The Community Health Assessment is a significant undertaking," states Public Health Administrator Robin Read. "However, all of the efforts by our partners and residents to inform this assessment will ultimately lead to a plan, the Community Health Improvement Plan, which aims to improve the health of our residents." With the CHA complete, KCHN will continue to act as the "umbrella" agency to ensure the plan is adopted and strategies to improve health are implemented.

For more information about the process or for current updates, please visit

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=kittitas%20county%20cha%2Fchip> or the Kittitas County Public Health Department website at <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/health/default.aspx>.



For more information about the Community Health Assessment, please contact KCPHD at 509-962-7515.

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