


2022-2025 Community Health Improvement Plan

PeaceHealth St. John Medical Center

We support the health of all community members. Equity and Health Justice for BIPOC, LGBTQ+, people with disabilities, immigrant and other historically marginalized community members is the focus of our community health work. Each initiative undertaken during the 2022-2025 Community Health Needs Assessment Cycle will reduce the disparities experienced by historically underrepresented community members.

Initiatives	Desired Outcomes	Owner	Partner(s)	Timeline
 Home				
Strategy #1: Respond to the homelessness crisis in Cowlitz County				
a. Increase the number of shelter beds	Number of individuals who have access to safe housing through PeaceHealth Funded Programs	Community Partner	Providers of Housing & Homeless Services	2022-2025
b. Support initiation of alternate shelter options (tiny homes, pallet shelters)	Number of individuals who have access to safe housing through PeaceHealth Funded Programs	Community Partner	Providers of Housing & Homeless Services	2022-2025
c. Partner in support of programs to keep individuals and families housed (housing case management, rental assistance programs, etc.)	Number of individuals who have access to safe housing through PeaceHealth Funded Programs	Community Partner	Providers of Housing & Homeless Services	2022-2025

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Strategy #2: Increase access to homes that are affordable for low-income households				
a. Collaborate with community providers of low-income housing to determine type of housing needed (individual, family, etc.)	Number of available housing units and programs in Cowlitz County partially funded by PeaceHealth	PeaceHealth	Providers of Housing and Homeless Services	2022-2023
b. Partner to support development and preservation of low-income housing through advocacy efforts.	Number of available housing units and programs in Cowlitz County partially funded by PeaceHealth	Community Partner	Providers of Housing and Homeless Services	2022-2025
c. Partner in support of programs to keep individuals and families housed (housing case management, rental assistance programs, supportive programming at low-income housing sites, etc)	Number of available housing units and programs in Cowlitz County partially funded by PeaceHealth	Community Partner	Providers of Housing and Homeless Services	2022-2025

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Hope

Strategy #1: Improve access to Substance Use Disorder Treatment

a. Partner with existing programs for new programs or access models	Number of new programs/ providers in community and number of individuals served	Community Partners	Providers of Behavior Health and Substance Use Disorder Services	2022-2025
b. Seek grants or other funding sources to support new or expansion of treatment programs with community partners	Funds received in support of programs/ number of programs funded	PeaceHealth/ Community Partners	Providers of Behavior Health and Substance Use Disorder Services	2022-2025
c. Partner to increase the workforce capacity to provide services (sponsor trainings, support internships)	Number of individuals served with PeaceHealth funded training and internship positions	PeaceHealth/ Community Partner	Universities and providers of services	2022-2025

Strategy #2: Respond to increased need for mental health services

a. Partner to increase the workforce capacity to provide early trauma informed interventions for individuals struggling with mental health.	Number of individuals served with PeaceHealth funded prevention programs	Community Partner	Social Service Program Providers, Schools	2022-2025
b. Support new or existing programs in community for children and families (school districts, community centers, etc.)	Number of individuals served with PeaceHealth funded prevention programs	Community Partner	Social Service Program Providers, Schools	2022-2025
c. Collaborate in support of crisis response programs	Number of individuals served with PeaceHealth funded programs	Community Partner	Providers of Crisis Response	2022-2025

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Care

Strategy #1: Improve service connections to address access barriers

a. Partner to increase the number of community health workers in community	Number of PeaceHealth Funded Community Health Workers	PeaceHealth and Community Partner	Social Service and Health Care Service providers	2022-2025
b. Support community health worker training programs	Number of PeaceHealth Funded CHW training opportunities	Community Partner	Providers of CHW training	2022-2025
c. Support innovative programs for community health workers to work across the continuum of need seamlessly (healthcare, education, housing, mental health, etc.)	Number of new Collaborative CHW programs and connected services	PeaceHealth and Community Partner	Social Service and Health Care Service providers	2022-2025

Strategy #2: Partner to improve Health Equity

a. Collaborate to meet the needs of historically underrepresented vulnerable community members in community (outside of traditional health care settings)	Number of new partner organizations exclusively serving historically underrepresented communities	PeaceHealth	Southwest Equity Coalition and partner organizations	2022-2025
b. Develop new partnerships in support or elderly and disabled community members	Number of new partner organizations exclusively serving elderly and disabled community members	PeaceHealth	Providers of services for disabled and elderly community members	2022-2025

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Nourish

Strategy #1: Increase access to healthy, culturally appropriate foods

a. Advocate for policies that improve nutrition value of WIC, SNAP and School Lunch programs.	Number of advocacy opportunities fulfilled	PeaceHealth	Local, state and federal providers of nutrition program	2022-2025
b. Support expansion of community gardens and food sustainability programs serving low-income neighborhoods	Number of individuals served by PeaceHealth funded programs	Partner Organizations	Food Insecurity program providers	2022-2025
c. Develop partnerships with food banks to decrease barriers to access	Increase in number of individuals not previously served	Partner Organizations	Food Insecurity program providers	2022-2025

Strategy #2: Support food system sustainability and nutrition education programs

a. Support innovative food growth and distribution partnerships	Number of new programs supported by PeaceHealth	Partner Organizations	Local Coalitions or programs	2022-2025
b. Partner to expand nutrition education programs provided in new settings in community	New locations providing access to nutrition education	Partner Organizations	Providers of nutrition education	2022-2025
c. Support new garden opportunities for community members	Number of funded programs	Partner Organizations	Local Coalitions or programs	2022-2025