# North Country Region

Coos County, New Hampshire Grafton County, New Hampshire



## Community Health Needs Assessment Executive Summary



NGH Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital



NC: Weeks Medical Center



North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency

## **Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Overview**

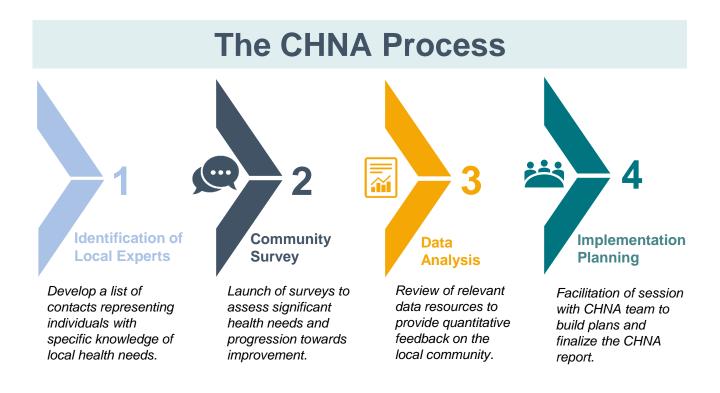
## **CHNA Purpose**

A CHNA is part of the required hospital documentation of "Community Benefit" under the Affordable Care Act for 501(c)(3) hospitals. It provides comprehensive information about the community's current health status, needs, and disparities and offers a targeted action plan to address these areas, including programmatic development and partnerships.

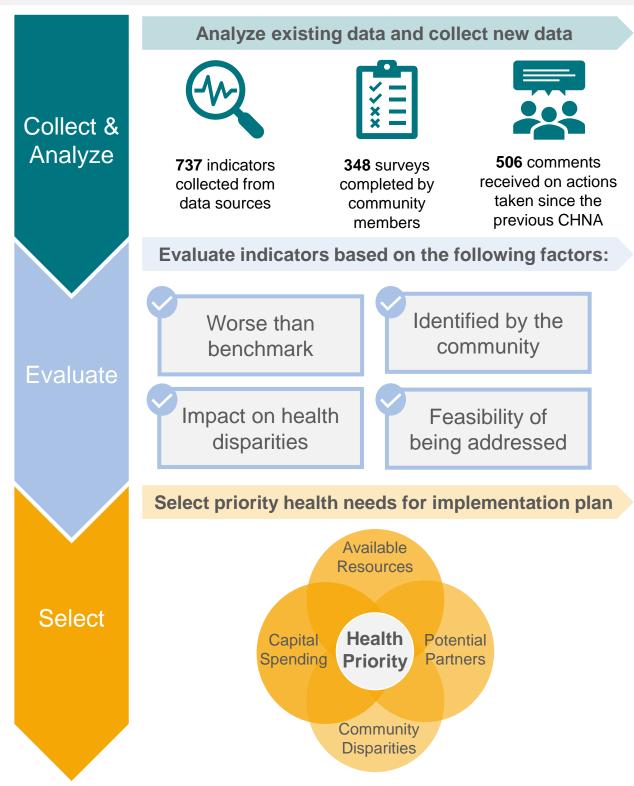


## **Strategic Benefits**

- Identify health disparities and social determinants to inform future outreach strategies
- Identify key service delivery gaps
- Develop an understanding of community member perceptions of healthcare in the region
- Target community organizations for collaborations



## **Methods of Identifying Health Needs**



## **Evaluation & Selection Process**



#### North Country Region - Health Need Evaluation

	Worse than Benchmark	Identified by the Community	Feasibility	Impact on Health Disparities
Mental Health	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$
Healthcare Services: Affordability	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~	~
Access to Senior Services	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~	~
Cancer	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$
Heart Disease	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Alzheimer's and Dementia	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~	~
Diabetes	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

### 2022 Top Health Priorities for the North Country Region

#### **Behavioral Health**

#### **Mental Health**

- Mental health provider ratio: C: 439:1 G: 194:1 (NH: 288:1)
- Suicide death rate (*per 100,000*): C: 18.6 G: 12.9 (*NH: 16.4*)

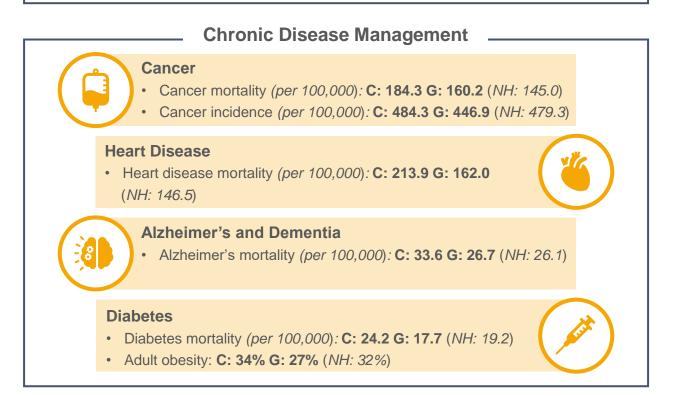
#### Access to Healthcare

#### Affordability of Healthcare Services

- Uninsured: C: 7.3% G: 6.9% (NH: 5.8%)
- Children in poverty: C: 19% G: 11% (NH: 8%)

#### **Access to Senior Services**

• Population 65+: C: 24.7% G: 21.6% (NH: 19.2%)



Note: C = Coos County, G = Grafton County