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Community Health Public Forum

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On November 21, 2025, community members came together for the Community Health Public Forum to learn more about the health of Yellowstone County and help shape future community priorities. During the forum, participants reviewed key findings from the latest Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and shared feedback on the health needs that matter most to our community.

The forum created space for open conversation, community voice, and collaboration—highlighting the important role residents, partners, and local organizations play in improving community health. With over 70 attendees, the forum reflected strong community interest in working together to support a healthier Yellowstone County. The CHNA and event was sponsored by the Alliance of Billings Clinic, Intermountain Health St. Vincent Regional Hospital, and RiverStone Health, and conducted in partnership with The Rehabilitation Hospital of Montana.



Attendees

38	Nonprofit	4	City/Government
13	Health Care	3	Businesses
9	Public Health	2	Community
5	Education		Members

“ Extremely beneficial to have all of that data compiled and explained by so many experts. **”**

Key Forum Highlights

- Attendees learned about 13 identified areas of significant health need
- Over 60 attendees helped prioritize areas of opportunities
- The top 7 prioritized health needs based on severity and ability to impact include:
 - Mental Health
 - Substance Use
 - Housing
 - Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight
 - Access to Health Care Services
 - Injury & Violence
 - Economic Stability

“ It was good to hear where our community is with their perceived health and knowing what areas we need to continue to improve on. **”**