

The Healthy Columbia Willamette Collaborative (HCWC) announces its plans for conducting their next Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) due in October of 2025.

HCWC plans to conduct a CHNA update to the recently completed 2022 CHNA. This will include updating the data and capturing key context for what has changed in communities since the completion of the 2022 CHNA. HCWC will be reaching out to communities to get their input on existing and new health priorities.

1. HCWC will be updating the CHNA instead of starting over from scratch because many health priorities and community needs remain the same and many communities prefer for systems to respond to their already stated needs.

2. While many health priorities and needs have remained the same, much has changed in our local landscape due to COVID and recent extreme weather events. A CHNA update will allow us to include those changes and their impacts on current community priorities and needs.

3. HCWC is exploring new models for that will bring in a stronger backbone organization. This will improve the process, community engagement and regional alignment in addressing community needs. Conducting an update to the 2022 CHNA for 2025 will allow HCWC partners the time and space to pursue this new model.

This cycle, HCWC will be working with Health Management Associates and Multnomah County's Community Engagement Team to conduct the CHNA update in partnership with the HCWC partner organizations.

Organizations and interested community members are encouraged to keep an eye out for opportunities to participate in the CHNA update. More information will follow.