

2024

# Community Health Improvement Plan

St. James Hospital





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## **Executive Summary and Letter to the Community from the President**

Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is a systematic approach to determining the health status, behaviors and needs of people living in our area. The full report is available on our website https://www.sclhealth.org/locations/st-jameshealthcare/about/community-benefit/community-health-needs-assessment/

Following the needs assessment, we select health priorities to impact community health either through direct and/or collaborative efforts. The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is the strategic document that outlines the hospitals' plans. actions, and anticipated impact on the identified health needs.

#### **Summary:**

- The CHNA was conducted by Professional Research Consultants, Inc. from August to October 2022.
- The geographic focus area for the CHNA was Silver Bow County, MT.
- The Board of Directors formally adopted the 2023 CHNA on May 16, 2023.
- The CHNA was published on March 23, 2023.
- Fourteen areas of opportunity were identified in the 2023 CHNA.
- Community members ranked four priorities at the top: Substance Use, Mental Health, Nutrition/Physical Activity/Weight, and Heart Disease/Stroke.
- St. James Hospital's Leadership Team selected the top four health priorities based on three factors: Community Priorities, Strategic Direction/Assets, and Current Efforts:
  - Access to Healthcare
  - Behavioral Health (mental health and substance abuse)
  - Heart Disease and Stroke
  - Social Determinants of Health
- St. James Hospital's Community Health Improvement Plan was formally adopted by the Montana Market Board of Directors on November 16, 2023.

#### **Letter from our President**

In 1881, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth opened a hospital in Butte to care for the city's copper miners. The lights at St. James Hospital have been shining brightly ever since!

St. James Hospital became part of Intermountain Health in 2022. Intermountain Health is a non-profit health system of nearly 60,000 caregivers who serve the healthcare needs of people across the Intermountain West.



While the specific challenges we face today are different, our mission of responding to identified community health needs remains strong. Today, we are working to address an increased need for access to substance abuse/mental health resources, provide additional health tools for early detection of cancer, prevent and treat heart disease and stroke, and to ensure all residents have access to comprehensive and quality health services. Our community health improvement plan prioritizes these identified needs and provides actionable steps to address them.

As healthcare delivery continues to transform, we remain guided by our mission to "reveal and foster God's healing love by improving the health of the people and communities we serve, especially those that are poor or vulnerable." As we carry on the tradition of the Sisters who came to Butte nearly 150 years ago, we continue to look forward to the good that is yet to be.

With gratitude and blessings,

Jay Doyle

President, St. James Hospital

#### **About Us**

Founded in 1881, Intermountain Health St. James Hospital is a 98 licensed bed not-for-profit, faith-based, mission-driven hospital with five clinics, based in Butte, Montana.

St. James is the only acute care hospital in the seven-county region of southwest Montana with a comprehensive range of more than 30 services including: a level III trauma center, a cancer center offering both radiation and medical oncology, orthopedics, women's services, heart



services and general surgery with robotics. St. James Hospital and its 104-person medical staff is a technological leader that serves a rural, sparsely populated area of the state with just over 630 employees caring for people.

#### **Our Mission**

Helping people live the healthiest lives possible.

#### **Our Catholic Mission**

We reveal and foster God's healing love by improving the health of the people and communities we serve, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

#### **Our Values**

Caring Spirit – We honor the sacred dignity of each person.

**Excellence** – We set and surpass high standards.

Good Humor – We create joyful and welcoming environments.

Integrity – We do the right thing with openness and pride.

Safety – We deliver care that seeks to eliminate all harm for patients and associates.

Stewardship – We are accountable for the resources entrusted to us.

## **Community Health Needs Assessment** Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Methodology and Process

A Community Health Needs Assessment is a critical tool used to understand the health status of a population or community. It presents information and analysis on important data measures and identifies areas where action and intervention can make a difference. St. James Hospital conducted the 2023 CHNA in conjunction with the City-County of Butte-Silver Bow Health Department and Southwest Montana Community Health Center. The 2023 CHNA was a follow-up to similar studies conducted in 2020. 2017, 2014, and 2011. The 2023 CHNA was conducted by Professional Research Consultants, Inc. (PRC). PRC is a nationally recognized healthcare consulting firm with extensive experience conducting community health needs assessments (CHNA) in hundreds of communities.

The CHNA study area encompasses Silver Bow County and includes each of the residential ZIP Codes significantly represented in the county. Butte-Silver Bow is a common patient base among the collaborating entities sponsoring this study.

The 2023 CHNA incorporated: 1) primary quantitative data (a 400-household telephone community health survey), 2) secondary quantitative data (existing public health data) and 3) primary qualitative data (117 online key informant surveys).



1) Primary Quantitative Data: the sample drawn for this survey is representative of the adult Butte-Silver Bow County population in terms of demographic and socioeconomic characteristics, as well as geographical location. The maximum error rate associated with the total sample of 400 residents is ±4.9% at the 95 percent level of confidence. Existing vital statistics and other data are incorporated into this assessment for Butte-Silver Bow County. Comparisons are also made, where available, to state and national benchmarks. Furthermore, wherever possible, health promotion goals outlined in Healthy People 2030 are included.



2) **Secondary Quantitative Data:** a variety of existing (secondary) data sources were consulted to complement the research quality of the community health needs assessment. Secondary data for Butte-Silver Bow County was obtained from the following sources: Center for Applied Research and Environmental Systems (CARES), Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Community Commons, ESRI ArcGIS Map Gallery, National Cancer Institute State Profiles, Open Street Map, National Center for Health Statistics, Montana

Department of Public Health & Human Services, Montana Board of Crime Control, US Census Bureau, US Department of Health and Human Services and the US Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation.



3) Primary Qualitative Data: an online key informant survey was implemented to further gain perspective from community members and local organizations as part of the CHNA process. Participants included representatives from healthcare, public health, government, business, and community leaders, including the faith community. 117 community stakeholders took part in the key informant survey.

#### **Key Survey Results**

Fourteen areas of opportunity were identified in the CHNA based on comparisons to State and National benchmarks, negative trends, and magnitude of persons impacted.

#### These areas included:

- Access to Healthcare Services
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Environmental Health
- Heart Disease & Stroke
- Infant Health and Family Planning
- Injury & Violence
- Mental Health
- Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight
- Potentially Disabling Conditions
- Respiratory Disease
- Sexual Health
- Substance Abuse
- Tobacco Use

#### **Disparities Noted in the Community Health Needs Assessment:**

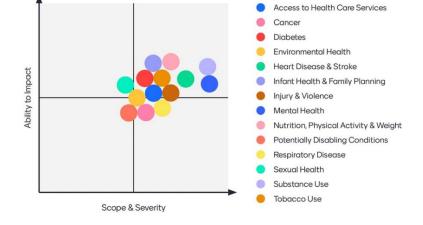
Throughout many of the health indicators, disparities were noted related to income with lower income residents living at 200% or less than the Federal Poverty Level experiencing worse outcomes. Indicators such as food insecurity, experiencing

symptoms of chronic depression, housing insecurity, ability to afford fresh produce, and experiencing negative impacts from substance use were all noted at higher rates for residents with lower incomes. Therefore, social determinants of health which address these disparities are also an important community health need.

### **Community Stakeholder Prioritization:**

A community forum was held on November 17, 2022, where community members were presented with an overview of the data and asked to prioritize based on the severity of the issue and ability to impact. From that process, the following needs were prioritized:

- 1. Substance Use
- 2. Mental Health
- 3. Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Weight
- 4. Heart Disease and Stroke
- 5. Infant Health and Family Planning
- 6. Tobacco Use
- 7. Diabetes
- 8. Access to Healthcare Services
- 9. Injury and Violence
- 10. Cancer
- 11. Respiratory Disease
- 12. Sexual Health
- 13. Environmental Health
- 14. Potentially Disabling Conditions



Following the prioritization by the community and input from St. James Hospital Community Benefit Committee of the Board, St. James leaders prioritized needs for the hospital to focus on based on the following criteria:

- Ability to impact (internal and community resources)
- Scope and severity of issue (prevalence and impacts)
- Community prioritization of issues
- Potential community partners
- Alignment with current efforts and strategies

#### **Prioritization**

From this process, the following priorities were selected:

- Access to Healthcare
- Behavioral Health
- Heart Disease and Stroke
- Social Determinants of Health

#### **Publication and Adoption of the CHNA**

The full CHNA report, including the executive summary and CHNA process, methodology and prioritized list of health needs can be found on our website, https://www.sclhealth.org/locations/st-james-healthcare/about/communitybenefit/community-health-needs-assessment/

The Montana Market Board of Directors formally adopted the 2023 CHNA on May 16, 2023.

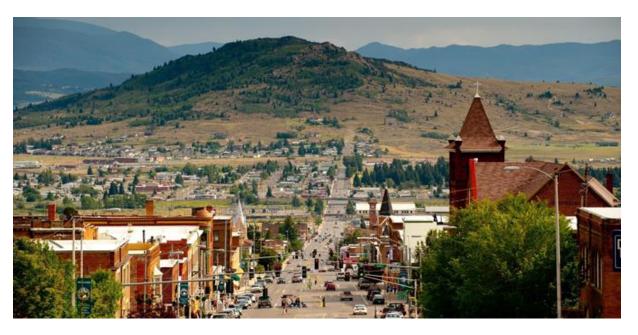


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## **Community Health Improvement Plan**

#### **Community Health Improvement Plan Priorities**

St. James Hospital's Community Benefit Committee of the Board reviewed the results of the CHNA and recommended four priority focus areas: Access to Healthcare, Behavioral Health, Heart Disease and Stroke, and Social Determinants of Health. Those recommendations were provided to Senior Leadership and four priority areas were adopted.

Following vetting from St. James Senior Leadership team, the draft Community Health Improvement Plan was presented to the St. James Hospital Community Benefit Committee of the Montana Market Board of Directors for review and input on July 24, 2023. Feedback from this committee was incorporated into the final Community Health Improvement Plan.

St. James Hospital's Community Health Improvement Plan was formally adopted by the Montana Market Board of Directors on November 16, 2023.

## **Community Health Improvement Plan Guiding Principles**

There are five community health improvement core strategies that support program development. We want to:

- Leverage community benefit investments toward the greatest area of impact to achieve our mission (alignment with CHNA and vulnerable populations)
- Utilize intervention strategies that are evidence-based and work to answer the sustainability question during program build
- Encourage innovation pilots that can address "dual" or disparate health needs
- Expand collective impact opportunities by engaging multi-sector partnerships
- Improve community engagement by highlighting community impact stories. increasing digital-based communication and attention to diversity and inclusion initiatives

In addition, whenever possible we want to align measurement objectives with other community improvement efforts locally, regionally, and nationally,

## 2024-2026 Community Health Improvement Strategies Overview

#### **Priority: Access to Healthcare Services**

#### Strategies:

- 1. Increase opportunities to access health services, both in person and virtually
- 2. Increase workforce capacity to provide healthcare services

#### **Priority: Behavioral Health**

#### Strategies:

- 1. Improve access to mental health services and resources
- 2. Improve supports for substance use treatment and prevention

#### **Priority: Heart Disease and Stroke**

#### Strategies:

- 1. Increase access to interventions for prevention
- 2. Increase disease management

#### **Priority: Social Determinants of Health**

#### Strategies:

- 1. Support housing collaboration and development
- 2. Support community economic development

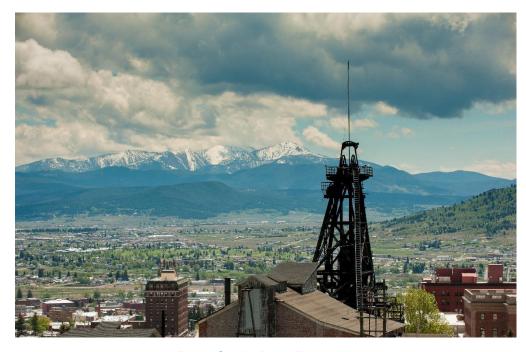


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## **Priority:**

## Access to Healthcare Services

Vision: All residents will have access to comprehensive health services.

#### Outcome Goal(s):

- The percentage of Silver Bow County adults reporting having a routine checkup in the past year will increase by 5%; from 74.6% to 78.33% in 2026 (CHNA)
- The percentage of Silver Bow County adults reporting difficulty or delay in obtaining healthcare services in the past year will decrease by 5% from 32.2% to 30.59% in 2026 (CHNA)
- The percentage of Silver Bow County adults reporting two or more ER visits in past year will decrease by 5%; from 6.2% to 5.9% in 2026 (CHNA)

Access to Healthcare Services Strategy: Increase opportunities to access health services, both in person and virtually

#### **Objective:**

Reduce barriers to accessing healthcare services, such as transportation or living in a Healthcare Provider Shortage Area

#### Partners:

- Barrett Hospital and Healthcare
- Deer Lodge Medical Center
- Intermountain Health Medical Group
- Intermountain Health St. Vincent Regional Hospital
- Madison Valley Medical Center
- Ruby Valley Medical Center

- 32.2% of Silver Bow County adults report some type of difficulty or delay in obtaining healthcare services in the past year (CHNA, 2023)
- 66.5% of adults report a routine check-up in the past year (CHNA, 2023)
- 9.4% low Birth weight births compared to 7.5% in Montana and 8.2% in the U.S. (CHNA, 2023)

Tactic(s)	Community Partner(s)	Metric	Status
Primary care clinics	Intermountain Health Medical Group	Number of primary care clinic locations	Target: Three primary care clinics
			Progress:
Specialty care outreach to rural communities	Barrett Hospital and Healthcare  Deer Lodge Medical Center  Madison Valley Medical Center  Ruby Valley Medical Center	Number of communitie s served by outreach clinics;  Number of specialties providing outreach	Target: Provide specialty outreach to six communities annually Outreach by four specialties  Progress:
Virtual health visits to decrease barriers to access	Intermountain Health Medical Group	Number of virtual health visits	Target: Provide an average of 250 virtual health visits annually Progress:

Mobile Mammography Coach program to travel to rural communities to provide increased access to mammography screening	Rural communities	Number of screenings provided	Target: 500 mobile mammograms performed annually
			Progress:
Recruitment of primary and specialty care providers to healthcare		Number of providers recruited	Target: Four providers recruited annually
professional shortage area		roor anoa	Progress:
Bring healthcare services to employer's worksites including biometrics, primary care, and vaccinations to improve access to care	Businesses	Number of employers reached	Target: Four employers will receive on-site services annually
			Progress:

## **Access to Healthcare Services** Strategy: Increase workforce capacity to provide healthcare services

## **Objective:**

Increase workforce capacity by serving as a training site for healthcare professions

#### Partners:

- Butte High Schools
- Great Falls College
- Highlands College
- Montana Tech
- University of Montana

- Silver Bow County is a Healthcare Provider Shortage area (HRSA, 2020)
- Primary care physicians per 100,000 population is 93.9 in Butte Silver Bow, lower than the rate of 109.5 for Montana and 106.1 for the US (CHNA, 2023)

Tactic(s)	Community Partner(s)	Metric	Status
Nursing students complete clinical rotations at St. James Hospital	Montana Tech	Number of students	Target: 104 nursing students at various levels in their training annually
			Progress:
Pharmacy students complete training at St. James Hospital	University of Montana	Number of students	Target: Four students annually
Cambo Hoopital			Progress:
Radiology students complete training at St. James Hospital	Montana Tech	Number of students	Target: Five students annually
			Progress:
Physical Therapy students training at St. James Hospital	University of Montana	Number of students	Target: Two students annually
			Progress:

Dietary students complete training at St. James Hospital	Montana Tech	Number of students	Target: Two dietary interns annually  Progress:
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Respiratory therapy students complete training at St. James Hospital	Montana Tech	Number of students	Target: Six respiratory therapy students annually
			Progress:
Clinical Pastoral Education students complete training at St. James Hospital	St. Vincent Regional Hospital	Number of students	Target: One student
Laboratory students complete training at St. James Hospital	Montana State University	Number of students	Target: Two students annually
Surgical Tech Students complete training at St. James Hospital	Great Falls College	Number of students	Target: Five students annually
			Progress:
Exposure to medical careers for youth	High schools	Number of opportunities	Target: One opportunity annually
			Progress:

## **Priority:**

## **Behavioral Health** (Mental Health and Substance Use)

Vision: All residents will have improved mental health and less reported substance use.

#### **Outcome Goal(s):**

- The percentage of Silver Bow County adults rating their overall mental health as good, very good, or excellent will increase 5%; from 84.8% to 89.04% in 2026 (CHNA)
- The percentage of Silver Bow County adults reporting a negative impact on their lives by substance use will decrease 5%; from 45.1% to 42.85% in 2026 (CHNA)

## **Behavioral Health** Strategy: Improve access to mental health services and resources

**Objective:** Increase access to mental health resources to improve mental health status

#### Partners:

- 5 Peaks Coalition
- **Butte-Silver Bow Health Department**
- Community Action Team
- **DPHHS**
- Intermountain Health Medical Group
- Montana Chemical Dependency Center
- Montana Healthcare Foundation
- Southwest Montana Community Health Center

- 15.2% of adults in Silver Bow County report their overall mental health is "fair" or "poor" (CHNA, 2023)
- 30% of adults in Silver Bow County have been diagnosed with a depressive disorder; higher than MT and U.S. rates (CHNA, 2023)
- 10.4% of Butte-Silver Bow adults feel that most days are "very" or "extremely" stressful (CHNA, 2023)
- 19.4% of adults reported considering suicide (CHNA, 2023)

Tactic(s)	Community Partner(s)	Metric	Status
Integrate behavioral health services into primary care clinics to increase access and decrease stigma	Intermountai n Health Medical Group	Number of clinics with integrated behavioral health services	Target: Two clinics with integrated behavioral health
			Progress:
Community gatekeeper training for suicide prevention (QPR)	Montana Chemical Dependency Center	Number of trainings conducted	Target: Six QPR classes annually
			Progress:
Increase knowledge of available community resources to address mental health concerns	988 MT 211	Number of promotions for 988 Number of residents utilizing MT211	Target:  Provide at least two promotional opportunities for 988 each year  200 individuals will utilize MT211 annually
			Progress:
Provide support for organizations and coalition addressing mental health needs	Community Action Team 5 Peaks Coalition	Number of organizations addressing mental health needs	Target: Support at least two coalitions or organizations addressing mental health needs

		supported by St. James Hospital	annually with inkind and/or financial contributions  Progress:
Explore community collaborations to implement Mobile Crisis Response and the Crisis Now Model	Action Inc.  5 Peaks Coalition  DPHHS  Montana Healthcare Foundation  Southwest Montana Community Health Center	Development of plan for mobile crisis response and the Crisis Now Model	Target: A plan for mobile crisis response and the Crisis Now Model will be developed by December 31, 2026  Progress:
Prenatal mental health screening	Intermountain Health Medical Group Montana Healthcare Foundation	Percentage of women screened prenatally	Target: 90% of OB/GYN patients will be screened for mental health and substance use prenatally each year  Progress:

## **Behavioral Health** Goal: Improve supports for substance use treatment and prevention

**Objective:** Collaborate with community partners

#### Partners:

5 Peaks Coalition

to address substance use through prevention and treatment

- **Butte Community Action Team**
- Butte-Silver Bow Health Department
- **Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies**
- Intermountain Health Medical Group
- Montana Chemical Dependency Center
- Montana Healthcare Foundation
- Southwest Montana Community Health Center
- Southwest Region Child & Family Services

- 45.1% of adults in Silver Bow County report their lives have been negatively affected by substance use; higher than the U.S. average of 35.8% (CHNA, 2023)
- Unintentional drug-related deaths age adjusted mortality rate in Butte-Silver Bow was 16.6 higher than the statewide rate of 9.2 (CHNA, 2023)

Tactic(s)	Community Partner(s)	Metric	Status
Prenatal substance use screening	Intermountain Health Medical Group  Montana Healthcare Foundation  Montana Chemical Dependency Center	Percentage of women screened prenatally for substance use and mental health	Target: 90% of OB/GYN patients will be screened for substance use and mental health prenatally each year  Progress:
Integrate behavioral health services into primary care clinic	Intermountai n Health	Number of clinics with integrated	Target: Two clinics with integrated behavioral health

locations to increase access and decrease stigma	Medical Group	behavioral health services	Progress:
Collaboration to sponsor educational and outreach opportunities	Southwest Montana Community Health Center  Healthy Mothers/Heal thy Babies  5 Peaks Coalition	Number of outreach events	Target: One outreach event annually
			Progress:
Provide support for community organizations and coalitions addressing substance abuse	Montana Chemical Dependency Center	Number of organizations addressing substance abuse supported by St.	Target: A minimum of two organizations and/or coalitions addressing substance use will be supported in-kind and/or financially each year
		James Hospital	Progress:
Explore community collaborations to implement Mobile Crisis Response and the Crisis Now Model	Action Inc. 5 Peaks Coalition DPHHS	Developme nt of plan for mobile crisis response and the Crisis Now	Target: A plan for mobile crisis response and the Crisis Now Model will be developed by December 31, 2026
	Montana Healthcare Foundation	Model	Progress:

## **Priority:**

## **Heart Disease and** Stroke

Vision: All residents will lead a healthy lifestyle to the best of their ability.

#### Outcome Goals(s):

- The average age adjusted heart disease mortality rate for Butte-Silver Bow will decrease by 5% from 238.6 deaths per 100,000 to 226.1 deaths per 100,000 by 2026 (CHNA)
- The percentage of adults with high blood pressure will decrease by 5% from 37.4% to 35.53% (CHNA 2026)
- The percentage of Butte-Silver Bow adults who report smoking will decrease by 5% from 14.4% to 13.68% and use of vaping products will decrease from 6.4% to 6.08% by 2026 (CHNA)

**Heart Disease and Stroke** Goal: Prevent heart disease and stroke

**Objective:** Increase access to interventions for heart disease and stroke prevention

#### Partners:

- Businesses
- Churches
- Community organizations
- Montana DPHHS
- Schools

- 37.1% of Bute-Silver Bow adults are obese (CHNA, 2023)
- 14.4% of adults in Silver Bow County reported smoking (CHNA, 2023)

- 13.8% of young adults in Silver Bow County report using vape products (CHNA, 2023)
- 84.9% of adults in Butte-Silver Bow report one or more cardiovascular risk factors (CHNA, 2023)
- 32.3% of adults in Silver Bow County have high cholesterol (CHNA, 2023)
- 37.4% of Butte-Silver Bow adults have high blood pressure (CHNA, 2023)

Tactic(s)	Community Partner(s)	Metric	Status
Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention Program	Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)	Percentage of participants losing an average of 5% of their starting body weight	Target: 50% of participants will achieve an average weight loss of 5% of their starting body weight by the end of the program  Progress:
Community health education to prevent heart disease and stroke	Schools  Businesses  Community organizations	Number of community education opportunities	Target: Two educational opportunities will be provided annually
			Progress:

Educational messaging for heart attack awareness on shovels	Businesses	Number of businesses displaying educational materials	Target: Three businesses will display heart attack awareness materials with snow shovels annually
			Progress:
Hands only CPR education provided to community	Community organizations Schools Businesses Churches	Number of sessions offered	Target: A minimum of three sessions will be provided to community members annually  Progress:
Blood pressure	Community	Number of	Target: Two
screenings and cardiovascular risk assessments	organizations  Businesses	screening events	screening events annually
			Progress:

**Heart Disease and Stroke** Goal: Increase disease management for individuals with heart disease and stroke.

**Objective:** Increase disease management to decrease hospitalization rates for heart disease and stroke

#### Partners:

- American College of Cardiology
- American Heart Association
- American Stroke Association
- Intermountain Health St. Vincent Regional Hospital
- Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust

- 6.3% of adults in Silver Bow County report being diagnosed with heart disease (CHNA, 2023)
- 10.9% of adults over age 65 report being diagnosed with heart disease (CHNA, 2023)
- 3.2% of adults report being diagnosed with cerebrovascular disease (CHNA, 2023)
- 6.9% of adults over age 65 report being diagnosed with cerebrovascular disease (CHNA, 2023)

Tactic(s)	Community Partner(s)	Metric	Status
Increase use of cardiac rehabilitation services	Rural hospitals	Number of individual s served	Target: 620 individuals will be served annually
			Progress:
Cardiac catheterization lab	Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust	Number of Cath labs available	Target: 2 Cath labs to allow for two patients to receive emergency treatment at a time  Progress:

Accredited Chest Pain Center	American College of Cardiology	Diagnosti cs and treatment of heart and vascular condition s	Target: One Interventional radiologist Progress:
Improve survivability of critically ill cardiac patients through the use of Impella Heart Pumps	Intermountain Health St. Vincent Regional Hospital	Implementat ion of program	Target: Impella Heart Pumps will be available to support critically ill/cardiogenic shock patients for transport to a higher level of care
			Progress:
Acute Stroke Ready Hospital Certification	American Heart Association The Joint Commission	Certification of excellence in the care of stroke patients	Target: Receive certification as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital
			Progress:

## **Priority:**

## Social **Determinants of** Health

Vision: All residents will live in conditions that support health.

#### Outcome Goals(s):

- Disparities related to income will decrease by 5% (CHNA, 2026):
  - Food insecurity for low-income residents will decrease from 57.4% to 54.5%
  - o Housing insecurity for low-income residents will decrease from 42.5% to 40.3%
  - o Fair/poor overall health for low-income residents will decrease from 28.5% to 27%

# **Social Determinants of Health**

**Goal:** Support housing collaboration and development

**Objective:** Collaborate for supportive housing for vulnerable residents

#### Partners:

- Action Inc.
- Butte Housing Authority
- Butte-Silver Bow Government
- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- Montana Healthcare Foundation
- Southwest Montana Community Health Center

- 42.5% of low-income residents in Silver Bow County report housing insecurity (CHNA, 2023)
- 12.4% of low-income residents in Silver Bow County reported unhealthy or unsafe housing conditions in the past year (CHNA, 2023)
- 19.4% of low-income residents lived with a friend or relative in the past two years because of a housing emergency (CHNA, 2023)
- 16.3% of the total population live below the Federal Poverty level, worse than both state and national percentages and twice the Healthy People 2023 objective (CHNA, 2023)

Tactic(s)	Community Partner(s)	Metric	Status
Supportive housing for high need residents	Action Inc.  Butte Housing Authority  Butte Silver- Bow Government  Community Health Center  Montana Healthcare Foundation  Corporation for Supportive Housing	Number of high need residents successfully housed	Target: Five residents will be successfully housed annually  Progress:
Support work of the local Continuum of Care Coalition	Continuum of Care	Number of St. James Hospital staff engaged with the Continuum of Care Coalition	Target: A minimum of one St. James Hospital caregiver will participate with the Continuum of Care Coalition annually

## **Social Determinants of Health**

Goal: Support community economic development

## **Objective:** Explore opportunities for economic growth in the community

#### Partners:

- Butte Chamber of Commerce
- Butte Local Development Corporation
- Healthcare Montana
- Highlands College

- 16.3% of the Butte-Silver Bow total population living below the federal poverty level, higher than the Montana and US percentages and twice the Healthy People 2030 objective. (CHNA, 2023)
- 18.4% of children in Butte-Silver Bow are living below the federal poverty level, higher than the Montana percentage (CHNA, 2023)
- 24.2% of Butte-Silver Bow residents would not be able to afford an unexpected \$400 expense without going into debt (CHNA, 2023)

Tactic(s)	Community Partner(s)	Metric	Status
Provide support for community organizations and coalitions addressing economic development	Butte Local Development Corporation  Butte Chamber of Commerce  Butte Airport	Number of organizations or coalitions supported either financially or in-kind	Target: Three economic development organizations will be supported annually  Progress:
Support recruitment efforts for business to locate to Butte-Silver Bow	Butte Local Development Corporation	Number of St. James staff engaged in	Target: At least one associate annually will provide in-kind support

	Butte Chamber of Commerce	community efforts	Progress:
Healthcare Montana, a partnership between the Montana Department of Labor and Industry and Highlands College, to provide access to training programs	Highlands College Healthcare Montana	Number of training program explored	Target: Training program for Certified Nursing Assistants explored by December 31, 2026  Progress:

## **Other Significant Needs Not Prioritized**

Each of the health needs identified in the CHNA are important and Intermountain Health St. James Hospital along with numerous partners throughout the community are addressing these needs through various innovative programs and initiatives. Some examples of these are provided below. The Intermountain Health St. James Hospital CHIP will only address the priority areas listed above in order to maximize resources, expertise and time to achieve successful impact.

Areas of Opportunity	,
Cancer	Cancer screenings, mobile mammography, low-dose CT lung scan, education and outreach, and infusion services
Diabetes	Healthy Lifestyles classes for diabetes prevention, A1C monitoring in primary care clinics
Environmental Health	Led by Butte-Silver Bow Public Health
Infant Health	OB/GYN care including routine prenatal care for high-risk pregnancies, low-birth weight project (statewide), First 1,000 Days project
Injury & Violence	Distracted driving courses, injury prevention education
Nutrition, Physical	Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention Program, donations of

Activity & Weight	food to the Butte Rescue Mission
Potentially Disabling Conditions	Stepping On, physical therapy, pain management services
Respiratory Disease	Pulmonary rehabilitation
Sexual Health	Addressed by community partners
Tobacco Use	Promotion of MT Quit Line, Freedom from Tobacco classes

## **Continuing the Work**

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is a living document that provides community health improvement direction for Intermountain Health St. James Hospital, its partners, community organizations and residents of Butte-Silver Bow County. As such, the CHIP is a working document and will be updated and amended on an annual basis as new programs, partnerships and collaborations develop. The progress of our work will be evaluated on an on-going basis, not simply at the three-year mark. Strategies and actions that do not yield the intended outcomes will be revised and reimplemented.

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