

# One Valley Prosperity Strategy

## Community Health Equity Action Plan

Goal 1: Meet the basic needs of the community by addressing food, shelter, and safety concerns.	Priority Level			Priority Ranking for Short Term Actions			Capacity		
Objectives, Strategies and Actions	Short	Medium	Long	High	Medium	Low	Lead	Resources	Complete or Ongoing
Objective 1.1: Reduce the number of community residents experiencing food insecurity							Gunnison Food Pantry		
Strategy 1: Expand food access for children in need							Gunnison Food Pantry		
Partnering with the Gunnison Watershed RE1J School District, Gunnison Country Food Pantry and the Gunni-Packs Gang offer food on the weekends for children who qualify for free and reduced price meals at school.	X			X			Gunnison Food Pantry	RE1J; CFGV; Gunn-Packs; churches	
Explore additional partners to offer food during school breaks and summer vacation.		X	X				Gunnison Food Pantry	Mentors; Mtn. Roots; Book Bus; RE1J; Library	
Convene the faith community to assess their collective commitment to this issue.	X			X			CFGV		
Strategy 2: Ensure families and those in need are aware of available programs that offer food security assistance									
Develop an information sheet or other resource that includes programs in the Valley such as the Food Pantry, Mountain Roots' Cooking Matters, etc.	X			X			CFGV's Health Equity Team	Mountain Roots, League of Women Voters, Food Pantry, Churches	ongoing
Distribute information sheet to community partners (County, Food Pantry, churches, etc.) to expand awareness about available resources.	X			X			CFGV's Health Equity Team	Mountain Roots, League of Women Voters, Food Pantry, Churches	ongoing
Provide information to anyone applying for SNAP benefits telling them about existing programs in the County and additional ways they can access food; i.e. the Food Pantry, Mountain Roots' 'Cooking Matters' program, etc.		X					DHHS	Food Pantry; Mtn. Roots; Gunni-Packs	ongoing

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Create an event that draws attention to food cost issues and options.	X			X			CFGV	CFGV will provide a facilitator to create a collaborative event. Groups will be encouraged to help fund a project coordinator	
Create a two tiered community voucher system for SNAP participants and families that do not qualify for SNAP benefits that provides discounts and/or food in collaboration with local food providers (stores, non-profits, etc.)		X							
Objective 1.2: : Increase the availability and quality of the region’s affordable housing supply offering safe and energy efficient place to live.				X	X		Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority (GVRHA)	UCC Housing group	
Strategy 1: Collaborate with the Regional Housing Authority and OVPP Housing Committee to understand the community’s housing conditions and needs including demand for new housing and the quality and quantity of the rental housing stock, including identifying places in the current Zoning code that may warrant review so that “tiny houses” or ancillary units may be easily included into the housing mix in all areas.		X					GVRHA		
Strategy 2: Work with local governments and Regional Housing Authority to raise the quality of the existing rental housing stock by creating incentives for rehabilitation and disincentives for code violations.			X						
Work with City and County housing inspectors to ensure rental housing stock meets minimum requirements.		X							
Identify funding opportunities (grants, rehabilitation loans, etc.) to incentivize improvements to the current rental housing stock.			X						
Create City license that is a small annual fee and requires a property inspection in order to make the property eligible for long-term rental. (Note: Just an idea. Would need to be vetted by experts in the housing arena before becoming an actionable item).			X						
Strategy 3: Provide easy access to information on renter’s rights throughout the community (offices, libraries, churches, etc.)	X			X			GVRHA	Multicultural Center, churches ; UCC housing team	



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Support Sources of Strength suicide prevention program in RE1-J School District.	X			X			School District	In-Kind staffing and Grant funding	X
Support Integration of GCSAPP prevention programming into RE1-J School District			X						X
Assess school health curriculum with school counselors for extent that life skills (stress reduction, coping strategies, emotional intelligence) are included and provide support to include more if necessary		X							X
Continue parent education and parent group discussions to help create a community of care	X			X			Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project (GCSAPP)	Grant funding and staff	X
Strategy 2: Focus resources on high risk kids aged 0-5 and monitor youth from ages 5-25 for risk factors									X
Expansion of targeted parent education (Spanish-speaking parents and more generally on the importance of developing early coping skills), increase opportunities for parent skill development in the home, including enhancing the shared language approach and linking Pyramid Model, parenting classes, and other social emotional curriculums through all grades.		X					Gunnison Hinsdale Early Childhood Council (ECC), Pyramid Model Leadership Team (PMLT)	Grant Funding and staff	Community Health Coalition of Gunnison Valley - Youth Positive Development Subgroup
Improve screening and referral process of medium and high risk kids from birth to 21 and direct appropriate resources and strategies to support this group	X			X			ECC and Family Advocacy and Support Team (FAST)	Grant funding for staff time	X
Enhance care coordination for high risk families and youth 0-21		X							X
Utilize non-primary providers to disseminate resource information (churches, Arts Centers, Mentors)		X							
Update youth Community Needs Assessment (0-25 years) using Healthy Kids Colorado Survey, Kids Count Data, focus groups, and explore using "40 Developmental Assets" to identify community risk factors		X					OVPP Youth subgroup and Gunnison Valley Mentors (GVM) as secondary lead		X
Strategy 3: Increase access to quality early care and education environments for young children				X					This is in ECC Strategic Plan
Expand weekend childcare options and weekday hours of operation			X						"

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Reduce the number of CCCAP families on the waitlist for child care		X					ECC		New ECC/CCCAP staff person is being hired to help address this issue, hopefully in place by August, 2018.
Raise local funding for tuition assistance for families through a Component fund of the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley		X					ECC		The Early Childhood Council will be hosting a strategic planning meeting in September 2018 with community leaders
Continue to support the implementation of the Pyramid Model in early care and education settings	X				X		PMLT and School District	Grant Funding and staff, fiscal sponsorship	Pyramid Model in classrooms is currently funded and expanding, Lynna Frymoyer is contact.
Objective 2.2: Increase the percentage of youth who feel connected to the community				X					X
Strategy 1: Increase youth access to community organizations and quality environments									
Support community economic development group's efforts to create a bowling alley, family fun center which can also act as a safe place for youth to "hang out", by conducting youth focus groups			X				GCSAPP, GVM	GVM board, staff and volunteers	Gunni Hang Outs through GCSAPP
Creation of a youth run and managed youth organization and support the Student Leadership Groups at high schools in these types of activities		X							x
Inventory existing youth opportunities to create resource list	X			X			FAST and WSCU Students	FAST staff, WSCU class project, Student time	x
Communicate resource list to parents via Youth Scoop, web-based community calendar	X			X			OVPP Youth Subgroup	Staff time, advertising cost	x
Explore improved parent communication techniques with School District, through their new website and newsletter	X						OVPP Youth Subgroup	Staff time	

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Increase options and alternatives for all 6th – 12th grade students, by increasing and expanding work study and internship opportunities, vocational programs (culinary arts, health), online programming, and concurrent enrollment at WSCU		X					School District		School District Pathways Program
Strategy 2: Expand mentor opportunities for youth				X					X
Increase number of adult mentors: 45 adult mentors with a commitment of 3 hours a week for 1 year	X			X			GVM	State & local funding / board / staff & volunteers	X
Recruit mentors from existing community organizations	X			X			GVM		
Develop a service learning program through Western State Colorado University which links students to mentorship programs and opportunities, including in the School District		X					WSCU with GVM	WSCU students.	
Support and expand the Plus Mentoring (therapeutic) services for higher needs youth, including in the Gunnison High School	X			X			GVM with JS	TGYS funding	
<b>Goal 3: Meet the physical, mental, dental, and spiritual needs of all residents.</b>	<b>Priority Level</b>			<b>Priority Ranking for Short Term Actions</b>			<b>Capacity</b>		
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Objective 3.1: Improve community awareness about available health services.	X			X			OVPP Health group		ongoing
Strategy 1: Complete the Directory of Resources for Community Members and Providers.	X			X			CFGV, HEAT and Kari Commerford's class	Kari Commerford's class at Western, Roanne will help edit; HEAT	ongoing
Identify an ongoing entity for continuous publication and updating	X			X			HEAT	Funding at Community Foundation	
Make available in other languages.		X					Multicultural Resource Services (MCRS)	Funding for staff time needed	
Strategy 2: Develop a second directory of non-registered, non-licensed, and/or cash pay practitioners to be created in conjunction with the Well Being Connection.		X						Kari's class at Western	
Objective 3.2: Coordinate community health needs assessments with Public Health and the Gunnison Valley Health System			X						
Strategy 1: Form working group to review past assessments, current requirements, and opportunities for alignment			X				Public Health and Gunnison Valley Health (GVH)	Staff time	

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Objective 3.3: Support efforts to improve physical healthcare.									
Strategy 1: Continue to pursue Healthcare Shortage Designation for 2017	X						Dr. Tarr and GVH Foundation		
Increase Medicare/Medicaid/CHP reimbursement for providers.			X						
Strategy 2: Increase the availability of same day appointments and urgent care (light).			X						
Consider a part time additional practitioner and utilize existing space			X						
Expand telemedicine		X							
Strategy 3: Continue to improve collaboration in preventative medicine arena		X							
Improve patient access to medical records through GVH portal.		X							
Case managers for residents/community members medical home.		X							
Improve information and accessibility on how to obtain health insurance.	X			X			Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and MCRS	Connect for Health CO and RCCO funding	ongoing
Options for cash pay, HAS, flex plans, coinsure service for tracking of patients, documenting utilization of current services, helping get more people to the services already available, knowing what is available and how to help people know how to pay for it.		X							
Health care concierge (a point of contact for community members to request resource information/availability—i.e. what are my healthcare options, who takes my insurance)		X					DHHS and MCRS	Connect for Health CO and RCCO funding	
Find funding to replace the Light Program which provided funding to support individuals without health insurance or supplement Medicare/Medicaid			X						
Local leadership lobby at state and federal level for preservation of Medicaid primary rates			X						
Objective 3.4: Improve mental healthcare services									
Strategy 1: Establish a clinic in Crested Butte			X						
Dedicated behavioral health consultant for the practitioners and see patients out of PCP offices or offer integrated care.	X			X			Center for Mental Health (CMH)		
Offer warm handoffs to patients (e.g. in house mental health care with immediate, direct referral.	X			X			CMH		
After hours mental health care.	X			X			CMH		
Adult substance abuse prevention, education.		X							
Residential in patient facility/program.			X						
Methadone and harder drug detention or detox facility.			X						
Increase numbers of bilingual clinicians	X			X			CMH		
Increase compliance with Court mandated treatment by providing transportation to required classes in Montrose or GJ or offer those classes here as multi-linguistic programs.			X						

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Strategy 3: Continue suicide prevention efforts	X						Community Crisis Coalition		
Strategy 4: Provide more psychiatric services/providers available		X							
Strategy 5: Provide extended hours of care and weekend care for mental health services		X							
Strategy 6: Increase funding for mental health providers		X							
Strategy 7: Support GVH's pursuit of 24/7 psychiatric support through telemedicine and Swedish Medical (Denver)		X							
Objective 3.5: Improve dental health services	X				X				
Strategy 1: Increase availability of dentists that accept Medicaid		X							
Explore option of traveling dentist			X						
Research Medicaid enhancements (what is action? Support these? Lobby for these?)		X							
More data needed on current situation, specifically oral health and Medicaid		X							
Fluoridation/sealants administered by alternative sources (c.f. Cavity Free at 3)		X							
Explore rotation of volunteers for free clinic concept		X							
Shared resource for dental offices to manage Medicaid reimbursement		X							
Ballot initiative to support dental services			X						
Develop transportation options to Montrose		X							
Work with local dentists. Ask local dentists what are challenges associated with accepting Medicaid and what they would need to start accepting Medicaid.	X			X			Public Health and MCRS		
Strategy 2: Establish pediatric dentist in the community			X						
Strategy 3: Pursue dental shortage designation		X		X					
Objective 3.6: Connect community to Spiritual health resources									
Strategy 1: Develop a referral system for community residents to the faith based community		X							ongoing/completed
Work with faith community representatives for input	X						OVPP group, CFGV, HHS		ongoing/completed
Strategy 2: Faith community to assist in supporting basic needs in emergencies (housing, food)		X					CFGV		ongoing/completed
Strategy 3: Utilize emotional/mental health support from faith community augmenting formal Mental Health									ongoing/completed
Work with Benevolence Group to develop this role		X							
<b>Goal 4: Create place value by encouraging development and investment that enhances community vitality, prosperity, and supports our community values.</b>	<b>Priority Level</b>			<b>Priority Ranking for Short Term Actions</b>			<b>Capacity</b>		
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Objective 1: Develop long term sustainable funding sources (i.e. municipalities) that are not grant dependent for health and human services programming.	X						DHHS		



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Strategy 1: Continue to work with immigrants to address their needs, concerns, and challenges		X							Multicultural Resource Services through DHHS and multiple agencies and organizations contributing
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