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# Story County

## Promote Healthy Living Assessment

includes topics such as addictive behaviors (tobacco, alcohol, drugs, gambling), chronic disease (mental health, cardiovascular disease, cancer, asthma, diabetes, arthritis, etc.), elderly wellness, family planning, infant, child & family health, nutrition and healthy food options, oral health, physical activity, pregnancy & birth, and wellness.

Healthy Living Community Priority	Rationale / Specific Need	Is this priority in the HIP?	If the priority is not addressed in the HIP, reason(s) why:	
1 Hunger and healthy food choices	<p>According to RWJF 2015 county rankings, the food env't (7.1 vs 7.8) and food insecurity index (15% vs 13%) is higher in Story County than in the state, as is limited access to healthy foods (8% vs 6%).</p> <p>Additionally, community agencies surveyed agreed most on this area being a community priority (39% of 61 community agency respondents).</p>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/ staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

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2 Exercise and physical activity greater county	<p>While Story County ranks above the average in most measures, there continues to be segments of opportunity, including within the county but outside the city limits of Ames.</p> <p>Community agencies surveyed agreed on this area being a community priority (34% of 61 community agency respondents).</p> <p>There exists in Ames a vast amount of knowledge and resources on these issues, that simply are not reaching those in greater Story county.</p>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/ staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

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3 Affordable housing, homelessness, livable wage	<p>Per RWJF ranks, Income inequality is greater in Story county than in the state and overall US. Additionally, severe housing problems are greater in the county than in the state, and close to the overall US average.</p> <p>15% of community agencies surveyed agreed on this area being a community priority.</p>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/ staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

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4 Affordable childcare and after school/summer programs	<p>Based on a survey of various agencies and partners in the community, this area rated as a potential concern for those served in the community.</p> <p>Based on the demographic structure of the county, this is not rated as high as other needs, but continues to be a concern for those community members needing such services.</p> <p>18% of community agencies surveyed agreed on this area being a community priority.</p>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/ staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

## Prevent Injuries & Violence Assessment

includes topics such as brain injury, disability, EMS trauma & system development, intentional injuries (violent & abusive behavior, suicide), occupational health & safety, and unintentional injuries (motor vehicle crashes, falls, poisoning, drowning, etc.).

Injuries & Violence Community Priority	Rationale / Specific Need	Is this priority in the HIP?	If the priority is not addressed in the HIP, reason(s) why:
1 Older adult safety at home	<p>While the community has remained committed to older adult safety, including various programs and educations widely available, the issue persists.</p> <p>Nationally, the number of incidents for older adults at home is growing, as is the population itself. Locally, the issues are similar.</p>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/ staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

## Protect Against Environmental Hazards Assessment

includes topics such as drinking water protection, food waste, food safety, fluoridation, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, healthy homes, impaired waterways, lead poisoning, nuisances, on site wastewater systems, radon, radiological health, soil erosion, and vector control.

Environmental Hazards Community Priority	Rationale / Specific Need	Is this priority in the HIP?	If the priority is not addressed in the HIP, reason(s) why:
1 Story County Air Pollution	<p>Per the 2015 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Rankings report, Story County's measure for Air Pollution was below the overall US average (good) and equal to the Iowa average.</p> <p>There is an opportunity to investigate air quality in Story County and better understand the contributing factors as well as the disparate parties concerned with such an issue.</p>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/ staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

## Prevent Epidemics & the Spread of Disease Assessment

includes topics such as disease investigation, control & surveillance, HIV/AIDS, immunization, reportable diseases, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and tuberculosis (TB).

Epidemics & Spread of Disease Community Priority	Rationale / Specific Need	Is this priority in the HIP?	If the priority is not addressed in the HIP, reason(s) why:
1 Build community dialogue around immunizations	As a means of engaging this specific community, there exists an opportunity to promote dialogue and education around this topic. There continues to be a need to dispel myths/concerns associated with immunizations, and at the same time allow community members to voice their concerns in an appropriate manner. Public health looks to moderate this community dialogue and engage partners in a program that sheds light on this topic.	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/ staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

## Prepare for, Respond to, & Recover from Public Health Emergencies Assessment

includes topics such as communication networks, emergency planning, emergency response, individual preparedness, recovery planning, risk communication, and surge capacity.

Preparedness Community Priority	Rationale / Specific Need	Is this priority in the HIP?	If the priority is not addressed in the HIP, reason(s) why:
1 Story County Public Health's ability to plan, partner, prepare for, and perform regarding public health emergencies.	<p>Story County Public Health has been part of a 5 member coalition that extends to Boone County, but excludes Story County Emergency Mgmt. All 5 members are interested to investigate how to move the coalition to a more integrated partnership.</p> <p>There remains an opportunity to leverage the coalition and create a more defined and integrated structure within the coalition. This would include opportunities for: new partnerships, templating of response/protocol, development of an integrated plan that crosses county boundaries, etc. Additionally, there remains an opportunity to partner with Story County Emergency Mgmt and refine expectations.</p>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/ staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

## Strengthen the Health Infrastructure Assessment

includes topics such as access to quality health services, community engagement, evaluation, food security, food systems, food and nutrition assistance (SNAP, WIC), health facilities, health insurance, medical care, organizational capacity, planning, quality improvement, social determinants (e.g., education & poverty levels), transportation, and workforce (e.g., primary care, dental, mental health, public health).

Health Infrastructure Community Priority	Rationale / Specific Need	Is this priority in the HIP?	If the priority is not addressed in the HIP, reason(s) why:
1 Bridging the gap between community members and their health and health-related needs	<p>Story County Public Health has been at the forefront of developing a SIM Grant application to address this need in the community.</p> <p>There remains a belief that, in general, services needed in the community are available. The issue is that the right people are not aware of these services when needed.</p> <p>The SIM Grant proposal is based in creating community service experts who would respond to community members in need and try and direct them to the appropriate service provider.</p> <p>The Story County Quality of Life Alliance leadership group is fully engaged, along with 13 community partners and many more interested parties in seeing this move forward.</p>	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

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2 Access to mental health/crisis services	<p>According to various measures and sources, proper mental health/crisis services are not readily available in the county.</p> <p>Community agencies surveyed agreed on this area being a community priority (44% of 61 community agency respondents).</p> <p>Rankings of depression in the Medicare aged population are higher in the county than in the state or US.</p> <p>This is a continuation of a priority from past assessments, and continues to be a significant issues within the community.</p>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources



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3 Access to preventative and after hours health care (including dental)	<p>Per RWJF, the ratio of care providers to the population for various providers is at the overall US average or less. Access continues to be limited, and remains an area of concern for agencies and partners within the community.</p> <p>30% of community agencies surveyed agreed on this area being a community priority.</p>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/ staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

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4 Access to obtaining prescriptions	<p>A recent summit on mental health in our community noted that 2 significant issues are access to crisis services and access to prescription medications.</p> <p>Beyond mental health, older adults outside city limits continue to struggle with not only affording medication but simply being able to obtain prescriptions.</p> <p>23% of community agencies surveyed agreed on this area being a community priority.</p>	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/ staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

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5 Transportation outside city limits of Ames	<p>While the city of Ames has a robust public transit system, outside the city is a wholly different story. Transportation continues to be a significant issue, affecting many aspects of quality living, especially healthcare related.</p> <p>18% of community agencies surveyed agreed on this area being a community priority.</p>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/ staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

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6 Excessive substance abuse and treatments	<p>Per RWJF, alcohol consumption (including excessive consumption) are higher in the county (and state) than the overall US average.</p> <p>While this continues to be an issue, there are existing programs continuing their work on this issue. Further opportunity for partnership and support.</p> <p>16% of community agencies surveyed agreed on this area being a community priority.</p>	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Other priorities rated higher <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing programs already address problem/need <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of human resources/ staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Community partners do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lead organization does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of financial resources

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### COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT SNAPSHOT



#### Promote Healthy Living

- Priority #1 Hunger and healthy food choices
- Priority #2 Exercise and physical activity greater county
- Priority #3 Affordable housing, homelessness, livable wage
- Priority #4 Affordable childcare and after school/summer programs



#### Prevent Injuries & Violence

- Priority #1 Older adult safety at home



#### Protect Against Environmental Hazards

- Priority #1 Story County Air Pollution



#### Prevent Epidemics & the Spread of Disease

- Priority #1 Build community dialogue around immunizations



#### Prepare for, Respond to, & Recover from Public Health Emergencies

- Priority #1 Story County Public Health's ability to plan, partner, prepare for, and perform regarding public health emergencies.



#### Strengthen the Health Infrastructure

- Priority #1 Bridging the gap between community members and their health and health-related needs
- Priority #2 Access to mental health/crisis services
- Priority #3 Access to preventative and after hours health care (including dental)
- Priority #4 Access to obtaining prescriptions
- Priority #5 Transportation outside city limits of Ames
- Priority #6 Excessive substance abuse and treatments