

# HARVEY COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT – 2020

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### DETERMINING THE FUTURE AND PRESENT NEEDS OF THE COUNTY

This report assesses the principal health needs and issues of Harvey County through a comprehensive, systematic process that results from vast data collection and analysis. Using principles such as collaboration, engagement, transparency and evidence-based practices a community health needs assessment (CHNA) is used to appropriately address current and future needs of any community. This report will address key problems as well as assets related to community and individual health within Harvey County.

Two phases of data collection were used within this report: secondary and primary data analysis. Primary data is qualitative data that has been collected by a researcher using first-hand, primary sources. Sources include surveys and focus groups. Secondary data is quantitative data that has been collected from other individuals and institutions. Sources include objective studies or surveys. The final step in the community health needs assessment is establishing a team with diverse backgrounds and expertise to make evidence-based decisions in selecting appropriate health priorities, using above data, that will drive forward the health priority efforts of the community, thus creating a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

To understand the unique characteristics and needs of a community, all populations must be recognized and represented. These populations may include those of a particular age, ethnicity, race, those without health insurance coverage and many more. Every population adds to the true diversity of the community they live and work. By addressing the populations within Harvey County, all backgrounds are represented and heard in order to portray a more accurate report.

The Healthy People 2030 Action Model (see page 5) was adopted by the core team as a comprehensive model for our assessment. Cultivating healthier environments, increasing knowledge and action, and closing gaps will lead to improved health and well-being across the lifespans. Actionable data (as in this report), evidence-based interventions, and strategic resources must be garnered, identified, and appropriately employed to meld the elements for inclusivity and success.

As a product of the 2020 Harvey County Community Health Needs Assessment, conducted by the core team in collaboration with local stakeholders, community leaders, and other county residents, three

health priorities were identified as the focus for Harvey County’s health initiatives for the timeframe July 2020- June 2023. The data collected in this report, along with the health priorities, will be used for selecting SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound) goals. These goals will drive the Harvey County’s Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) development. To address these community health priorities, the stakeholders will identify lead agencies to guide the planning and implementation of evidence-based policy, systems, programs, and environmental changes designed to produce successful health-changing outcomes within three years.

#### HEALTH PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY THE 2020 HARVEY COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

##### **1. Prevent and Manage Chronic Diseases**

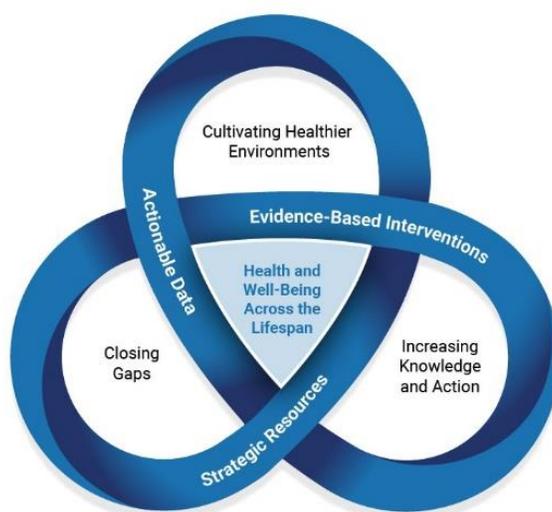
Key indicators of need were improving prevalence and outcomes of chronic diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease, and improving health literacy aided by adoption of digital connectivity and data.

##### **2. Increase Mental Health and Behavioral Health Services and Education**

Depression and substance misuse were key indicators from data and perceptions.

##### **3. Increase Economic Stability**

Areas of employment, food insecurity, housing instability, and poverty were key indicators.



Source: *Recommendations for Implementation and the Framework Graphic for Healthy People 2030, Secretary’s Advisory Committee, Report #8, Appendix 1-page 19.*