

Q8 Is there anything else you would like to add about the health of your community?

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Discrepancy between the haves (wealthy) and have not (poor, working poor, disadvantaged).

It would be good to have more Hispanic representation on local "boards", city council, LCHWF_

Chelan seems to be aware of the issues with in its community and seems to be compassionate in its responses to the Community's needs

How vacation rental pushing citizens out threat of development on the Butte

we need help with SS, the wait is too long

needle exchanges, a place for the homeless so they aren't committing crimes

great place to live, not too crowded, weather good, options for wide range of indoor and outdoor activity

none

Retirement community

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No

A lot of people drive but don't have driver's license.

Food insecurity

Homelessness is a big problem

not sure

The police are overreaching and discriminating against the mentally ill and addicted. They are abusing the power of the law for personal gain

The affordable care act did nothing to control the cost of health care. It should be labeled the Affordable Health Insurance Act. Health care is still very expensive. Prescription drugs are still climbing out of sight.

landlords should be more legal in renting

There needs to be more help for the homeless and addicts

There's 2-3 more boxes I'd like to check for questions 5 & 6, but we gotta prioritize.

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no

Tonasket lacks - being a community more like bunches of clicks white ranchers HIS paties - teens - old hippies alternative coasties #3 my comm. as a whole? #5 lot of reading for (3) #9 1st yea you all #13 Could say gender (add they/them option)

wages are too low for the area. cost of housing is so high. makes it difficult to eat healthy and find time to exercise if you're working 2 jobs just to get by.

There are many needs. I think that you might reach young people through Instagram as you develop initiatives. Anxiety through making comparisons as youth plus into social media affects health as well.

It is a great place to retire!

Autism like Alzheimer/dementia is on a rise. need both programs and activities. We need Bridge Lower Sunnyslope Rd. to Horse Lake Rd. to make Western Ave. short route to North end and perhaps Bridge on Columbia River toward Apple Yard to meet 4th st. S.E. and Hwy in East Wenatchee. Tour Ferry (Steam) Boat from Eastside Hydro Park to Pybus and Walla Walla Park and see upclose Rocky Reach Dam. 1st PUD passenger train (electric) from Old Station to Entiat, Brewster, Omak and join Canada as Kelowna for Hockey Train and Nation Tour and business. Steam ferry gambling Casino on Lake Chelan both end of lake by Manson Casino. Rebuild bigger WVR Way Track. Old Baker St. Golf Course into a Bucharts Garden.

religion/"faith" is over used - relying on "God" to solve our problems, "to make them go away"

Need to address homelessness and drug/alcohol abuse.

Too many pregnancies out of wedlock. Deadbeat dad's.

no

See above. Everything comes down to the social determinants of health and mental health. Not building systems to address these will cause our community's health to decline and/or increase in the costs.

No

There are too many pregnant women coming in to have babies, unfortunately seems to be Hispanic but I do not want to racially profile. They have no husbands or the fathers already have children with 2-3 other women and are not supporting any of them. They want their benefits to not work and support their children however often times they use the money on themselves. This culture dependency on Medicaid leads to resentment, neglected children and a continuation of a program that cannot sustain itself. Overpopulation in poor economies creates increase crime, drug and alcohol use.

no

Moses lake hospital needs better access to Good doctors

no

This is an excellent Hospital for our community.

I think there's hope. (Next time think about your global impact! Print on both sides! Thankx Flower Child)

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no, thank you.

We have a large Hispanic community and we want and should be inclusive of all, but I also think it is fair to expect people who come here to live to become "american" and immerse in our way of life and that includes learning English as their language. When you look at the who level of immigration that occurred 150 years ago from Europe, the United States did NOT print material in Italian, Irish, Greek, Polish. Our language is English and those who chose to move here and become citizens were expected to learn it. Today, we are all so concerned about being politically correct and that no one wants to say anything against Hispanics. There is a high cost being paid society to print everything in both Spanish and English.

I did a research project for my MSN degree on obesity in the Chelan/Douglas county region and I found that there seems to be a lot of disparate and high level talk of assessing and improving the health and healthy environment of the community, but not a lot of implementation, awareness, or access by the community members it is meant to serve. I've been in healthcare in this valley for 30+ years; I should know and recognize a lot more than I do on the efforts to reduce obesity in our communities, so imagine what the non-healthcare folks don't see or realize is available to them. There is huge opportunity to assimilate the disparate efforts and bring the information and access to services and opportunities to the community members.

I moved almost a year ago from Bend, OR. It's like the Wild West in many places here, similar to Prineville. Also, it's a driving community, not a walking one.

Yes the medical staff needs to try more to know the patient needs...

Need more doctors knowledgeable about rare diseases like Ehlers Danlos Syndrome

Pesticide use too much sprayed from the air Hanford

Too many drug addicts and crime

Its getting worse with meth.

no

no

There is an unacknowledged drug and gang problem in this area - it is evident in the schools, in parks and trails, and in the retail areas - people are openly dealing and being aggressive toward people walking by. There is also a reverse discrimination issue in this town. The passive hostility exerted toward those who are not Latino is pervasive. We are reconsidering our decision to live in this community.

no

I am not happy with the local health care being taken over by a large corporation. My quality of health care has decreased and it is difficult to see my doctor.

Low paying positions in the behavioral health field result in high turnover and difficulty attracting effective professionals.

Drugs and alcohol are not only problems in themselves, but create secondary problems as well.

No

no

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no

Health care costs are way to high. Most people are without coverage. The people without coverage are treated worse than those with coverage.

Increased person-to-person contact would be beneficial in fighting mental health issues, in my opinion.

No

Questions #4 & #5 all most all the suggestion could have marked.

I think our community is a very healthy environment to live in. More concentration on physical activity for everyone is needed and the opioid/drug crisis derailed.

No

N/A

No

No

no

People in Wenatchee seem unduly "afraid" to engage in candid conversation about important issues.

A large portion is healthy, active and talented. Have a generous community and many resources to help those that are not so fortunate.

no

No

Need to acknowledge mental illness and need for treatment, aware of many times when someone goes to ER for suicidal actions/plans and are just sent away. Not enough resources for drug problems

Good long-lasting jobs with a future

We apparently have a shortage of doctors both locally and in Wenatchee since it takes weeks to months to get appointments.

No

We need more doctors. There is too long of a waiting period or a limited number of doctors.

A lack of decent community events for everyone

no

Doctors need to focus on the whole body, not just one specialty. And not charge so much money for needed care. Like Mental Health and prescriptions. Need a better place for your pharmacy. Where you have it isn't good.

N/A

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N/A

no

No

No

There is no communication between most of my neighbors

It is criminal that ALL the developed countries of the world have some form of single payer health care and the U S still is wasting BILLIONS making insurance companies, their CEOs, and investors wealthy and depriving MILLIONS of Americans health care. Whatever happened to the Constitutional mandate to "provide for the general welfare?"

There is a shortage of mental health care professionals in this community with waits to almost 2 months to schedule an appointment; this is clearly unacceptable.

No

would be nice to have more structure or activities for the youth. like getting a boys/girls club or YMCA in area would be beneficial.

It is a good community.

N/A

I think many smart people start out in neglectful and ignorant homes - they may have mental health issues that go ignored and this leads them to drugs, alcohol, domestic abuse etc. The local hospitals are also lacking general resources, and often people need to be transferred or see specialists out of area. This may increase complications or fatalities.

more diversity activities in our community. Too much hate portrayed in Okanogan county towards non-whites.

no

No

no

I Love this Town!

Besides catholic charities there's not much good access to mental health

supan guud

no

none

no

no

none

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More stuff for Autistic kids

HS a lot better than it used to be.

When someone needs help get them help. Immediately!! Don't send them home treat them.

no

police bully ele-

no

no

no

There are economic factors with such great disparity between haves and have nots.

no

none

affordable housing, Dr Wineberg and patient need bigger office and windows

NO

no

I have long been disappointed I the lack of wide spread mental health and substance abuse issues in our region. Also, aside from the B&GC, there are few options for drawing youth into ENGAUGING healthy activities. If not Sports, Church or academics, youth are ignored and have even less opportunities for substantial employment.

No

We need more parks closer to the edges of the city. People who don't live near the heart of the town don't have parks within walking distance. Especially in the hills of East Wenatchee.

It needs serious help

lack of public education about healthcare is a major problem in our community.

Chelan has a high rate of bullying and gossip not only among children but among all age groups. Also, there is no affordable housing here and few high paying jobs/jobs that pay competitive wages, even at the hospital; which is one of the main employers in the area.

No

no

The fire season is concerning regarding the health of our children. More free indoor play areas.

Our recent Mineral Withdrawal saved us on the Eastside and hopefully AmericanAlps.org will save our environment on the west, and up wind side.

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access to health care is terrible. Call for a appointment and if you are a new patient, the wait is up to 8 mos. unconscionable.

Resources go to help with the symptoms. There needs to be a focus to fix the cause before the symptoms.

need to embrace important hispanic members

We need to support struggling families to promote a healthier, more wholesome family life for the well-being of the parents and the children.

no

no

Medical field cares more about money than patients

I wish our community was more conscience about the environment. County wide recycling would be nice.

So many people need to get in to doctors for urgent needs and can't get an appt Hear this continually

work for single pay health nation wide

no

better funding to services who treat mental health and substance use disorders housing that is affordable to decrease homelessness

we aren't really a community we tend to do our own thing. Whether there's consequences or not

I just think we need a methadone clinic and needle exchange

everything is going to hell in a hand basket

need more housing for homeless - resources in general (food, medical care)

no

NO

More affordable exercise places. Make kids accountable for their actions.

Dirty Community, needs cleaned up

No

no

no

No

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Little to no business/job opportunities resulting to small town mentality ... in young people turning to other means of making money and being expected by the wrong group of outcast people "gang affiliated". No counselors to help kids without families.

I have a limited view of the community actually. I have heard there is "drug" problem in the children. I had two shirttail relatives who had mental health problems. They died in the place where they were being treated. It is vague to me because, of course, we don't talk about it. I have the impression that us older and/or retired people are involved in health related activities. I can only hope it filters down to the parents and students. I like it here.

Difficult to answer these questions. I have no data--just subjective impressions

Not enough doctors so it takes forever to get in to see someone.

No

We have a huge drug problem. We also have a lack of access to dental health, if you are poor and an adult. If you are lucky enough to have state insurance, you have to go to Spokane to get dental work done, because no one here takes it for adults. Which is out of reach for a lot of people. There are also very few options for people in mental health crisis. They either end up in hospital for a few days, then are discharged back into the community, or they end up in jail, with NO treatment.

homeless

Housing - lack of affordable housing and rental agencies discriminate felons.

not sure

Slovenly behavior in public

No

Continuing emphasis on healthy living. Would like to see better support/encouragement of healthy weight among our medical staff and community at large.

not really

no

N/A

N/A

just moved here in October so I don't have an opinion yet.

needs more faith in God

A sense of God, a Father in Heaven who cares for us, Forgiveness & love for one another

no

no

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This comment may be better forwarded to a different department. A comment section would be good. As a health care interpreter, I've seen many CVCH patients completely lost in the L&I system. They end up at Confluence complaining that their doctors here "dropped the ball". They don't get referred to specialist they need. This is about 80% of the patients who say CVCH helped them (provider was CVCH provider). Your providers need better training on referring L&I patients or recommending they transfer care to occupational med.

a lot of people are afraid to seek health or information such as (arrow pointing up to mental health problems) because we don't want to be lectured or felt sorry for. Just need someone to listen.

we need more places for kids (roller ring) (waterpark) free sports. Less banks, churches, car washes

No

good out-of-school sports programs for the kids 6-18.

Lack of housing, bad landlords

The health "average" has dropped since so many homeless are now living in Moses Lake.

no

not at this time

People not knowing where to get needed services though many nonprofit agencies exist here.

It would be nice to have more access to some of the more complicated medical testing and procedures and avoid lengthy traveling.

no

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no

This is generally a healthy community, lots of good role models.

Multiple Sclerosis awareness

Confluence Health provides excellent health care. People driving their cars through red lights is a very big problem in our community.

There are many more issues than I was able to select.

Housing is unaffordable; it's ridiculous.

Improve housing for low-income citizens

no

fast food everywhere

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Really expensive

This communities health is controlled by the Confluence Collective. The Dr's are nothing but drones working as employees. They are told to keep people coming in to feed the collective. The health providers have to comply. Monopoly abusiveness. People are dieting of bad diagnostic theory's without tests to back thoughts theory's up, yet the info is still put into patient record endangering patient life.

when i go to the medical doctor for mental health problems they immediately give me antidepressants

I think there is a health disparity between white community and the people of color, the lack of infrastructure and policies systematically damage the latinx community

Best health care in eastern Washington

No

No

This town is one of the worst places to live and the health and mental problems are going to get worse. Do you really think this survey is going to change.....anything??? Why is this even being done?

I'm not that well aware connected

not at this time

It's unhealthy for me to foot the bill for others that refuse to work or get insurance to take care of themselves. Nothing causes my blood pressure to rise like knowing I work hard so that others don't have to because of all the "free" programs and assistance available to them.

I have health care but most people on drugs do not.they have no ability to apply because the drug is #1 for them in their mind it makes everything better.

I have lived in several areas of Washington and Oregon, and Confluence is by far the worst as far as care and availability. Luckily I am healthy, but if I ever get diagnosed with something, I'll move back over to the west side and back to the Everett Clinic.

a lot of obesity

none

No

no

I feel there's an extreme need for added/improved health education in schools and public venues

Insurance companies hinder, drag their feet, obstruct and resist efforts to improve my recover as a SCI spinal cord injury patient. I have no advocate to call them to account.

no

no

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N/A

No

No

No

No

no

No

No

Monopoly on Health Care. Have to travel to Spokane or Seattle for diagnosis, top care, ect.

Yes, too many people moving in from other areas adding to an already stressed city when it comes to health, education and welfare.

no

no

no

It appears our community healthcare providers are working hard to bring in new doctors, and striving to improve accessibility and care for patients. Thank you!

not at this time

No

we could use more doctors, or perhaps a few nurse practitioners

Becoming increasingly polarized - upper middle class and those in lower socioeconomic level. This effects health.

no

No

It is run by old white men

Overall I feel that this community supports healthy living.

pregnancy, make condoms free

I live in Leavenworth. I answered the questions based on Leavenworth, which I believe is a more health-conscious place than other communities in the valley,

I think the seniors here are generally pretty healthy but I do not know about the other segments of the population ie: children, young adults, as I am not in their sphere very often....

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No

Need to be able to see primary care physicians when needed!!!

Better working relationships with veteran affairs

I think affordable housing and child care are very big issues.

Medical coding REQUIRES at least knowing the anatomy & physiology of the human body; nepotism is rampant in your Coding dept.; as is hiring people who have no idea what a goiter is, let alone are you getting the \$ you deserve (you are undercoding more often than now -- no audit that way).

no

no

Health care is a monopoly in Wenatchee Valley.

No

There is a bunch of racism and those inbreeds believe undocumented individuals receive free everything.

recycling and environmental health - we need to take care of our earth so it can take care of us

thank you to the ppl that help us

no

Not at this time, thank you.

no

Availability of doctors and doctors who actually care and want to help people get healthy.

No

I would like them to make sure that Moses Lake is safe enough to swim in.

I see a large gap between ideology and reality. People need to focus on the truth and common sense and not some fantasy. The division just gets wider every day. Look at the FACTS of life you should have been learning as you grew up.

Better Jobs

Not at this time

no

We need more access to good mental health care and more churches need to get involved in our communities

No

no

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Improved Law Enforcement

I believe the majority of health problems are caused by the terrible commercial foods we buy at the store. In addition, most countries have some form of Integrative Medicine which means they combine Western Medicine with Alternative, natural herbal remedies as well. The doctors in Moses Lake scare me. Most of the time they have misdiagnosed medical issues I've had and all they know is how to throw pills at people to sustain their illnesses and disabilities. It's not about healing - it's about the money they make for the pharmaceutical companies. Most "nurses" I've spoken to agree with me on this.

No

No

Most People are Healthy and are very active

The parking situation at the Mares Building is difficult. I see many aging people struggling to park and get into the building. (I know about the parking structure at the other location)

no

How does a part-time ambulance take care of us? Don't get sick/hurt at night or on the weekend? Also, crew doesn't seem competent.

Following through with recommendations from physicians and therapist- lots of readmit to hospital due to noncompliance

na

A YMCA or community center where people can gather, have a healthy family time, maybe including games and dancing without drinking. And a place for kids and teenagers to be able to play safely indoors, give them something to do so they don't get in trouble.

Obesity is rampant

We need more education on the dangers of smoking, alcohol, drugs, obesity, and unhealthy life styles.

NO

I would like to see less drug abuse, less distracted drivers. Wenatchee use to be nice community when I was a kid. I just want the same for my kids.

No

The access to mental health care is extremely poor. The increase in mental health and suicide is an epidemic and something Confluence health needs to do something about to increase access issues.

no

No

It's hard to narrow it to three issues. Generally, some have access, but not all. Some populations get things addressed, others do not. We need more inclusive healthcare related to Gender and Sexuality.

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The Winthrop area is relatively healthy.

no

No

Need more mental health providers/services

Confluence Health is a monopoly and makes it challenging to receive quality and affordable healthcare. Need new healthcare systems in the community.

No

homeless

I think the efforts to create more parks and the beautification projects will help the city be happier to engage with public spaces.

No.

NO

We need greater access to the outdoors whether that is hiking the foothills or strolling through a neighborhood park. Children having access to local parks and adults accessing community gardens would also be a benefit.

Efficient, attractive and well kept infrastructure provides a sense of pride and comfort for those who use it (which is daily).

I think Confluence Health is doing a marvelous job!

no

no

Overwhelmingly too many drug addictions

Neurological conditions

no

I guess I'm wondering if sewers are cleaning waste adequately before dumping--so much building going on and I don't know if our leaders are handling everything properly.

Not having to wait several months to see a specialist.

Churches are a good resource

overall a healthy place to live.

Noticing more used needles on the ground. Mental health services are either inadequate or simply non-existent.

na

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NO

no

No

counselor. Skin cancer due to amount of sun.

Our clinic has become so big,so fast and they can not keep up. believe that PA's see patients initially and then you end up actually with doctor in 2 or 3 more months.

We have a great disparity in income in this community. People who work here, can't always afford to live here. Affordable housing is a huge factor for attracting employees & workers.

no

a lot of homeless people a lot of meth use

no

its dirty. trash everywhere

healthy parks and recreation

A lot of people are in recovery over the last 2 years and/or involved bible study/church

N/A

Fewer harmful pesticides and herbicides should be used in the production of fruit.

well reflecting on the above question #7 I know people with severe anxiety and because they are recovering drug addicts they can not get the proper medication/care to help and it's very serious!

The healthcare in the valley has gone from bad to worse. The local healthcare is so far out of touch with the people they serve. They have become tone deaf and many are choosing to go to Seattle or Spokane.

Not sure where to take drug needles that are found in public places, for disposal.

Take care of our water.

No

no

No.

no

N/A

NA

A high amount of our community are on drugs and doing illegal things.

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so many addicts, alcoholics, and mentally ill people with no resources!

price of insurance and medication is expensive.

No

no

There is no where to get weekend health care in this community. Also, we cannot call our clinic directly. Calls go through a call center in Wenatchee. That is very inconvenient.

The working class DOES NOT HAVE HEALTHCARE and when they show symptoms, it's to late.

No

No

getting folks enrolled in some healthcare plan

no

no

No

Homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse is leading to unsafe conditions in Omak. I don't know what the answer is but hope it is being addressed.

NO

no

Influx of workers in the IT industry - Need to increase mental health needs and socialization opportunities to reduce isolation with home-based workers.

No

N/a

we are an aging community with not much for exercise for our Seniors 65+ years old....

It would be good to have more parenting classes/coaching/PSAs (public service announcements).

No

I guess I don't know where we rank statistically as far as all of these concerns go. I feel like I am in my own little bubble and oblivious to any problems but my own!

No

no

There is increasing drug use, mental health needs and homelessness in my area. It is very concerning

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It should not take over a month to schedule an appointment

There is no after hours health care. No consistent health care provider (my doctor only works about two days a week)
Nearest hospital is one and a half hours drive away.

It's a monopoly. Confluence Health has a monopoly and because of that there is no competition or strive for better care. Confluence Health has become impersonal and focused on profit not the patient.

Our community is still a great place to live. But it has it's issues.

No

Awareness of still moving even if you have arthritis! How to really elevate just basic information that Drs could tell them as the need arises

Homelessness is a serious problem.

no

Religious opinions should not be policy. More churches should stand up against bigotry and provide help to homeless

Our economy is being hindered by city and tax policies that make it difficult for businesses to survive and thrive, we have buses that don't go into most rural areas, and there is a huge amount of gang violence, disproportionate to the number of people here.

Medical assistants and front office staff stonewall access to providers when patients calling to get access to quality care and medical questions that can be easily handled over the phone. Patients have to wait too long to be seen and jump through many hoops requesting redundant information that is already on file at the institution. Confluence Health in particular. Providers are willing to help patients but ignorant of the logistics and hassles involved in seeing or accessing a provider that only a patient experiences.

n/a

N/A

no

no

No

No

No

none at this time

Safe driving behavior is lacking. Inattentive drivers, speeding, aggressive driving endangers other drivers, passenger, pedestrians and cyclists

no

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no

Not enough drs

Wenatchee has a drug problem that is highly underreported. Need greater access to mental health facilities and rehab centers for drug/alcohol abuse that are minimal to no cost.

We've only lived here a short time, but we do have a large division between poorer and richer families. I assume that makes a large difference in the quality of healthcare that people have access to.

the costs of living in this valley will force residents to choose between housing and taking care of their other basic needs

N/A

a few more fuller time Doctors, So the Traveling Specialty Doctors either will be more free to travel..or it not be needed...

No

no

none

NA

Advocate for All around Resource Center a Place Like this; In I Place and person That Know it All best and provide services of fax phone computer ect

No

No !

no

born in King County in the 1970s, lived there until the 1990's when I moved to Thurston County. Picked up and planted in the Okanogan with spouse & kiddos, 2006. This county has the least crime and the best air, but crap in the way of mental health resources. I don't think I've had access to a treating psychiatrist here in all 13 years as a resident.

No

nope

Poverty unfortunately is at the heart of most of the issues, along with the mental stressors that accompany it.

no

MORE access to mental health services is needed.

Very long waits for medical appointments, especially w/ specialists, deters many from even seeking care until emergency care is needed.

No

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Opioid abuse has become an epidemic

No

No

no

No

No

I think that doctors should be allowed more time to listen to patients needs and actually listen to the patient and do what is best for them. Not lack care.

We have to work hard on our drug and alcohol problem before it becomes like it is in Seattel

no

No

I hear about so many people having to wait weeks and months to get appointments when they're in pain. This is not good.

I see a need for more scientific sexual education of parents, also much more knowledge for parents of what drugs look and smell like.

not at this time

The lack of health insurance that works in ALL of Washington State (not just a small selection of counties) and Health Insurance that is valid in All of the United States.

We're going backwards in care for the elderly. My father in law chose hospice care vs having to be placed in a facility on the coast. The Assisted Living Facility which is over 40 miles from his family, required him to private pay for 2 years before they'd except Medicaid. Mind you he was in and out of the hospital so the 2 year clock would restart if he lost his bed. He is not the only person I've known forced to face that decision.

We need access to AFFORDABLE healthcare.

No

Dental anxiety is a completely "forgotten" problem that many people have. We know we should go to the dentist but fear prevents us from going which in turn becomes problematic for the hospitals and much more expensive and results in a toothless population of people. Accessing dental care for some is not possible without sedation and none of the providers who accept Medicaid sedate. This is a huge problem for some people, such as myself, who continuesly return to the ER from tooth pain with no options except treating the pain.

Get to know my neighbors. Having a block party.

Everyone needs more excercise

no

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no

Growing Senior population and Underinsured population is overwhelming good healthcare services available on non-emergent basis.

Rapid growth is taking community focus away from healthy living - in fact threatening it.

We really have need of at least one resident psychiatrist. Health care facilities could offer ongoing education for their employees. We need more doctor's as opposed to more nurse practitioners.

The crime rate as associated with illegal residents versus legal residents.

Too many Hispanics who don't value our way of life--they seem to want their "old ways." They are good workers, though--and I do have Hispanic friends, whose friendship I value.

n/a

no

Access to assault weapons is a threat to all.

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No

No

No

No

In the little community that I live in littering is a problem. Maybe teaching children at a young age the effect on the environment that littering has.

We need more Doctors, When it takes six weeks to Two months to get an appointment in Wenatchee with a Specialist.

Part of the health issues is also within the culture of this area

Help not hand out

Need doctors to do house calls for shut ins

no

Lack of ambition and accepting a low quality of life

to much stress

considering we are a poor rural community~I think people help each other out as best they can and cope with our circumstances fairly well.

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I believe mental health is also an issue. Your previous question asked where to go if you have anxiety or depression. I have no idea where anyone would go for this condition. Hopefully more information can be decimated to the public on places to go.

Expanded hours and available imaging to walk in clinics.

No

No

The elderly need better help

Access locally to healthcare, mental healthcare, etc sucks. Should not have to go out of town for everything or have options so limited.

No

n/a

I wish schools educated students about the bad effects of drugs and alcohol a lot more then they do

Half way houses for drug rehab. Drug rehab options in town.

no

none

Increased number of people that are new comers who do not have a sense of pride in our community and are willing to serve.

Lack of respect for the environmental health we live and work in

nope

Vibrant community and outdoor recreational opportunities are Wenatchee valley strengths.

Need better options for foods like Gluten Free, healthier options

no

Seattle is the "canary in the coal mine", it is just happening there faster. We could be in the same position if drug abuse/mental health issues are not addressed effectively. Law enforcement needs support and empowerment (and I identify as liberal) The justice system here going the right way with drug court but more needs to be done in that direction. Incarceration not the only answer or the best way to deal with the mentally ill and/or drug users, it likely only worsens their problems and it is temporary and expensive. We have lots of places to exercise, hike, bike and work out and it is lovely here. But it won't matter much if we don't deal with these more serious issues.

Behavioral Health is a huge issue that is going left untreated daily.

No

we must be able to adapt to change..

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Obesity is a real problem

na

Trustworthy information

Access to health services is difficult especially for elderly and less able people. Wait periods are long for office appointments with emergency room being the only option.

too few providers for GP type of care issues.

The use of now legal drugs are having a negative effect on our teens and young people

Doctors to pay more attention to patients that have allergies.

Prescription medications are over used. Try to get people healthy through changes in diet, exercise, sleep, and lifestyle first

The division is widening between motivated goal oriented young adults and those preferring to live for the moment.

No

n/a

forest fire smoke

They need to do something to control the fires in the summer. It is a very unhealthy environment to live in. I'm sure there is something to decrease the fires or eliminate them altogether.

No

Lack of organization, seems like the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing

I think the health care is excellent but often improperly used and thus in short supply. People don't know how to know when they need to go be seen

no

We live in Leavenworth and not Wenatchee so our issues are somewhat different.

No

no

The air is very clean and the recreation is very active and a big part of the community. There are a lot of outdoor activities.

No

n/a

We need to have more child counseling facilities available. Especially for elementary and middle school children.

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These are issues deeply rooted in the infrastructure, if there isn't a way to make livable wages the residents in our community are prevented from prioritizing personal health.

no

no

Not at this time.

Affordable housing is a major concern. Locals cant afford to live here sometimes.

no

No

Why do we have such a long wait to see a specialist. 2 or 3 months. And always have to go a distance

No

not really

No

In addition to needing many more physicians (including various specialists, especially dermatologists), psychiatrists, and psychologists, we desperately need to ensure equal access to these services for all socio-economic levels.

I would like to see more employers support their employees in seeking healthcare and mental health services via transportation, sick leave, etc to ensure that working parents and families can have access to the medical and mental health services they desperately need.

no

no

No

No

No

no

I think the health of our community could be improved if more steps could be taken to encourage citizens to get out of their automobiles and walk or bicycle. There should be crosswalks at every intersection, marked for all four crosswalks, not just one. There also needs to be crosswalks between intersections, especially on North Wenatchee Avenue between Second Avenue and Miller Street. I know it's difficult because Wenatchee Avenue is also a state highway, but we need to be a more pedestrian-friendly town. If you're on foot, it's scary out there!

The hospital is unprofessional. Too many people up in power that don't know what to do. Good billers Hispanics have left the job due to the unprofessional environment chelan hospital brings to the community.

No

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Too many restaurants without anything on the menu about fat, CHO, and protein content. I hear too often "I will pick up a pizza on the way home" (not mine!) The obesity rate is staggering, especially in the hospital....Tremendous need for food education!

If you are low income you can get healthcare paid for. But I'm not and my company doesn't pay for medical. I had 4,000.00 out of pocket for my medicine which is thousands every month. No one has that kind of money. That is why I mentioned that the cost of insurance is ridiculous. I paid 8,000.00 out of pocket 2018 + medicine and this year 2019 will be 10,000.00 plus the 4,000.00 for medicine and that is just the basics to get healthcare. I have Rheumatoid arthritis and suffer if I can't get my medicine and have access to health care.

no

We have homeless people who have a variety of issues, mental health problems, drug problems and more I am probably not aware of. We need to help them but I'm not sure how.

This survey is rigged and I would not trust the results

Not at this time - we have recently moved here and I don't feel qualified to comment in deeper detail.

NO

no

Until we fix the drug abuse problems, we cannot fix our homeless population crisis which in turn cannot fix our mental health crisis amongst our community and other communities as well.

Too many welfare participants

No

We need better mental health care

No

I believe we have a healthy community with growth in our aging population. I also am seeing the "homeless" begging population grow. I would like to see the community address this need to prevent growth in this distressing population. I ponder are they really homeless? or just begging? How can we help?

Better health care

There is no real access to mental healthcare or resources. The resources that are available are limited to those without "private" insurances. Access to medical providers in our community is ridiculous. We wait MONTHS for a new PCP, and then more MONTHS for a follow up once established. We cannot recruit or even keep the providers we currently have. Quality healthcare is scarce and patients are leaving our community for care.

No

high cost of living with not a lot of job options causes unhealthiness

n/a

no

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no

No

I think this is a strange questionnaire because wouldn't the health care professionals know more about the health of our community than its residents?

N/A

no

No

no

access to dental care for Medicaid/ medicare is very poor

There is a significant number of residents who do not get the health care they need because they cannot afford it.

no

Low income needs for housing and access to healthcare are most pressing need

There is an across the board problem with classist and closed circle behaviour from the healthcare community.

The city pool being closed last summer left no safe place to swim.

many, many gaps and inadequacies- but has overall improved....

nope

my comments are for the city of Chelan only

Not enough doctors. Too difficult to find a PCP and make an appt. Wait is too long for normal mental health treatment and Medication management. I had to wait 7 weeks to see my PCP to change my medication that was not working for my Anxiety.

no

No

It suffers from drug addiction. Drug abuse is what fuels theft, home invasions etc. People are stealing and committing other crimes to get the drugs they need. That fuels the abuse of their spouses and or their children.

No.

no

Too many folks do not have affordable health care coverage. Prescription prices are criminal. It takes way to long to get an appointment with your doctor - specialist can take several months. Health care should not be driven by profit. It's a basic right, not a privilege.

No

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Housing is outrageous, wages are not keeping up with the rising COL and inflation, brain drain is going to be an ever increasing problem, education opportunities are limited with only two 4 year programs at WVC available.

No

Homeless populations are growing and the health of community is changing because of this. suicide is up, opioid use is up. On the other hand we have very overweight populations and this is leading to increased diabetes and other issues

no

Not near enough mental health resources.

Affordable housing and affordable daycare are the main issues. When most of the family income goes to that it's difficult to have any left to put into healthy foods and lifestyle

opportunity creates better choices, and better choices create a better community to me. If we don't care for each other, nothing we do will mean anything

The health care in the valley has gone from bad to worse. It is impossible to schedule an appointment when needed.

nice parks, keep the swimming pool open for the kids

More common courtesy, would help the mental health

NONE

no

need to address unhealthy behaviors in our youth

Quincy is abysmal when it comes to health. We're about to lose our only pharmacy (Shopko), alcohol and drug use are widespread and seen as no big deal, and parents keep sending their kids to school when they are sick.

No

we need a good rehabilitation community instead of people looking down on those who end up with addiction no matter their status

I wish something would be done about the unhealthy side of our community it seems to be increasing

Since moving here a few years ago, I am surprised to find out how many people I know have an elder relative that they take care of.

It's too conservative and judgmental. We need to be more accepting of people's differences.

It seems to be a mix of well off and those not well off at all. There is a great distance between the two.

costs and payments to providers and for Rx's is all determined by powerful interests who are not looking out for the healthcare of the population

not enough police patrolling some streets

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No

Need more safe housing for victims of domestic violence.

long wait times to see some of the specialists, etc. in the community - need to get more quality medical personnel - how can we lure them?

too many migrant Hispanics that find a way to live here!

Poor parenting skills

Ensure healthy waters running through the Columbia River

access to medical services requires long distances of traveling creating significant barriers for many community members.

no

no

lack of communications

No.

no

It takes too long to obtain an appointment. Therefore, too many people go to the ER, making that take too long when it's needed.

no

get outside!!!

we need free basic healthcare for all

no

No

Overall I feel the community is fairly healthy and accepting of others.

A person is sent to Wenatchee if they display any symptoms associated with cardiac. How do they get there and back if they have no support group?

Lake Chelan's medical care is very unsatisfactory. We need Confluence here in Chelan to take charge and make our visits easier to see Confluence quality physicians and staff . WHEN I have tests done in Chelan and then take them to Wenatchee for followup - the tests need to be done again because Chelan's tests are not reliable. I have see so many mis-diagnosis out of the Lake Chelan Hospital , I have driven to CWH in Wenatchee for an ER visit - because I don't trust Lake Chelan's ER / Medical staff. Please move this along and make it happen. If Confluence can be in Brewster, surely we could have an office in Chelan.

Really hard for me to speak for "my community", whatever that means.

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There aren't any independant doctors anymore, and it seems we are treated more like cattle than people. The new "Wellness exam" is not a good substitute for being able to talk to your doctor.

Proper funding for the social determinants of health is key to better health for all-not just those who can afford or qualify for medical insurance.

We seem to have a growing homeless population? I am employed at Stemilt Growers. Their employee health clinic is amazing and has done a great job of getting the Hispanic and migrant community health care that they would either not access or access at a burden to the community

We need more opportunities for fee based help/programs to maintain strong family relationships that emphasize the emotional and physical health of our children.

NO

No

Community Activity Center to encourage all ages to use any time of the year.

NO

Those numerous, morbidly obese health care nurses and staff should be subject to medically supervised weight loss programs or disciplined.

No

no

Support environmental friendly practice (recycling, compost, clean and sustainable energy...)

no

no

Local hospital and clinic is horriffic

Severely lacking in mental health services.

no

NO

coping/strategies for families who have aged loved ones who may need placement.

No

No

No

I appreciate access to a local doctor, and the resources to get to a LARGE hospital. I do not appreciate being required by our rescue group to be taken to Brewster or Omak hospital for evaluation. That behavior costs lives.

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not using pesticides on any trees , plants or veg.

I find mental health our greatest problem. Until our higher up (including the president) stop talking about mental health and put some people and money into helping these people we will have shootings in schools. churches, and on our streets.

more police presence

Help new mothers and fathers access health and nutrition resources and education.

N/a

We need more doctors in every category!

no

Somehow encourage Medicare covered specialists to stay in Wenatchee. Medicare only covers MD or PhD physicians for mental health. Change that to LMHC and more medicare patients could get first stage help.

No

There is not enough education from health care providers on how to live a healthy life.

add more red light cameras

There is an exceptional amount of heavy set people here, they act as if they don't care they are overweight. I see it as a real problem. Walk into a store to buy clothes when you are smaller, the size of the clothes are getting larger in size and there are fewer for smaller people, that to me is a real concern. overweight people mean more medical problems which puts a burden on the health care system, and it is avoidable.

There is a great imbalance between the number of healthcare providers available, and the sheer number of people who need to see a doctor in this area. We are growing rapidly, but the resources available are not. It should not take weeks to see a Primary Care Provider.

There is a serious lack of understanding about promiscuity within the youth community. Most especially between the ages of 10-18.

No

Lack of morals, patience and compassion is gaining influence and thus declining our neighborhoods.

willing to help

no

N/a

nope

No

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There seems to be a shift in the clinic where at times I feel like a 2nd class citizen as the staff is often Hispanic in the greeting roles and I have felt at times , not always, less valuable as a patient and less included ,as Spanish speakers seem to take priority . It is a feeling that I know others in the community have felt and shared with me.

Our community would be better served by the medical profession if the got back to providing personal patient care. It feels like it's money first and patient care second.

Moses Lake is a wonderful place to live but the drug use and homelessness is a big problem

no

No, our community helps each other

we need affordable mental health

no

no

Love living in Wenatchee. Thank you for having such a great medical community and growing with our community.

In this day & age, not using birth control is inexcusable. I could only choose 3, so I picked unsafe sex bc that also encompassed the no birth control. I see WAY too much sex without any precautions against diseases, & therefore pregnancies.

It's so expensive to get medical help many can not afford.

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no

no

no

We need to get aggressive about the addiction running rampant in our community, and funding a little red van to enable the problem isn't a solution!

No

Not at this time

No

The community does not have a sense of community. There are large groups of people who get together but no central identity. We consider ourselves the "Apple Capital of the World" but most residents can't tell an apple from a pear tree. Those who do know are mostly in the Hispanic community who are considered "new" or not quite of this community. It is the irony of our "community".

no

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Our community has several needs that can improve overall health, but I strongly feel that our community needs to focus on how to help individuals live healthier lives to prevent development of disease rather than trying to fix problems (diabetes, obesity and all of its associated health problems, etc.) after they have become established.

no

NO

income disparity and lack of social connections are health issues in our community

There is a great disparity between the rich and poverty stricken population. Many children and seniors are in need in Leavenworth and vicinity.

The biggest problem is no access to quality mental health care.

The cost of healthcare has become UNAFFORDABLE. So many people can't afford to be seen by a doctor and equally worse, can NOT afford any prescriptions needed to be well.

Decreasing insurance coverage limits access to healthcare services

Need better/ easier access for patients and their families to get then mental health care. It's difficult when the person won't get help and you can't do anything to help them.

no at this time

public transportation should be routed so that is it takes you near a hospital

We have a lot of good going on --we have the very healthy active folks and then we have the obese non active people who need assistance to lead healthier lives.

no

It appears to being addressed

no

so much possibility to be outdoors, yet not many take advantage of the place where we live

no

No

Wait is too long to get a10 minute Dr appt

no

Can't get appts in a timely fashion. Tried to schedule an appt and the first available was 3-months out. This is unacceptable. Need more physicians in some specialties in the Valley.

too many fat people---get off your butts and walk !!

no

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No

No

No

I am in a good place in my community as far as healthy friends and neighbors. We are active physically, mentally and socially. I love where I live. I attend a church that is positive, faith focused and has a healthy message on living peacefully and with hope. I feel very blessed.

Health or lack of is an issue for individuals, not the community. Having good drug counseling is not healthy. People not needing counseling is.

Very large population of fragile, elderly people.

No

No

It would be nice if we had better doctors

no

not really

I would like to see continuity of care amongst physicians and nurses in the hospital settings, along with improved case management for patients.

Highly qualified staff/doctors that want to work within our community.

No

No

pediatric mental health postpartum mood disorder care

Need access to vision therapy and speech therapy especially for kids.

Underage drug use at school, prosecuting attorney not willing to address any issues for children under the age of 12. Parents not taking responsibility for children.

no

No

no

People don't understand what truly healthy eating is, and even medical professionals don't give good advice about the huge impact that diet has on health. Quit eating meat, dairy, eggs, alcohol and drugs and live long and healthy.

Mental health is lacking at all levels.

Not enough mental health providers. Not enough neurologists.

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People just keep there heads down and try not to get involved

Affordability is lacking, in all areas, housing/property, retail, child care.

Waiting time for all medical can be months to wait. Few Doctors.

Prescriptions are too expensive.

No

I don't think people take enough responsibility for their own well-being

Those under 20 are probably under-vaccinated, especially for MMR.

no

Opioid and meth addiction are ruining the entire community. Thievery is up, DV is up, assaults are up, nuisance and trespassing up, Meth addicts living in trailers and shacks with no running water or sewer on Rodeo Trail is a health hazard.

n/a

no

No

No

As a white woman, in the nearby city, I find other races to be extremely discriminative.

No

no

I know there are many services available in this community, but it's knowing how to find them, and who is eligible.

Mental health has been grossly unaddressed in our community/society. It manifests itself in many ways. Homelessness, hunger, crime, and even loss of life.

With the creation of Confluence Health we have an amazing healthcare facility locally with lots of specialists and well educated staff

Difficult to get into doctors especially eye and dermatologist

Keep it in the forefront.

not at this time

I wish there was a dr that was in tune with the elderly and their needs

No

Mental health care is limited.

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no

illegal drug use leads to poverty which leads to stealing and homeless

loneliness

lack of wellness/movement classes available for low income residents

no

Not traveling out of community for surgery or hospital stay.

We need greater access to affordable mental health services

No.

no

no

No

No

I believe if more people would take more personal responsibility for living a healthy lifestyle (eating healthy, exercising, using alcohol and cannabis responsibly), a significant number of the other problems in your survey would diminish significantly.

TO FEEL SAFE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE WITH MY KIDS DAY AND NIGHT. I'M NOT SEEING MY TOWN PATROLED BY POLICE ENOUGH ANYMORE. THE POLICE ARE COVERING TO THIN OF AN AREA NOW ADAYS TO KEEP PEOPLE FEELING SAFE AND PROTECTED

no

More attention to housing the homeless during severe weather conditions

No thank you

Need more specialized doctors.

Not sure

We see alot of homelessness and pan handlers in the Wenatchee Valley, not necessarily due to actually needing help with food or a job but due to drug abuse . It's terrible to see so many corners of Wenatchee occupied with someone standing with a sign or people sleeping in sleeping bags on our sidewalks or benches. We have the facilities to help with homelessness but not enough facilities for drug related issues

no

I'd like to see the cycle of addiction stopped. I believe we need mental health care and support.

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I believe it starts with the systems of healthcare. It seems that Confluence Health would place importance more on advancing the group of people working within the system. Pushing for continued education, community programs, outside providers with advanced training....placing funds in those areas. Also, staff assessments regularly with outside consultants who could bring outside expertise to the system itself.

Need specialists to come to clinic more than once a month. Scheduling out 8 months is too long.

better shelter and work for homeless

no

A lot of emphasis is put on the needs of tourists, but less so on the needs of locals. Public access to the lake needs to be improved; better workforce and Sr housing also needs improvement. A strong focus on increasing community interaction between our Anglo and Latinx members would benefit both populations.

Too much smoke in air for long periods of time.

no

not at this time.

Unfortunately there is one health clinic in NCW, Confluence Health that has a monopoly on healthcare in our communities. It gets worse each year as Confluence takes over additional medical clinics/hospitals/services. The monopoly refuses to accept lower health care options, like HMOs, has an Occupational Health Department that works to the benefit of local Ag employers to the detriment of their low wage worker-patients.

no

To many homeless that need help.

depression is huge because of the lack of affordable housing and childcare, lots of people struggle

to many people have auto-immune diseases

NO

no

Lack of understanding or empathy for those struggling with any issues listed above is lack of tolerance and should not be okay

no

no

homeless people

need better drs that care what you want

no

It's not too late. It has really helped having a clinic in town.

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no

No. I appreciate the quality of life and health services here in the Omak/Okanogan community.

Too many people using Medicare instead of private insurance.

it would help to not have such long wait to get into see a health care specialist

mental health access is terrible; also concerned about stress and health around wildfire and wildfire smoke (both fire and smoke)

We need better & more choices in our affordable insurances.

no

When it is difficult to afford healthy food, families are often forced to make poor food choices. This leads to obesity, lack of exercise and then depression and other abuses such as drug, alcohol and depression. It is a downward spiral. We seem to be becoming more of a community of the haves and the have nots.

No.

No

No

Homeless issues need addressed. Even if its an empty building that is warm. This also gives them some protection. Not setting on corners with signs.

no

Easy going, and outgoing community. Very good recreation area.

no

I think allergies are pretty rampant here--partly from what grows here and partly may be from pesticides.

I feel like we have a lot of healthy people that use the awesome trails we have. But know there is also plenty of obese people. If only we could spread the word more about plant based eating. And alternatives to pharmaceutical drugs.

no infanticide

N/A

No

no

Doctors and nurses should know about quality care and compassion not just work for the sake of salary or what they can get out of insurance!

Confluence Health needs to improve communication within its own system and between providers in order to increase coordination of care for aging and chronic illness issues.

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Transportation and awareness of how to live healthier life style

No

Support a comprehensive health care plan for all people where everyone pays into the plan through payroll deduction.

no

No

I cannot believe how long it now takes to get an appointment for a mammogram!

Any serious health problems such as cancer I would fo out of town

Physical and mental health are things that we can all work on.

Very limited health care in area. Hard to find qualified medical personnel.

Better education for both students, instructors and parents.

We feel very fortunate to live in a relatively small community that still has such high quality medical care available. Almost any health issue we may have can be treated here locally with a few exceptions.

we desperately need affordable housing for those with low income. We are only as good as our weakest link and we cannot afford to "not see" this as a huge societal problem.

Local businesses need to improve! Need more options so there is less traveling to Wenatchee, Omak. Local business owners need to improve their service as well.

No

We have access to world class medical resources in Wenatchee.

seems like a great community

Is there anything that can be done about the cold epidemics? I was sick last year for the month of April and this year for the month of March and 2 or more weeks of April. It started in grade school, babysitters and then high school. I hope there is something I can do about this before next year.

We live here in part because of Confluence Health.

no

One reason we live here is for Confluence Health

no

NO

No.

no

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affordable housing. Most people cannot afford to own a home or even afford an apartment unless they have a roommate, often leading to out of wed-lock births and domestic violence.

no

no

There's a large divide between the "haves" and "have-nots." I think we could close this gap with better education and accessible healthcare.

Trying to get into see specialists. It takes way too long even when it a is a painful and deteriorating condition. Very frustrating!!

I think we need to continue to be aware of mental-health issues with people.

The culture of this specific community revolves on getting things for free and laziness. There isn't much to do here so people sit around and do nothing good for themselves. We also keep opening up drive through fast food restaurants. Our kids have no good outside recreation unless they are in sports. It's just not a healthy culture here. We have horrible water. We have pesticides being sprayed constantly. We've never been sicker until we moved here.

no

there are not enough co occurring treatment facilities. The bulk of people with substance use problems also have some mental health issues as well, not enough facilities to address these pressing issues.

No

We have a lot of homeless people without a place to go year round. Are these transported from bigger cities to our town by bus?

No thank you

A majority of the people are very poor here. Meth is a very serious problem. These poor people cant afford rehab.

no

There is too much emphasis on alcohol in this community, especially the wine industry. Too many functions are alcohol related and do not include families. I am not against alcohol, I drink once in a while, but I see a problem because it seems more socially acceptable to drink when it is wine or at a tasting room. Kids cannot not go and it promotes the wrong message to the kids. No new restaurants have opened in this town, but most all new businesses are wine tasting rooms or wineries, cider tasting, breweries, cocktail lounges, bars, etc. (There are almost 60 in the area that I know of). How about a community center, or a public pool, or more public swimming access on the lake (current places are over crowded), gymnastics, etc. Anything for the families or kids that are affordable.

add sidewalks to streets without sidewalks

N/A

It should not be so difficult to get appointments with mental health professionals, and keeping the same therapist for more than 6 months or a year, before having to change and repeat everything again. This is a huge problem in our community. It is difficult enough to talk to some one about their issues, then to have to go and repeat it again 2 more time in a 12 month period establishing once again another therapist.

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Primary healthcare available to all citizens would have the greatest impact on the community's overall health

We need higher quality and more medical facilities in Okanogan and Chelan Counties.

no

Did I mention smoke during fire season?

no

My Chart is good, but better phone transfers or access to the nurse from the reception.

No

no

Better health care facilities for treating children with mental disabilities like autism and behavioral problems.

No

i think a lack of education or promotion of change in behavior impacts our community greatly.

Too many unhealthy places to eat. Not enough healthy.

No

there are simply too many able bodied people choosing not to work and living off hard working taxpayers

I think folks in our neighborhood are pretty aware of their health

N/A

No

I think orchard sprays may be causing health problems in our community.

No

no

My community Methow Valley has two distinct populations and consequently health. One is relatively wealth and participates in outdoor recreation, eats organic food and has medical insurance. The other population is under or not employed, overweight, drug/alcohol issues, etc. So really it's that population that needs the focus.

No

The steps needed to get help for drug abuse are too complicated. Too much red tape.

No

Noise is an issue; cars w/o or improper mufflers. Loud music w/bass booming in cars and homes. Causes anxiety and hi BP, not to mention deafness.

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no

Many folks in the outlying (affordable) areas have challenges when it comes to traveling to and from health care providers.

no

no

We have a lot of parks, a lot of nearby relatively affordable access to health behaviors but those seem only accessible by those of us with time in our day to visit. If you're working 20 hours a day, you don't have time take actions conducive to healthy living. We need to have more jobs for all levels of employees with pay that will allow them to come home at a time where they can spend time with their family and afford more expensive and healthier food like fruits and vegetables.

no

no

no

Short of doctors

Nothing

No

No

no

We are in desperate need of more support for children with mental health issues.

no

We need universal health care .

we have a major problem with teenagers falling into drugs and crime

need more mental health access for the patients

no

There are no Drs. or clinics in Entiat making it difficult for our residents who have transportation or mobility issues to gain access to help. I know a lot of children in our community have behavioral and mental health issues and have poor support at the school. Lack of staff training and professional medical treatment options for them locally are a worrying problem. Left with out professional mental help these children grow to develop unhealthy relationships and dangerous habits. It all will in turn hurt everyone in our little community in some way.

no

Need better grocery stores

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air quality has been really bad the last couple of years. Always bad during diseased lung month, ie when orchard prunings are burned-April

way to many illegal immigrants stretching resources way to thin.

We need more Arts and Culture activities.

no

no

personally, I would like to know the referring agencies. I don't know what is available for helping.

no

There is a crises right now helping the elderly with dementia and it is only going to get worse.

More Health directed community events, engage with patients and providers outside the walls of the clinic. Embrace tele-medicine and technology to define,measure quality outcomes and leverage AI & Machine learning to help with a complete health record and measured goals of patients.

No.

Public education is poor

No

Health care in the valley is exceptional.

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No.

Mental health issues are growing. There is also an aging element which is not getting proper attention.

No

Diet is a real problem in our community. We need the doctors to recommend a healthier life style.

The health of our surrounding landscape and our relationship to the land around us is very important - clean water, clean air, no toxins, economic viability, etc. We need to learn to reduce our reliance on chemicals, plastics, and petroleum products.

The most difficult aspects here revolve around the lack of equality due to high costs of access to healthcare, housing, good employment and non-discriminatory choices

Our schools are being over run with Vaping and recreational drugs

no

no

The health of my community would be seriously impacted by loss of our rural public hospital

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Would like to be able to call the (former) Country Clinic directly to make an appointment

no

no

no

We need to have access to a medically assisted treatment center for drug addictions, like the CODAC service in Providence, Rhode Island.

Not really

It sucks

People just need to get out more.

no

No

no

no

open the hospital mental ward NO matter the profit or cost... the poor is a measurement of a community.. and we are lacking help for them.. on the streets and in the hospitals

no

right now have to travel 35 miles to receive health care.

No

I feel the health is monopolized here. We need more healthy options and teachings

no

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE; EVEN WITH MY INSURANCE I FIND MY CARE IS "OUT OF RANGE" DUE TO OBAMACARE PREMIUMS AND DEDUCTIBLES

no

no

timely access to specialty health care-----visual, cardio, dermatology foe example.

no

Great concern about wage/living standards inequality.

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Year round outside recreation is abundant in our community. Chelan County PUD, Chelan Douglas Land Trust and State Parks are amazing. We also have amazing workout facilities in the Valley. Our only downfall is not getting to those who choose not to exercise to benefit their health. I think that is a byproduct of lack of knowledge over laziness.

No

No

no

No

no

In our community, poor nutrition, drug use, poor education and low worker skills contribute to poor health.

no

no

there are a lot of homeless people here

No.

Lack of an urgent care center

no

no

Not at this time.

We need Better Health Care in Chelan to get better Healthcare we have to drive an hour to Wenatchee just to get better help

No

no

The whole idea of a "recreational drug" is pathetic.

In general I think the health care options in this area ar fantastic. I find that there is no need to leave the ares for specialized health care.

no

Think Sun

I would like my medical clinic to consider letters for emotional support animals as if ur in therapy and seeing a counselor on a regular basis and the person meets all special requirements as having a diagnosis of mental health conditions and seeking therapy then they could get a letter for there housing situation. I say this because in 2008 I got a letter from Linda shields for a emotional support animal in 2009 I got a small dog i moved showed the letter to my new place and it

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was not excepted because it's over 10 years old well I still have my emotional support animal and could be forced to give her up because behavior health won't sign the paper because it states it must be signed by a medical professional and they say they are mental health providers so I'm struggling to find an answer for this.

no

Lack of sidewalks in my neighborhoods and speeding cars makes it hard for kids to play outside safely, and discourages me from going on walks.

Insufficient services for Homeless

Wenatchee's emotional health needs work. Overall our morale is slipping. Our city is not behaving as a community rather as a bunch of individuals who are living near each other.

Homelessness

Lack of immediate help with suicidal issues. Help is available in ER, but follow-up can be weeks out.

no

no

no

we live in the most beautiful valley . Love this place.

It takes to long to get a doctor or eye appointment at the clinic. It's amazing we can have such good health care but takes months to access it.

High cost stops lot of people from getting help

Very difficult to get prompt medical attention at Confluence Health. Indifferent scheduling, long waits for appointments, long waits on phone, etc.

not at this time

I know opioids and mental health are major issues, but I also feel that people who really need help get subpar care because they are labeled as addicts/crazy when they are in fact, not. The CWH ER is a major offender of this.

I think government regulations limit time doctors spend, creating mis/un-diagnosed issues

recently I was in the er they had me there for almost all most 6 hours. There was 45minutes max of attention the balance of the time I saw no one, I was having trouble breathing so I was admitted. When the doctor did arrive after 6 hours he apologized for the delays that they are under staffed. I got my bill it did not reflect an adjustment! question why do I have to pay for there under staff I believe I should have an adjustment on my bill. Wouldn't you think?

nope

Medical appointments are difficult to obtain and referrals are not given to seek medical attention outside of Confluence Health.

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access to quality specialists in a quality facility is very limited. Traveling 2+ to 3+ hrs. for specialist and procedures is very difficult!! If the specialists can't come here. How about a transportation service to help people get to the specialist!!

no

no

When you speak of community...I think of the area in which I live. I do not consider the "base" or valley as my community. It will bias my answers.

For the most part we are a good community. Unfortunately those suffering from Behavioral or Mental Health problems don't have access to the help/ treatment they need & may not have transportation or funds for travel to a different community for care to address those needs.

No

I think healthcare is fairly accessible to everyone but I think some undocumented workers are afraid to seek health care.

no

no

With the aging population, the access we have is extremely slow at best.. It take 3 months to get into see a doctor and the "routine" follow ups are not close enough to the initial appointment. Therefore, other health issues come up and you have to begin the cycle again.

No

Accessibility to doctors would be a HUGE improvement to helping our community.

smoking, including vaping

No

no

No

No

No

no

Sometimes when community governments and local businesses attempt political correctness they forfeit the anonymity of those who got them where they are.

no

no

Pick up your trash

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We have a good community, and fantastic resources (the Real Options Clinic, a great hospital, early learning centers, etc.). But not everyone knows about our resources or wants to use them. I've seen many other young adults make very poor decisions mainly because they don't know better, or they don't care because all they're friends are doing it.

no

no

It seems the access to mental health professionals and medical doctors is challenging, as often there is a lengthy wait before one can be seen, and with mental health, there are budget and insurance coverage concerns.

We need better access, to specialized doctors! Currently we have to travel long distances, and often wait weeks to months to be seen for health issues.

Nurses at the hospital/clinic set a bad example when so many are overweight.

Homelessness is increasing in our community. The persons who live in our area without proper housing are the most at risk for malnutrition and drug abuse. This should be addressed by the community and the less advantaged should be cared for.

lack of police dept.

Love services of Cashmere Medical Ctr.

no

No

Having to travel to Spokane or Seattle for some medical issues is a hardship for many.

I feel we have a unique assemblage of great factors; clean power, lots of parks, low crime----however, we can always improve.

No

no

no

It's the responsibility of each individual to maintain their own health and habits

No

I am sad to say I wish I could have checked more boxes. There are many problems and they overlap.

no

No

This is a community of group isolation -ie- tribal members, life-long residents, the us against them inhabitants and "outsiders" that just never seem to be welcomed.

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No

No

na

Local hospital has a lack of trust in medical care forcing people to travel greater distance for quality/trustworthy care.

No

CWH needs a much larger ER! With the influx of people in the Valley, perhaps an additional hospital as well.

The population of older men in this community looks particularly crippled from years of hard labor.

no

myopia

no

Financial insecurity seems to me to be the factor that most negatively influences the overall health of the community.

No

The price of housing and the quality of schools are the two main areas that I think need immediate attention.

The health care facility has a cook book approach to health care. They don't take the time to really know the patient. It's based on money.

Timely access to my primary healthcare provider has become more difficult as Confluence has become larger and less personal through a call center separated from the provider's office and MyChart as the initial contact medium

The "unseen epidemics" of drug/opioid abuse and untreated mental health issues will lead to increase crimes and homelessness. Don't let Wenatchee die.

No

Health care is unaffordable for those that are working and have insurance. Deductibles and Coinsurance prevent myself and others from going to see doctors.

No

The homeless and mental health problem is a community problem. We all need to work together towards improving this.

n/a

Hassel free health care for veterans

none

We need to get the kids more access to things such as quality soccer fields etc. I think if we can start the children on the path of living a healthy active lifestyle it will affect the community better long term.

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No thank you

We need better health insurance/affordable healthcare recourses

Long wait time for people to get into see medical professionals.

no

Nope0

Cvility seems lacking in this new Trump era!

no

No

No

No.

Its only going to get worse with a monopoly by Confluence Health. Their prices are too high. Can't afford treatment after the Unaffordable health care act was imposed on us. I had great insurance before that.

No

We have great health care options for a small community.

no

no

I feel that we have a lack of Doc.

no

No

Healthcare in the Wenatchee valley is run by a monopoly, (Confluence Health), who run it like a corporation without outside ideas and influence. Many missed opportunities for improvement.

no

Chronic illegal & related people cost \$.25T per year much of it in healthcare costs while citizens must go without services.

The mental health care of my community is a joke. There is good intention, but the professionals in the field (from my experience and those heard about) are not good at their job. You're better off not seeing one.

No

No

no

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no

No

Highway 17 SE of Moses Lake to Mesa

The community health would improve if everyone raised their own gardens

No

no

Nope

Immaturity and insecurity of young people especially related to poor home communication and lack of teaching morals in school. I see much stress from technology to our older adults.

No

No

Obviously not effective cancer care is given to Medicare patients..poor screening, read the Obituaries. Lack coordination of care.

Please preserve OB at NVH

The aging need extra help and supervision/case management

Drugs , no access to mental or dental health, illegal population, rampant drug use,low paying jobs, no affordable day care. Just a few.

The despair of folks not understanding principles of self-reliance and personal responsibility lead to drug abuse, crime, child and teen abuse and homelessness. Lack of affordable housing puts a lot of youth out on the street.

No

Mostly just the drug and gang related issues. Don't know the answers to these problems.

Mental Health should be treated just as seriously as a terminal illness.

As an educator, one of the biggest problems I see in our community is too many parents that are not active in their children's health, welfare, schooling, etc. nor active enough in teaching & strongly encouraging healthy behaviors. ALSO: Access to health care has really not been that much of a problem, except that in recent years the wait time to get in for doctor appts. has become consistently longer in our area. That IS becoming a larger problem all the time!

No

Access to more specialized health care is too far from the valley and difficult for many

Frankly I don't know how to answer these questions.

no

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no

no

We need more good doctors in this area instead of having to travel to one.

No

No

The school districts are very regressive and fire good teachers to keep their status quo of discrimination and lousy education.

no

Besides the obvious - healthcare is outrageously expensive - the current environment due to the merger of Confluence and Wenatchee Valley Clinic has cost us quality Doctors and quality healthcare! I blame the merger and the politics involved!

Economic disparity creates tension and dischord in some parts of our community.

care I would describe as shallow my doctors don't listen to me or at least don't digest my concerns.

No

We need knowledgeable physicians, who care thete patients, first do no harm. Let patients have a say in there mecical treatment.

No

Not right now

No

No

No

It would benefit everyone if there were more options than just Confluence Health, or CVCH, having to drive to Seattle or Spokane areas for a second opinion is not helpful for serious health problems.

There are no (or very little) services for Alzheimers/Dementia. No Adult Daycare/Respite!! A couple support groups only during working hours?

no

I think, over all, the health, both physical and mental, is pretty good. I believe that homeless people and drugs are a bigger problem.

I believe there is a shortage of doctors and I believe health care costs are too high. Insurance premiums are way too high for those who make too much for subsidized care and the premium costs along with the high deductible make many people forgo health care.

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no

We need more specialists in certain specialties. It takes forever to see a dermatologist in this area!

no

no

No

The homeless problem has increased. A solution is needed. Better and more physician specialists are needed.

no

Better care for the homeless

We need more nutrition education in our schools. Children need to know how to cook, how to eat, and how food effects their bodies.

No

I am one person. It's impossible to know the right answers to these questions.

no

no

need more access to medical for seniors

No

no

Poor attitude towards growth.

no

We need to get insurances to cover 6 months of Chantix, so people are addicted to nicotine can total quit, instead of just three. The addiction takes 6 months to get totally on your way to staying quite

No

I think having all the drug attics where the kids see them and most understand there on drugs, but this city allows it ! No a good example for children !

Racist, close minded yuppies!

No

I think the Cascade Medical Clinic does a pretty good job.

crub drug use

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Dermatologist

I believe it is important to provide our community free local resources for mental health and NOT just in the form of counseling. There should be working programs that help folks rehabilitate and integrate into the community slowly so they can have the best chance for success.

Confluence Health should be providing housing for nurses and others so that the full range of services can be provided in our community

When the 'traditional' family unit is no longer valued, the entire community deteriorates.

no

Mental health issues, specifically anxiety causes many to self medicate.

no

I'm good about it

No.

No

No

No

no

No

A healthy community starts in our homes. When marriages & families are falling apart, so will all the other areas of life from physical health, to alcohol & financial problems. If we want to find truly address the challenges, we need to focus on strengthening families. If we want more and more band-aides for our challenges, work on each individual issue.

Always wanting to see our community health improving!

Very concerned about teen attitudes, access to and use of drugs. Rampant among high schoolers.

The challenges created by poverty and lack of affordable housing contribute to a multitude of problems. There is no reason why someone working full time should NOT be able to afford to live in a decent place and take care of their family.

A tremendous segment of the public continues to smoke and use other tobacco products, despite all the cancer risk. It's difficult for me to understand.

We need drug treatment —accessible— without driving 50 miles

No

Confluence health is not where I would take my family for help

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Lack of mental health

Because we are a small community there are times we have to travel to see other doctors. That is very difficult for many people.

No

No

Im happy with the general health of our community

No

There are far too many people in need of pain management and the necessary counseling to accompany it that are not getting the help they need. This leads them to buying pills. I have seen such transaction happen directly in front of my child at a park. I had to watch my mother have a Dr take away her pain medication when she had terminal bone cancer. I have had a chronic pain disorder for 24 years, all of this and no physician is willing to help with some sort of pain management; I'm told to take ibuprofen and Tylenol instead and then 3 months later told to stop taking ibuprofen and Tylenol because I'm taking too much. There HAS GOT to be wiggle room for these "rules" about not giving a chronic pain patient something for relief. The physicians simply choose not to listen because they're afraid of what will happen if they write a prescription for necessary pain management.

No

No

Need better access to mental health providers

Need fewer Democrats and more people who can think on their own without having to watch the fake news on cable TV and the primary networks (ABC, CBS and NBC) for what to do!

As a hospital or health facility the administration should provide better benefits to staff, and a workout facility for its Employees. The staff should try and reflect Samaritan hospital core values. There's nothing worse than an employee from a small town going to see a provider out of the area. Actions speak louder than words.

Opioid use is the most important thing to address.

the use of common sense and family core values

Need more primary care doctors.....there is a lack of preventive health initiative

Our community lacks adequate resources for young children with mental health issues.

I've felt so blessed since 1982 to be able to have Confluence health in my back yard! Fantastic group of people...they care about our people and community!

nope

No

No

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There are inadequate treatment options for the mentally ill. There are not enough doctors or institutions to help people who can't help themselves.

No

health and dental care should be more affordable

Heroin addiction is an epidemic in this area, these people get infections and serious health issues instead of judging them the healthcare professionals at Confluence Health should get educated on the disease. People are treated differently depending on their social class. Everybody deserves the same treatment and to get the best health care.

No

No

No

School dropout rate is extremely high

Not enough

No

No

No

No

Manson does not provide accessible living for lower income, especially the elderly or lower middle class.

no

Lack of respect for the American way of life/culture. People wanting the good things about America but don't want to conform to our laws and way of life.

The Methow Valley is relatively healthy and high functioning, but there are many who are 'not seen' who fall through the cracks. I'm 'guessing' at their top issues in my responses and from what I can visibly see or read/hear about in our community.

no

no

no

Distance to medical services sometimes makes getting them VERY difficult! Lack of Nursing home options or in home care such as meals on wheels may make it impossible for me to stay in my community.

No

Low income folks can usually get medical insurance, but not dental coverage. Would like to see that.

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no

Afraid to help a person in need , walking by a situation and not wanting to get involved

No

Just as we protect the pristine beauty of our environment, so should we also respect the profound beauty of a healthy woman's body and stop polluting it with contraceptives, which "break" a perfectly functioning reproductive system. Fertility awareness methods give women the power of daily knowledge of their unique cycles, without setting them up for breast cancer and a host of other diseases.

Low barrier housing with mental health support would do the most good for our community right now.

no

YES, it has become to expensive to live in!!!

No

no

No

No

Address the crime rate

Moses Lake has grown and acquired increased but also more visible social ills. Working hard to impact our culture of poverty is a significant challenge. If we could collaborate better with physical and mental health, dcyfs, the education system, perhaps we will see productive changes. Many of our families are very sick making learning for children very hard which promotes more of the same.

no

Some really great people and very good schools

no

Increasing issue of homelessness

Allow more time for physicians to interact with their patients; go back to hands on physical assessment of patient.

No

no

Not at this time.

Mid Valley Hosp. does not have a good reputation. I would love to see Confluence Health acquire it as I cannot see another way to improve its reputation and have more people have procedures there rather than going out of town.

no

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In desperate need of all kinds of doctors.

no

I think having all the drug attics where the kids see them and most understand there on drugs, but this city allows it ! No a good example for children !

No

No

no

No

We have so many opportunities for exercise I'd like our community to start branding itself around good health, healthy lifestyle, healthy food and tolerance of differences.

I see a lot of children that are heavily impacted by their parents being involved in drugs.

Just that I wish it was more of a community for everybody, not just for those in one of the many "clique" that make up this community.

No

Opioid addiction is on the rise in the young teens often supplied by our early 20's population. We need to educate parents and have more healthy recreational options for our kids. Not all families are sports families or can afford sports activities.

We have a large migrant farm worker population seasonally, most of whom cannot afford healthcare

no

no

I understand there is a high poverty level for children which leads to many problems for these children.

no

No

No

No

getting all the people that live in tents and have no homes some place they can go and feel safe. A place to bath and food, a place to call home.

No

Education about the resources available should be easily gotten

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I wish it wasn't so hard to find a doctor taking new patients and that you could get an appointment in a timely manner not months away

A lot of opportunity for outdoor activities. Excellent medical care community.

no

no

no

Economy for Okanogan County could be better.

No

More health information should be given the people here. This also is a poor town so opportunities are limited for resources that support good health choices.

High rate of parking Disease

no

We have EXCELLENT healthcare professionals in Moses Lake, however, many of us have to travel to Spokane, Wenatchee, Grand Coulee when referred to a specialist because Moses Lake is very limited here on things that would make it an attractive opportunity for medical professionals looking to relocate.

There's a dichotomy in the Methow between those that choose healthy lifestyles with things like exercise and eating healthy and those that can't or don't choose this. Unfortunately this breaks down on a socio economic line.

Need more tennis courts and squash courts.

I haven't lived in this area long enough (7+ months) to get an accurate sense of health challenges many face here and are most prevalent in this community.

I feel there is a great need for more doctors.

Illegal and unsafe driving is epidemic here (speeding, not stopping at intersections, cell phone use while driving)

Too many living "off the grid". Don't see much change in the last 15 years.

We are a farming community and in the early years the spraying of crops was not as regulated as it is now so those growing up in the 1950's and later were exposed to chemicals that are better regulated now and so the older generation may be showing effects now.

I'm thankful for the exercise encouragement here, and the churches that give healthy counseling.

Local availability to have cancer treatments

too many druggies.

Just go to a supermarket (Safeway) and take a look around at the patrons. Just about everyone is overweight and out of shape.

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no

no

Disrespect of littering issues causing increase of vermin.

No

Disrespect of littering issues causing increase of vermin.

Love having the Royal City clinic right here that can take care of routine needs

Lots of health related seminars

LIMIT USE OF CHEMICALS IN "FRESH" VEGETABLES.

no

Access to emergency services is also an issue.

i would like to see the medical facilities in our community collaborate together for the health of the community.

Lack of services for children with disabilities, ADHD, autism, mental and behavioral issues and many more.

1. Worried about illegal aliens: diseases, drugs, alcohol, lack of any type of insurance (vehicle-medical) the overwhelming of the communities safety nets. 2. Lack of low cost dental help.

Need affordable gym access

No

No

No

Encourage healthy outdoor activity. For children that is not organized sport

Need for more doctors to reduce the waiting time to see one to less than 6 months.

Drugs are rampant. Need to stop them coming in. Need to punish suppliers severely. Need to rehab addicts/users.

A big problem is a lack of coordination or "coalescing" towards the common goal of a healthy community. Usually the big players meet, but not including the people on the ground who are affected daily by these issues. We need to come together based off our differences. And let me add, there needs to be accountability for our health providers fees. My bills are crazy and very discouraging

No

NO

No

No

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I love to see more people working out in the gym I go to and out walking, hiking, and biking! The walk, run, bike trail around the river is a great physical, social, and emotional blessing to this valley.

We need to increase classroom instruction on how to have healthy lifestyles earlier. When kids know how to spend their free time in healthy ways, they'll be far less likely to experiment with sex, tobacco use, drugs and alcohol.

No

no

No.

Not really

no

No

No

No

No. Many people are physically active with the parks and recreation opportunities we have available here. I'm not personally aware of any other major factors.

we need more doctors or nurse practitioners

Having to wait for 8-10 weeks and sometimes months to get an appointment with a medical provider is terrible. With the cost of medical care we should have more doctors. The medical community is not responsive to health care needs.

Much is being done on the backs of volunteers, good but not sustainable. Trump's example has made discrimination and bullying more acceptable. We've lost our middle class, it seems.

No

no

We severely need more access to mental health care and options for caring for seniors with dementia disorders.

No

No

Why don't we have a public health dental hygienist to help develop oral health programs such as water fluoridation regionally, school sealant programs, ECAP education and screenings, pregnant mom and child education, and to work with adult and family services to get more services for the elderly population? All of these are very real issues and fall within our region's immediate access issues.

no

no

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No

NO

need more help for mental issues

Cost of health care deters people to seek help when needed.

no

Our community is plagued by a LACK of access to health care of all sorts- if you break a bone, you're okay, but anything else and you're just out of luck. It's horrible. If you're a minority, it's even worse. We need to change this, because the other health issues stack up and break down the person until they cannot work, cannot pay rent, cannot eat, cannot function, and then others end up threatening to "beat up the meth heads" thinking every homeless person is on meth- and they're not. Some are just homeless and broken, and some use drugs out of desperation because of health issues that had no one to help with. We could stop that cycle with health care- and not just mental health care.

no

We need a comprehensive answer to opioids so the people that truly need them are able to access them. It is imperative we take it out of politicians hands and put it back into dr's.

no

I had to have 3 of my back teeth pulled out with surgery and had no coverage so drove to Seattle for affordable dental and back alone to get help- It was a nightmare for me and I cannot see well yet do not have vision care so buy dollar store glasses for 2 yrs. Being low income means no care for pain with teeth-which can be excruciating and lack of vision- ALSO I am SO tired of seeing people driving on cell phones!

No

None.

No

Ok

We have good doctors and nurses

Drugs of all kind need to be addressed

We have no mental health care here! I am needing a long term therapy yet there are none!

No

no

No

I do like it that I'm seeing more people of all ages and ethnicities getting outdoors on our Foothills trails!

Nooe

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There needs to be a better program for young people and all people addicted to drugs to help them get clean.

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no

Some things have to go, like the Adult Store.

no

No

No

No

Drug and alcohol treatment! Or liaisons to assist with treatment options.

NA

Increased marijuana use is producing a sharp rise in physical and mental health problems, but doesn't appear to be considered "drug abuse" by patients or government, since it's now legal and no longer an "illicit" substance.

no

Yes, the first 2 questions are ridiculous and should not be included.

The cost of medical care is too high. They bill way, far over what insurance companies allow. The person has to pay the difference. You have to drive way too far to get adequate care as well. To see my dermatologist it is 1/5 hrs each way. To get a good radiologist to accurately read a mammogram or an ultra sound it is 3.5 hours each way. Even the love primary care providers do not order basic blood work or colon cancer screenings. My medical care here is far inferior to where I last lived. People stay away from doctors unless they absolutely have to go.

no

no

nothing else to add

Illegal drug abuse - not prescribed pain medication is a huge problem. Lack of affordable dental care is a travesty, Planned Parenthood is only open 1 day a week & that is in Moses Lake only, hard for people to travel to.

no

not really

no

check for opioids issue but also HCP need listen more if their patients are in pain and have better rapport between healthcare professional and patient.

no

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No

no

Help for the homeless in Okanogan area

Help for the homeless in Okanogan area

Stress from increasing wildfires impacting health. I am pro-proscribed burning.

In most of those questions it is not possible to name the 3 worst as they all are major problems

No

no

no

It seems to be ideal for any age, from babies to ageing adults.

No enclosed swimming pools for low impact exercising, arthritis etc

None

There are too many divisions in our society, and this adversely affects the health of our community.

Too many marijuana growers and businesses.

recent visit to your facility where I contracted cold/flu

no

There needs to be more affordable health care for all people, not just the real low income who get on Medicaid through the state. Many people who work hard to support themselves & their families still can't afford health insurance - the retired community, like me, have a hard time. I'm not 65 yet so I'm in insurance limbo.

Overall, we are a healthy community. There are a lot of older people living here, so access to assisted living and more than basic health care will be needed if those that are aging want to be able to stay here.

Difference in culture. Mexican culture and white culture mostly.

When ill, too hard to get in to see a doctor if it's necessary, Have to sit and wait and wait when you're already sick

no

I wish more people in Quincy would get out and walk regularly. Exercise, be active.

No

It would be nice to have more options available here rather than having to go to Spokane or Wenatchee

high prescription costs

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no

No

No

No

No

no

Integrated behavioral health is not working. Recipe is too narrow.

It is sometimes a long wait to see the doctor. Called in sick and had to wait a week.

Na

no

Homelessness/Public Illegal Drug Use/Mental Health

No

Not enough money to buy healthy foods.

no

Need an on staff plastic surgeon who will take Medicare

I am thankful for the quality health care I have experienced.

It would benefit everyone if there were more options than just Confluence Health, or CVCH, having to drive to Seattle or Spokane areas for a second opinion is not helpful for serious health problems.

Mental health counseling needs to be easier to access, and people shouldn't need "referrals" to get to it AND it shouldn't take so long. AND stop punishing doctors and actual pain patients and start punishing the drug addicts and dealers.

Yes. Un-needed roundabouts cause stress, aggravation and accidents.

Again, there are too few of us paying into a system where not everybody has to pay for the care they receive. It doesn't work!

Insufficient mental health options for treatment of depression and anxiety.

I think not many people feel comfortable talking about depression and anxiety and stress that contributes to ones health

no

Expansion of Palliative Care into our community for those in the cracks between Hospice and Home Health. Those with chronic illness who are elderly and frail, yet do not meet hospice requirements and only qualify for home health short term.

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Affordability of Health maintenance

Health care should be seen as a right. We should not have to depend on the generosity of Confluence to ensure that affordable care is available to all our citizens.

I don't know any statistics but access to basic health care and mental health care and dental care would seem to prevent health expenses later. I'm also a proponent of adequate sexual education and access to birth control to prevent the need for abortion.

affordable healthcare

no

no

Better or healthier places to eat.

Access when you do not have a primary physician. Walk in clinics are not effective.

No

Mental health issues are an area that more access to inpatient treatment is available in our community..at the hospital a unit should be there with beds available and counselors and care 24/7 for emergency situations. I feel a lot of the suicides would be eliminated with this access in our community. Out patient affordable treatment is also needed with programs during the day ...with help for the indigent..a lot of homelessness and people who need a step up, a place that helps those in need. I've seen people with kids living in their car in a park nearby where I live. Community needs to pull together to help eliminate those types of scenarios when children are involved.

Quality health care for people in Okanogan County is fleeting and it is unsatisfactory for aging patients to drive 200 miles round trip to see a doctor in Wenatchee. Not acceptable.

Healthy, affordable food access is needed

Please hire an on staff plastic surgeon who will take Medicare--critical need.

Mental health assistance for people who can't afford counselors or need a support group is thin for men.

No

No

no

Healthy eating habits start in the home.

Nothing

No

They need to provide more help for people that are trying to stop smoking, or drinking. They need to learn how to listen. They need to show they care so they can gain trust, then worry about teaching.

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Dental care should be part of basic coverage.

no

I think a few of the healthcare organizations have attempted taking teaching about healthy habits to the community to reach more people where they are. I think something like that would work for a lot of issues.

No

A long time to schedule with doctors.

Get rid of planned parenthood. CVCH and Confluence Health provide all we need for our healthcare. Keep abortion out of Wenatchee. We stand for life not death.

No

there are more homeless people. i see a few tents on the sidewalk. garbage around the tents. this is not seattle. i can see the hepatitis forming around these poor people.

No

no

require English to be learned

More physicians; lower medication costs; better medical coverage for middle income i.e. make too much to qualify for state assistance and not enough to pay or no coverage through work.

Drug abuse, depression, and mental illness are prevalent.

No

No

No

No

the community seems to be healthy

Intolerance in this valley is oppressive

no

No

I wish our area schools would offer full comprehensive sex education. Preaching abstinence is not giving our youth the tools to make informed decisions.

No

no

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No

No

Criteria required and all the hoops that one has to go through in order to access to mental health treatment is ridiculous.

nope

No

No

Not at this time

no

I enjoy living in this small city....lived in many large cities before moving here 5 years ago to be near relatives. I will be 80 yrs in June.

I have been at the Walk In Clinic a couple times in the past weeks. I see a lot of people who exhibit the consequences of making very poor choices, and without any concern for the consequences.

We have too many Doctors leaving.

It is very challenging to get a doctor's appointment even with insurance. I am not sure what would happen with a serious injury where insurance won't cover the ER but the Dr office doesn't have any appointments available

not at the moment

No

Vaccinations are essential for community health and should be required for anyone who is healthy enough

no

Better affordable health care!!

Cannot emphasize enough the lack of affordable private health insurance for middle class families who don't receive insurance through their employer. Low/no income people have much better access to healthcare than those of us who are footing the bill for others!

No

No

No

Education of one and all to the impact Electric Magnetic Fields have on the overall health of the community.

No

No

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no

Preventive medicine addressing root causes of disease.

No

nothing

Mental health providers are limited. Grant County Mental Health providers have to justify treatment to an extreme point, so people who are not actively in crisis can't get services.

no

No

No

After living in Chelan County for 20 years I can no longer afford my irrigation fees through the reclamation district which have increased from \$500 in 2000 to \$1508 this year. As well, property taxes have nearly doubled. I've paid thousands of dollars for school levies voted on by the general public. I am forced to sell my property because I no longer can afford to live here.

Mental health laws make it almost impossible to have resources to get help for someone having a mental health crisis

Traffic

No

No

our community is growing and the health issues are slowly being address but not at the same rate as the growth.

No

Great place to live and raise a family. Need to keep the drugs out of the schools and the town.

no

no

The smoke season is highly dangerous for all ages and should be a community health emergency also the quality of water from the surrounding orchards and continual use of pesticides.

need more access preventive treatment

Takes too long to get an appointment with a Doctor

Not clear about the effect Hanford has on the number of cancer cases in Grant County.

The health of our community is almost secondary to the insanity going on in Washington D.C. If we don't address climate change/global warming, none of these other problems will really matter.

paying for health care is a major barrier to access

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No

No

Immunizations of our kids, need to institute school vaccinations Housing for the low income and elderly Mental health and homelessness

Alternative medicines work far better than most traditional medicine which relies almost exclusively on pharmaceuticals whose side effects and overuse can be extremely detrimental.

No

too many persons will not/can not access healthcare because they cannot afford their insurance deductible

No

no

No

no

no

can't think of anything right now

No

no

Homelessness is getting serious and dangerous

No

no

We have an aging population that strains our health care system with the frequency and intensity of services used.

no

I believe most depression, addiction and mental health issues begin with a dysfunctional childhood and abuse. Mother's need to be able to stay home and raise their/our children until school age at least.

No

no

no

We need more full service nursing facilities.

none

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Overall, my community is doing quite well.

My community is in okanogan county on the Colville Indian Reservation.

No

no

No

Other than the increase in homelessness (drug and mental health issues) we have a very nice community. Excellent healthcare.

No

We need a much better ER..unneeded testing, way to long in waiting.

Change attitudes towards health and effects on community. Identify without hysterics the true health issues and ignoring media's biased input.

No

no

There are many issues caused by: 1. Too much junk food, sugary, and foods with wrong fats eaten. 2. Too many chemicals in our food and environment. 3. The use of psychotropic drugs or substances that cause mental issues including prescription drugs. Drugs that lower cholesterol negatively affect cognitive ability because the brain needs cholesterol to function properly. 4. Electromagnetic fields which affect our cellular functions that many doctors are not aware of.

No

Need for affordable health insurance

Most people have lost confidence in the North Valley Hospital staff and level of care and elect to seek care elsewhere.

No

Many organizations are trying to do a good job to improve the health of Okanogan County, but limited funding, staff and other resources is a huge barrier.

Our community is mega fortunate to have the great facilities of Confluence Health for health care.

No

get more practioners. Behavioral health counseling was a MONTHS-LONG waiting list

no

There is a huge lack of dental providers that accept state insurance. Only one office and they refuse to fix or deal with crowns or root canals...anything more complicated than a cavity. So, if a person has tooth pain, how are they supposed

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to get help!? What if they don't want to lose that tooth? State pay patients are looked at as lowly people and that attitude must change.

There is just way to much drug use.You see it all over

Families are the core of our community. We need to support their health and future.

More people here die of cancer

no

No

We need desperately more full service nursing care.

No

no

No

NO

The tax rates for home ownership are far to high and creates problems surrounding the ability of people to maintain their homes.

No

Easier access for seniors. Seniors should not have to extremely rich or poor, to stay in their homes.

Homeless is huge

you might want to add a question about internet/video game addiction

no

Get more help for woman the postpartum mental illness

Dental care is too expensive for seniors on fixed income.

Little affordable housing for caregivers that visit people in their homes. No Planned Parenthood office.

No

no

No

We need true single payer health care that takes the insurance industry completely out of the healthcare business.

Mental health services are woefully inadequate.

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I believe many in the community are working hard in a collective impact mode to create meaningful ways to connect people and create a sense of "us." That's important.

no

The need for another walk in clinic or doctors having an open time for patient walk in needs.

No

no. small area, not much activity

I wish we had better mental health and drug counseling.

No

I work with drug addicts, primarily women. I can say that most don't want to be an addict but the resources/support systems are limited for low income and those services are not adequate. One month is treatment amounts to nothing. They require a holistic approach that includes: spiritual, physical, mental, educational, and medical at the same time for a very long period. What we are doing is not working.

No

Most of the regions health problems are caused or exacerbated by poverty, high unemployment, poor access to health care of all kinds, low educational attainment. Short of a universal comprehensive health care system and gov't-sponsored jobs programs, I don't think much will change.

no

my community has exemplary resources for cancer patients and their families. I am a recipient, and very grateful for them.

No

no

no

We are healthy

The homeless crisis within the city and county

Housing for the homeless

Would be nice if we could keep doctors from leaving.

Poverty leads to unhealthy decisions in all aspects of life. Jobs that raised living standards would affect all.

No

No

Not at this time

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I'm not knowledgeable on this subject

no

NO

There is next to no mental health services. Cell phone use while driving and kids out of car seats or in the front seat are EVERYWHERE

No

Confluence is way too top heavy! Confluence has very poor access, especially for those not able to effectively advocate for themselves.

Grant County really needs a mental health and drug rehab facility. It is sad to watch the number of people that have these issues. There are many in the Moses Lake area that need help but NO help is available. There are support programs but nothing that is a inpatient for drugs and there are Zero mental health facilities. Yes there are counselors and therapists but no mental health facility. This is a huge issue that seems to get swept under the table in this area while surrounding counties have these accessible facilities. Maybe people don't want to admit that these issues exist but this is what is making the community fail.

Great Doctors,

No

no

We have an overall good healthy community but there are some undesirable characters here in the spring, summer and fall. I think they ride the train over here and they are high on some kinds of drugs. Wenatchee is more populated with these people, I feel we need some mental facilities to help these people get straight. They are a danger to our society and themselves.

No

N/A

We need more mental health care in terms of psychiatrists and counselors. Also Parkside is great, but there are still not enough beds or doctors to treat mental illness in our valley.

We need to be concerned about global warming and farm workers health

no

no

No

Access to Dr's not overwhelmed by having patient appointments at the same time making patients feel like cattle being run through the shoot

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I think it is important to have activities for a variety of ages to do free or low cost so our lower income families. This is especially important for youth so they have things to do and keep them off the streets and possibly less time to use alcohol or drugs.

Nope

I'm starting to see people sleeping on the streets. This is not good for our community. Don't want to end up like Seattle

Only here couple months per year

It's hard to only choose 3 when there are many issues needing to be addressed.

There seems to be a high level of hopelessness and suicide in our community and surrounding communities.

Affordable housing and unhealthy eating habits are the top 2 concerns in M.L. Sooo many have some form of government income ranging about \$750 mth. Rental costs far exceed COLA's on limited income and the conditions of rentals in a range they can afford are atrocious (mold, poor insulation, insects, etc.)

No

limited emergency care, that is covered by insurance

Because of the low socio-economic demographics, we have a high incidence of poor nutrition, drug use in parents which leads to child neglect and childhood drug use, teenage pregnancy because of no comprehensive sex education in the school, alcohol abuse because of depression over lack of opportunities, which can lead to domestic abuse and all the other affects of poverty.

none

No

I see evidence of diabetes, smoking, drug use, obesity and mental health issues that have an effect on our community.

Overweigh Problems

We travel a lot and are not often there....only about 4 months each summer. My answers are based on those short stays.

No

No

no

I believe there should be more outreach & education for preventative measures & I also believe affordable healthcare does not exist. There is also a large population of undocumented immigrants who likely don't seek medical attention, for multiple reasons, until it's too late or they are extremely ill.

no

no thank you

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More youth and young adult counselors and mental health professionals are another great need in our community.

No thanks.

better health care for the crop workers and their families!

Pushes drugs more than deals with the bottom line problem and diagnosis

We just need to make sure we focus on the causes of unhealthy behavior and develop a means of providing the help our community needs to address them head on.

EXCESSIVE OBESITY

No

Good physical health in general, but large drug and alcohol problems.

mental health emergency treatment is limited availability

No

No

No

No

No

no

MORE Mental Health providers/help. MORE staff to answer hospital phone calls!!!!

I think our community would be better if marijuana had never been legalized!

No

no

No

no

No

Access to competitive healthcare in Wenatchee is dead. This has lead to poor service.

Need to keep Planned parenthood in the valley and active.

A major problem is the constant turnover of quality doctors. We get under qualified doctors, the qualified ones move because of clinic politics/policies.

No

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What about the effects of agricultural fertilizers and pesticides.

Not really, we're a small rural town and I would leave it to the Mayor and other town officials to add more on the subject because I would think that they would know a lot more about the specific issues here in Tonasket.

No

No

Better speciality drs

no

Lack of and affordable in-home and yard care for the elderly

Takes way too long to see a specialist.

no

Our community has great Health care options and facilities.

Fractured families in community is an direct effect

No thanks.

Strong Family and Churches

Even though there are more doctors added, it still takes too long to see one's own doctor.

People get sick at night and on weekends and shouldn't have to drive 60+ miles one way to urgent care.

no

Too many people without health insurance.

Difficult to get access to specialists --- have to wait months for appointments and travel many hours.

No

no

no

We would be a healthier community if there were good jobs that paid good wages so people didn't have to work 2 or 3 jobs just to exist here.

No

no

Poverty is the driver of most problems we face as a community. It is an indicator of most of the problems listed in this survey; drug use, housing, mental health, school drop out, teen pregnancy, suicide, domestic violence, obesity, etc. Fix the poverty and the rest will be alleviated considerably .

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No

no

Our community is full of drug and alcohol abusers. Our community needs to have accessibility to other communities when it comes to services for children. Pediatric specialists should be available for all children! Even state medical kiddos.

I would really love more trans focused services.

no

The poverty is the biggest problem.

Several of these questions assume I have access to all the people in the community and ask about things I have no idea how I would know if the items listed were problematic. Very puzzling!

No

I think the elderly are getting lost

high price of prescription drugs

No

no

No

increase community social interaction

Moses Lake, WA is a very poor example of an enlightened community.

Amazing amount of healthy recreation opportunities!

not at this time

People would get more exercise if time and encouragement was offered. Reduced cost of insurance, health club discounts, baby sitting offers tied to exercise.

I think by and large this is a very healthy minded Community. The availability of lots of outdoor recreation sides lens itself very well to that. I also see a fair share of the population taking advantage of that.

We must work to get health care services in the local community secure and maintained. This includes support to local doctors, nurses, and therapists with competitive wage and incentives to work in our small population Okanogan communities. As the population grows older or our youth have children and families they must have access in the area they live. Driving long distances is not an option.

I have no way to know the incidence of diseases. It is a great place to live and luckily I do not have any personal reason to believe otherwise.

Nope

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no

No

No

overall Wenatchee has an above average quality of life in my opinion.

no

no

Get to know neighbors by having block party or some other community social. I have lived here 3 years and still don't know my neighbor's.

No

No

No

No

NO

No

no

No

Need to do something about bullying in schools!

We are blessed to live in such a great area.

Confluence Health is a wonderful support institution to maintain good health in our community. Staff are great. Computer system to schedule exams, not so much.

Make people more aware of the danger of refined sugar, refined carbs and prepared food.

no

People are glued to their phones and other technology!

Ni

no

no

Drug abuse needs to be addressed more. More police in rhe area

There are not good mental health resources

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No

I agree that there is an opioid problem but the knee jerk reaction by most providers is making it difficult for those of us who are not abusers. Our doctors should be able to say that it is safe for specific patients to be prescribed opiates in a less restrictive way.

No

Need transparency for Medical Services Prices BEFORE Procedures!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It can and will get better with the care of our community and with the love of Jesus lived out.

NO

No

I would like to see the drs diagnosing illnesses better and not waiting til it is too late to fix.

I think our community is healthy but I think the healthcare in the valley is getting worse.

Our community's health is poor, as is the health of our society, because our thinking is wrong overall about family, marriage and sexuality.

I think Leavenworth is unique in its concern for health & the multiple nonprofits w/ community support!!

No

no

No

Great place to live

no

No

The most costly and devastating problems I see in our town are mental health due to drug use, obesity which causes all kinds of health issues and for some reason cancer. Cancer is like an epidemic. Everyone I know has had or does have cancer, including me! Something is wrong here. Plus we have an abnormal amount of young mothers with down syndrome children!

I hear the opioid problem is out of control . a mental health program is needed badly in Chelan county

I would like to see our Doctor's more educated about the use of essential oils. More and more people are using them.

No

no

Mental health is a big problem. It leads to drugs, abuse, and many of the community problems. But getting assistance to help is not available and hard to get.

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no

no

nope

Just to have good caring doctors and nurses

After 5 years here I truly understand why it's known as 'Dope Lake'

I live in Quincy we have a very bad hospital and don't trust it but the board of directors think the answer is to build a new hospital that no one will trust same leadership

We desperately need an after hours clinic to watch over everyone in this valley

Our community population is aging and will create a desperate need for medical services and residential facilities at an affordable cost.

We need young physicians who respect the older generation and do what they can to help them live comfortably.

Liberalism is trying to make its way into our conservative communities and by doing that, it is changing the character of our nearby communities. I believe the style of liberalism is making them less safe. For example kids doing things like smoking marijuana because liberalism made it legal. Yet just years before fought to take out the big tobacco industry. I call that a double standard. Your survey should have mentioned the use of marijuana and the outlets for purchasing such and how one would rate that in a community? That is what you need to be doing a survey about, are family values changing and is that affecting health care?

I think the community appears to be pretty healthy.

We need access to a trained actual psychiatrist on a regular basis.

no

No

No

No

Access to health care seems better here than other places we've lived.

No

no.

Too many dentists not enough doctors

Lots of outdoor activities but there need to be more opportunities for those who are less fit or elderly to have opportunities for fitness.

Over-reliance of taxing districts on bonds and levies that increase property taxes to solve financial incompetence.

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No

No

Volunteers help also.

We need a better emergency facility in Quincy at the very least. There are too many people using the hospital that do not pay for the services.

We are an active, health-minded, caring supportive community and I feel privileged to live here

Better wages

They need better diets and more physical outdoor activities.

Roadway speeding and parking in bike lanes are not controlled

No

Lack of quality health care providers

no

No

No

Not that I can think of.

Many in the community of Soap Lake are very health-conscious and try to eat healthy and exercise. Those who are addicts hurt the community by thefts, not caring for their kids, and tearing their families (their parents, for example) apart. Tragic.

Needs much more options for mental health in our city.

Nope

Affordable housing is a major issue. What good is proper healthcare when you don't have a stable environment to perpetuate the healthcare?

The need for resources for the homeless

i am retired and no longer work at a job everyday I don't always know what is going on like when I worked in community

The Confluence Health waste of money on TV advertising.

No

Behavioral Healthcare education and accessibility needs to improve

Not at this time

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No

Keep affordable Health Care

greater integration among hispanic and anglo communities

We need to focus on quantitating, preventing, and mitigating Adverse Childhood Events -- adults and children alike.

no

We definitely need mental health services

no

no

No

Finding and keeping a Behavioral Health provider is almost impossible for many area residents. There are not enough providers, and then they move or change their practice panel.

No

For our mental health needs there is a strong need for more psychiatrists.

The access to emergency mental health care could be improved. A 24 hour suicide prevention program with it's own dedicated medical facility, ambulance, and psychiatric offices would be greatly beneficial for those who are too afraid to go to the ER or are facing crisis during non-business hours when their therapist may not be available. We need more than a voice on the phone when we are in crisis but it can be impossible to leave the house for help in the middle of an episode. Everything is terrifying. Having a safe destination can alter one's thoughts just enough to get past the impulsive need to self destruct. A goal. Get to the safe place. Talk to someone who can keep you from doing something irreversible. An ambulance could transport not only a patient to the facility, but also a counselor and EMT to the location of the patient if needed. The last thing a person with mental illness can handle is the stress of police and hospitals during a crisis. As a patient with life altering mental health problems and having attempted suicide myself... Having called the suicide prevention hotline multiple times only to get a busy tone or no answer at all in the middle of the night... having experienced the all encompassing feelings of helplessness and hopelessness and absolute isolation... knowing how drastically the lives of the person's family can change in the blink of an eye due to my stepfather's suicide just as I was becoming a teenager... I personally believe quite firmly that having trained medical and mental healthcare professionals available 24 hours a day in a designated safe place specifically designed for mental health emergencies could save lives. My boyfriend recently encountered a young woman with mental health issues who, during an episode, was confronted aggressively by the police and she was so terrified that she ran into traffic. This care facility could answer those calls and handle the situation appropriately, as they have experience and training in diffusing escalated situations. The police seem to always feel threatened by mentally ill people, but the doctors know better. Having a small team of counselor, EMT or nurse, and perhaps one police officer to defuse situations involving mentally ill people is a better option.

We have a shortage of care covers when it takes a month minimum to get an appointment. That's unacceptable.

Response times for emergency services are long compared to an urban environment, e.g., western Washington.

I would like to see CH develop a non-opioid/narcotic pain management clinic with services that can be covered insurance , or are free. I would like to see CH create a huge community kitchen where citizens are taught to create healthy meals to fight obesity and related illnesses like BP issues, diabetes, obesity/weight loss, etc. Schools thoe away

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kids who are behavior problems and clinics throw any citizens because they don't follow rules and we wonder why have uneducated and unhealthy citizens. The systems need to change. Everyone counts. Everyone. Find a way!

No

There should be some type of assistance for those who have a health problem and not turned away regardless. THEY need help not turned away.

when people do not have health coverage and ask to pay with cash, they are told "we don't do that"!!!!

Elitist, nepotism, hostility toward those with different politics, religious beliefs is common.

More places to exercise in small towns.

no

Continued regional level 1 trauma center.

Not at the present time

No

NONE

overweight is a big problem

No

N/A

We need free public health care. Apple Care disqualifies too many individuals in need who are just trying to work.

Affordable health Insurance

No

No

No

No

More interest and care for Veterans.

Need more anti suicide training for our youth. Also training on the impact of decisions made while/after drinking alcohol and/or using illegal drugs. Critical need for our community

No

better care for low income aged

Vote Out The Democrats In Office!

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We need to do something to be able to keep good doctors here at our hospital.

No

No

Inhalation of pesticides!

I can only see from my perspective. But most problems I see are derived from a lack of morals
could be improved by getting doctors to quit jumping to diagnostic conclusions without test results

There are very limited psych/mental health resources in the region.

no

no

We need more providers and specialists available without waiting months for appointments. Also, we need better quality options for nursing home and rehabilitation services. The one on Nelson is appalling in every way. It's dirty, poorly maintained inside and out and understaffed. We moved our mother to another city rather than risk having her go there again. HORRIBLE PLACE!

Planned Parenthood should stop promoting abortion. Life begins at conception and killing those baby's have nothing to do with women's health!!

no

Getting in to see your doctor in a timely manner. It's becoming a problem.

No

I see a GREAT need for Confluence Health to interact better with the military resources, such as Tricare, VA Clinic and other military resources. I think our Veterans deserve the best relationship and resultant care possible.

No

No

no

No

No.

No

As the community ages, the health problems will change.

No

More health care options, for people with jobs who cant afford insurance through job

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No

Our community is diverse and it seems that regardless of income levels everyone has access to healthcare

No

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I think we need more access to close & affordable health, dental & vision benefits

No

No

There is no affordable housing available for women who suffer domestic verbal abuse. The waiting list is not an option.

The healthcare available in the Wenatchee area is horrible. Period! Very few qualified doctors, the Central Washington Hospital is almost third world. Waiting times for appointments is often 3 - 6 months. Most people I know, including me drive to Seattle to receive cutting edge healthcare. From my understanding, there is also NO Medic One type programs in the valley, meaning that there aren't trained paramedics available to respond to medical emergencies and instead, call an ambulance, throw you in and take you to the hospital, if you make it that far.

not just a survey but real acts and care

No

No

na

No

The medical community, Confluence Health is not nearly as good as it use to be, terrible service and the reason more people go to Seattle area for medical service.

The wait times to get an appointment with doctors in Wenatchee is unacceptably long.

no

This community is largely Hispanic. We need more ways to get them services like healthcare and food.

No

No

Better doctors and not having to wait 6 months for an appointment would be great

Na

no

Better Mental Health accessibility for adults

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All residents should be required to get standard immunization shots.

The is not enough access to mental health in our county.

N/A

no

No

Lack of living wage jobs and high cost of living causes poor health care access, drug/alcohol abuse, crime and neglect/abuse of children.

There are too few mental health professionals which directly impacts the health and wellbeing of my family.

BEING AN ASTHMATIC, WHY CAN'T FARMERS BURN WHEN ITS OVERCAST OR SLIGHTLY RAINING?

Listen to a person coming in for medical care. Do Not Assume they only want drugs. Fix the issue, not treat the symptom. Referring a patient to specialist and then ignore recommended treatment by said specialist unmines the health care profession and does nothing to help patients. Over all your medical doctors are the problem to community issues healthwise.

No

no

Na

no

I think Wenatchee seems pretty healthy, but I'm not in the police or health sectors, and so I'm not exposed to many of the ills of the community.

nutrition classes for parents expecting a child and nutrition classes as part of the curriculum in schools, could be incorporated into other classes ie science, health course or PE and even after school sports.

This area has a lot of auto immune issues. It makes one wonder if it's the pesticides that are used for the orchards.

Thank you for asking these questions

No

No

Access to medical care for all is important. Too little access to healthy food options. Mostly low nutrition high calorie foods.

No

Wenatchee has excellent health care, and is a healthy community due to access to all types of recreation. I do feel that we could provide better healthcare/support to the aging and Alzheimer's community as our town becomes a popular retirement community.

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I would like to see more programs available to new moms. Waiting 6 weeks to see a doctor after labor is horrible. I have struggled with postpartum and healing properly and was in horrible pain but was told that is normal. At the 6 weeks I was told oh well let's put something on it which was done instantly but it would have been nicer if that was done prior to 6 weeks. I have suffered panic attacks and there was no one to help me. I wish that there was a program for new moms where a nurse would come to them and help them heal.

no

Fertility Treatment Center

no

I'm very impressed with healthcare in Washington state. I moved here from Texas 3 years ago. We had no health care for the working poor that couldn't afford Obamacare. I wouldn't be almost 4 years sober and mentally stable today if I had gone back to Texas. People need resources in able to improve their lives and to get well. I'm a forever grateful

No

No

No

We must come up with solutions for treating the drug addicted that live along the river, cause crime and foul our natural environments.

There seem to be currents of unhappiness and dislike for people not from Wenatchee. Residents blame other people for perceived hardships - immigrants, 'people from the west side', etc. Long time residents react poorly to new ideas, new people, new 'things', etc. Mentally, the community does not seem healthy.

Please improve your call center and access to doctors.

No

No

Not enough reasonably priced in-home support for people with dementia in middle I level

none

no

There are different definitions of "health" and it varies from one person to another.

No

So many fast food chains and restaurants that offer really unhealthy options. Wish there were more healthy options. Real juice bars, vegan or vegetarian restaurants within a decent price range. The hunters wife was good, but oh so spendy and now its gone too!

No

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There are consequences to all steps and actions we take as individual in part of a community. Lack of contraception and the # of people addicted to drugs is a big problem here. All habits that you listed become a problem when they are a habit.

no

No

No

better quality of care from confluence health - frustrating when no one is on the same page

I think people would benefit from more healthy living programs and addiction recovery programs that are affordable.

Access to mental health is extremely limited for poor people. People most vulnerable to not be able to make it to apts due to finances, transportation, mental and physical health are penalized by Columbia valley health. Even when they cancel their appointments well in advance. they receive multiple automated letter and phonecalls telling them they will lose scheduling privileges for a year. This is extremely detrimental to patients mental health and physical health as it increases stress and blood pressure.

We need a government that isn't serving the good old conservative boys. We are way behind the times and our community is not being represented in our government.

Nope

No

N/A

I hate how big our homeless population has gotten, and how few resources we have for people with addiction and mental health problems.

NO

no

none

No

No

Better caliber of doctors

No

Nope

No

No

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Need more mental health providers for children. Specifically, a child psychiatrist.

Very healthy for the most part

N/A

no

We drastically need better programs for recreation in our community, and improvement of parks in our town for kids to play safely on.

Most diabetic drugs should not need a prescription

I feel our valley is lacking in children's mental health services and it is incredibly frustrating that we only have one allergist in all of NCW.

No

no

no

No

There's been a high volume of cancer in 30-40 year olds I'm around, and many doctors in the area seem to want to medicate patients with issues as opposed to curing the issue.

Healthcare needs to be more available. Dental and vision included

NO

We need more mental health facilities. When you have to wait 3 to 4 months for an appointment that's not ok! Some people don't have that long and the er just refers you to a counselor that again you can't get into for 3 to 4 MORE months!

Nope

No

no

No

I would love to see more Holistic health opportunities for low income families and individuals.

no

No

Unfortunately, our local healthcare system's answer to the healthcare issues in our community seems to be medicating their patients. Healthcare providers are too overburdened by patient load to be able to properly spend time and have an effective protocol to provide their patients with alternatives to medication, such as the basics of healthy lifestyle

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habits. While it is true that many patients would rather "pop a pill," the local healthcare system does not need to support this lazy approach.

Not at this time

no

This community needs to come together. Not just as citizens, but clinics need to work TOGETHER. I lost my child to suicide in grant co. There is limited access to therapist, so the wait lists are outrageous. The schools need training on mental health, not just the counseling office-the entire staff. Come together as. Community to teach our population, youth and adults alike, about mental health. Use this to FIX a system that is so flawed and broken my child fell threw the cracks.

I think there needs to be a better emphasis and education on personal accountability

Moses Lake used to be nice until the homeless drug addicts invaded our community.

no

It be nice if health care providers gave education about costs upfront; Having a child and getting hit wil a \$10,000 plus bill for a normal delivery- (this is just one example)it would be better to have these expectations upfront instead of in the end; it causes us to not want to go to the doctors because we feel blindsided by charges and have absolutely no idea what to expect, ever.

I also think one main factor besides low income being able to get medical treatment is the access to the right medications. Not talking pain or others people abuse but medication needed for a healthy life.

One healthcare facility taking over our area is not helping the health of in our area. In fact it is helping the decline in health as people feel they care more about money than the patients.

No

NO

No

No

No

No

The next generation will be the key to change. We need to focus efforts there to ensure the highest likelihood of healthier outcomes in the future. Parents may be set in their ways, but the younger generation is eager to learn.

Traffic hazards due to ignorant, reckless, and/or uninsured drivers, and parents not teaching their children how to be safe around traffic.

No.

Na

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Income level dictates the majority of health problems I see

na

No

I'm deeply concerned that the mental health and the needs of younger patients and teens in our community are being endangered or threatened and that having healthy kids, teens, and young adults is absolutely critical to the community.

It is very hard to schedule appointments with specialists. It usually takes about a month to see someone at least, if not 3 months. Also, the communication system between providers and insurance is painfully slow.

No

no

We need affordable housing and more specialities. More children's care providers, more counselors, fertility specialists

I know multiple people suffering from chronic mental and physical health problems with no access to healthcare despite full time jobs and insurance. My parents are rationing insulin. Stress level is unbelievable for actual working people.

No

No

Access to better healthcare outside of Confluence Health would greatly improve our community.

no

n/a

NA

Access to healthcare can mean a lot of different things. In detail, I would like to see access where anyone could get into a routine of annual wellness exams. These help identify and prevent potential issues that are costly both in monetary amounts and in time for patients. The trick in that is education for people to then follow those preventative health issue recommendations which doesn't always happen.

no

N/a

No

No.

Healthy food is expensive

No

Having safe resources that are trusted and recommended by friends is a very important step for people to actually get help rather than just talking about getting help.

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No

Better ambulance service.

The doctors are amazing.

I think there are a lot of teens who just don't know where to go or what to do

No

Should work to be more inclusive

N/A

No

Church is a good thing to help people in need when they have lost themselves.

Idk

We need better access to mental health providers in our community.

No

Better access to rehab services for the ongoing drug and alcohol issues that consume our community.

There needs to be more counselors in the community who are LGBT friendly.

no

People need to be more educated on how sensitive certain people are to sickness (children and the elderly). I have a newborn and nobody seems to understand that their hygienic practices affect her. People don't respect my wishes when i say they need to wash their hands and not kiss the baby for her health.

No

N/A

No

No

No

Grant Integrated Services is inadequate to fill the needs for drug/alcohol and mental health counseling in our community. There are not enough practitioners to allow access to quality counseling services. Medical doctors push pills to "cure" mental health problems rather than looking at a whole-person, holistic approach.

healthy support groups addiction, alcoholism, mental health

drug abuse has run ramped every where

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people not doing the speed limit and tailgating causes stress when you are driving and people are pushing you down the road

Information and access to affordable mental health is needed.

Let's practice loving each other more and being less selfish.

Meth and heroin are way more abundant than people think.

We definitely need an OB department, our community is failing expectant mothers.

no

It would sure be nice to not have meth and heroin in our little community.

hard to go to the doc when you have no inc.

cost TOO much

No sex education in elementary school, creating more training and education to promote self-awareness in the community on problems and concerns in our community. Many are not awareness.

We have a severe lack of availability of qualified medical professionals and drug use is a serious problem I see daily in my community.

It's a good world if everyone works good into it.

affordable gym membership

not at this time

We have an increasing age population, and lack of Adult Family homes in our area. We also have a serious drug and alcohol problem in our area.

no

It sucks

nope

no

PEOPLE NEED TO BE INFORMED ON WHAT IS A CLINIC AND ER HEALTH RELATED PROBLEM AND SEEK HELP SOONER THAN LATER BECAUSE THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT A BILL.

We are in desperate need for more mental health providers

Homelessness, use of drugs, low income all add to those who have health issues that cause issues for the healthy community including crimes.

No

People need to care more for their neighbor

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N/A

our community has a lot of wealthy and well to do as well as a large population of homeless, addicts, and untreated mental health

hard water in the community

Increase access to mental health for students

More and better providers.

Most low income families are affected by ACEs, and many by multiple ACEs. These families influence the well being of our whole community. Resiliency work is needed.

Income plays a large role for those who cannot afford housing, transportation, food as well as safety

No

challenges trying use my medicare. to let me get the therapy. want to be in a nursing home but not enough money after my surgery

Too many options / programs exist for people to get too much for free or with little to no effort or contribution on the recipient's part. Ex: when physically able, people MUST WORK to qualify for any type of assistance. They MUST participate in programs to better their health so not an overburden to society with rampant costly issues such as obesity, diabetics, etc.

Limited transportation issues, lack of sustainable jobs and difficulty getting timely appointments for doctors and mental health counselors greatly impede adequate positive healing processes for me and most people who need the help most.

no

no

They need to start controlling the gang problems.

No.

Jesus Christ is still a wonderful councilor and healer of every disease and physical mental or spiritual affliction people suffer if you will believe faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Question 1: The God of the Bible warns that pride brings a curse on people and communities so we all need to humble ourselves before God so he can help us be happy and help make our communities a better place to live.

no.

better home care for the homeless. they are people too

homeless population of teens

We need to focus on education of our youth. There needs to be testing every year so the student can prove they understand how to read, write and use basic math. If not they will need to stay in that grade until they can prove they have mastered the basics.

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NA

Better connection between the school and the community.

We need more sheriffs deputies in rural areas at night

Quincy has a gang violence issue which I feel makes Quincy unsafe.

98.9% of our community is hispanic- issues are no insurance, they don't visit the doctor until it is too late. Increase in diabetes, heart attack, high cholesterol, blood pressure. Lack of education for them to help change life style.

There is a large need for homeless housing and needs, places like the Shove House, better response and support from OBHC to the hospitals.

it could be healthier

to help people stay of the street's.

n/a

no

no

No

Yes,More programs for autistic children.

Lack of mental health resources

need more primary care providers

I think people need to be more helpful and less judgmental. Not everyone can understand the unfortunate lifestyles people come from. I also believe the jail here in Okanogan should make sure the criminals have a way home if they are not from this county!

I grew up in this community, and being back now in retirement, I am delighted with the increased cultural diversity in our community. Still room for improvement, but, bravo!

Okanagon Behavioral Health is not patient friendly for intakes

I believe we have very strong programs in our school districts but we do not have the correct resources to communicate with parents when it comes to translators and translating very important legal documents.

no

Our hospital has a fairly negative reputation. Therefore many procedures that could generate income are performed elsewhere. I'd love to see the reputation issue addressed. MVH become part of Confluence Health?

No

Socioeconomic level has a huge impact on health.

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no

Little is done to address the families, generally white, living in poverty generation after generation.

Lots of people with no insurance.

People need better paying jobs.

Thank you for giving us a voice

The economic health of this area has reached beyond a critical issue.

disparity between poor, middle class, and wealthy. Poor have access to services, wealthy have money to access services, middle class struggles.

mostly its a good place to live

Lack of public awareness re: healthy food options like a plant based diet! Plenty of ads and "support" from the dairy industry promoting their products in our PUBLIC schools. Many of these dairy laden products are strong contributors to the obesity problem.

Opioids are a HUGE problem and there does not seem to be enough done by public officials. I have found needles in the parking lot of my work, in the street outside my home, and at the mall. We need needle exchange program and to educate the community.

There is a real dividing line in our community between the wealth and poverty. The services that NCRL provides balances that.

I think there's a huge epidemic of kids starting unhealthy eating habits early (e.g. foods and drinks with lots of sugar). Sugar is addictive early and so the habits are hard to break as kids get older.

Lack of medical professionals working as a team, they are still very silo'd within the region

Na

would really like to see something being done for the homeless population and helping them out when it is too cold to stay outside or when it gets too hot/smokey.

No

In order to change the direction a community is currently headed, we need buy in from all the participants. We must make whatever goal we choose desirable for participants.

No

Mental Health Counselors are not here every day

NA

I think we could do a great deal more to encourage healthy dietary habits, weight control and encouragement of exercise. I think an effort in these areas would do a great deal to address improve our overall health--mental health and health issues associated with poor eating and exercise habits.

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Housing that is affordable for working people

Accessing services in schools rather than navigating the community. Also, very frequent turnover rate in social services.

N/A

need better access to prescribers

Timely access to healthcare is impossible without insurance

No.

No

no

No

Without access to healthcare, there are many people who suffer for years. The lack of opioid control is also a serious stain on community health.

Gangs

no

We need to provide more services for the homeless population to help them help themselves, i.e. a shelter with ability to shower, wash clothes, etc. so they can find a job and get back on their feet.

I know this is cliché but if kids were safe outside and our neighborhoods were safe then there would be less electronics and more physical activity.

No senior facilities

people needs to be exposed to health education at a young age

no

Have don;t have a good source of qualified professional's to "diagnosis" and address treatment plan's for people with mental health issues. All of our services here are a band aid.

We all contribute to the overall health of our community. It starts with me. Keeping myself healthy and then impacting my community by volunteering and raising my voice when something is wrong.

Need more local specialists. Homeless shelter/soup kitchen/specialized help programs for homeless

the Other categories did not allow a fill in. I feel that lack of adequate nutrition available to all is a crisis that affects all aspects of health. The Food Bank and Food Pantries need more \$\$ to increase services and types of access to food from hot meals to back packs to community to meal feeding programs (soup kitchens and outreach with mobile food banks to back county.

There is a lot of attention on opioid addiction now and it is a problem, but we have a huge substance abuse problem that includes alcohol and other drugs.

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More access to services for people with little or no income. Medicaid services vs. Medicare

N/A

The survey should include a question on sugar intake prevention: Should there be a tax on soda? Taxes on soda can go to health education and prevention. Wenatchee public schools has a 200% increase of diabetes diagnosis.

We pay taxes for public transportation that does not cover our area. Elderly and low income people have a hard time getting to medical and healthy groceries

no

The history of the community is based on the acceptance of the problems in place, like mental health, drug addiction, and lack of employment opportunities. Crying and whining about the problems is considered addressing the issues with no real solutions being addressed.

We need to stop enabling certain behaviors and provide resources and treatment options. After options are provided, it's up to each one of us to make a choice.

N/A

Too many near homeless, couch surfers and multi generational homes. Definitely a housing shortage

wish to increase access to nutritional foods and exercise options for low income population

No.

It would be nice to remove the "competition" aspect and collaborate as providers instead of getting in the way of other

na

We do not have enough primary care providers, OB/GYN, behavioral/mental health providers in our area. We have nursing schools, yet we have a nursing shortage because we cannot recruit nurse educators, nor pay them appropriately. Until we are able to meet the needs of our growing community, we will continue to struggle with these issues. I also believe there is more we could be doing to educate (both to promote higher education by better preparing kids for 2 and 4 year universities as well as educating about sexual, emotional and mental health) our youth within the public school system.

More doctors

NA

NA

no

No

Huge need for affordable housing and low barrier shelters

There seems to be a lack of "wellness visits" as a preventive measure to poor health.

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The health of my community is great for the "haves" but not so great for the "have nots"

There's a gap where the majority of the population do not qualify for medicaid but yet they can no afford health insurance.

There is a huge disparity between urban and rural health issues/white vs. people of color health issues, and it's hard to narrow it down to three issues by NCW region.

no

drugs are unexplainingly taking over our community, from a very young age :(

Decreased health equity affects the health of our community especially the under served and migrant populations.

lack of MH providers

Our mental health system sucks. Takes forever to get help.

I would like to see it stop that they are taking everything away from the children. Which is going to get them into trouble or death.

Improved access to mental health services for those with Medicare.

no

No

The cost of healthcare is prohibitive, for uninsured, under-insured, and even insured patients. Insurance most often dictates the care patients receive due to limitations or requirements put in place by the insurance companies, delaying or preventing care from being received.

need more reasonable priced health care

No

Affordable housing !!!!!

no

no

n/a

Our community (County as a whole) has pockets of areas where these issues are more serious than in others.

no

no

NO

It is a complex issue.

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I think its fairly goods, but could improve

I think the community is trying.

Segregation between Latinos and whites is prominent in our community.

High need for foster care, whatever the factors are that are causing so many kids to have to leave their families. Need affordable access to dental, limited access for low income/no insurance/medicaid

Barely any resources for families with high needs children

no

Infant formula use is a health concern and should be on the list of unhealthy behaviors. It might be my number 3.

We need a heavier focus on sexual health. This is an important part of prevention of preventable disease and infections that will improve the overall health of our region. Our unintended teen pregnancy rate is also higher that the state's.

For people to maintain their health, they have to have time and resources. Flexible work schedules, designed to increase exercise, would help with improved health.

homelessness

More mental health services are needed

It takes about 2-6 months to get into psych doctor for mental health medications. To see a counselor can be longer

I believe that poverty (especially for the "working poor" that make enough to be ineligible for Medicaid or Medicare) combined with high costs of living and accessing healthcare create unhealthy conditions that lead to unhealthy behaviors, habits and traumas. We must address both the cyclical drivers (e.g. achievement gaps, access to early education, affordable housing, affordable healthcare) and the side effects (e.g. environmental segregation, higher likelihood of teen pregnancy, higher likelihood of substance abuse, etc.) of intergenerational poverty to build healthier communities.

I think detrimental to health is children not getting early learning support/access.

Mental Health is only for those on Medicaid = shame

for the first ranking I wanted to put other as first choice- I think having a community where walking and biking is a safe and convenient can improve health (See CDC's newest campaign)

There needs to be more sud peer to peer or recovery coaches

I believe we have good opportunities to get outside and exercise!

There is nothing for mental health in this area. If someone really needed help like hospitalization they would have to leave the Wenatchee area, which is not good for them or the family. That is probably the biggest thing we are missing in Chelan County.

Quincy's only pharmacy will be closing so they will have to come to Ephrata or Wenatchee for prescriptions.

From a medical standpoint, I feel like Grant Integrated Services is not always very helpful when called.

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No

support groups for chronic disease management

Be kind

Would love a true city gym. Just left a town that had a city gym built from city funds, fundraising, donations, etc. It was connected to the YMCA so you could join as a YMCA member or gym member, but use both facilities. The gym had all of the usual gym offerings as far as weights and machines go, classes, a day spa, gymnasium, raquetball courts, tennis courts, an outdoor children's playground and splash pad, and an indoor pool area that included a lap pool, children's area, two waterslides, and a small lazy river. I also think an accessible and inclusive playground is needed. I haven't come across one that is wheelchair accessible for children using a mobility device to play with their peers.

Smaller more community based options rather than continuing to fund these corporations that become more money driven then wellness/compassionate based would make for a different world. A place where each patient is known and not just led around like cattle with over-generalized (cookie cutter) care. It is currently the exception to get good service not the expectations. Our current system is dis-compassionate, dis-empowering, and far to difficult to navigate. I think most people would rather give up, do it on their own, or find other options. It is heartbreaking. Especially with the amount of money going into healthcare in general.

Need more community based programs or access to resources

Drs shouldn't push opiates for pain. They should explain the risks and side effects of vaccinations better and disclose that there has never been any long term studies on their use.

No

High percentage of children who are overweight or obese. Poor health literacy. High percent who are medically uninsured or underinsured.

No Thank you

The lack of mental health services is a barrier for our community

Many of the resources are located in the city that is an hour's drive away and not really as accessible as needed.

Difficulty in recruiting doctors

A Green survey should be part of this community health survey

Outside businesses helping to step up to teach about things the community needs to hear

No

no

More parks for the the city of chelan, not only thinking of the tourists

I see that the clinics cover alot of our health

no

no

que fuéramos limpios en no traer basura en las calles or parques - **That we were clean and didn't bring garbage to the parks or streets**

If there were more dental doctors

Muchas personas no vamos al doctor por que no tenemos \$ para pagar - **A lot of people do not go to the doctor because we do not have money to pay**

Creo que debemos buscar a Dios y conocerlo, el nos dara la fuerza para cambiar lo que debemos cambiar y aceptar lo que no podemos cambiar. - **I think we need to search for god and get to know him, he will give us the strength to change what we need to change and accept what we cannot change**

no

no

No

no

not sure if childcare is properly taking care of kids. as a latino we need help because we face a lot of discrimination. if people don't talk we won't know what they need. undocumented people have a lot of fear and we need help for them. the gov. doesn't care.

drunk people on the streets

water for kids walking on street,

a lot of drugs in rock island. a lot child neglect by parent who work a lot

axeso al cuidado medico eficiente - **Efficient access to medical coverage**

n/a

pues que todos nos respetáramos y cuidáramos mas a nuestros niños y mucho mas a los adolescentes. por las drogas y alcohol y tabaco. - **Well that we all respected and took care of our children and adolescence because of drugs and alcohol and tobacco**

la amabilidad - **the amiability**

que nos atiendan a tiempo tengamos medico o no tengamos - **That doctors attended to us on time whether we had health insurance or not**

La sociedad, comenzando con esta nueva administración que tenemos actualmente, nos ha hecho sentir que somos criminales que no somos bienvenidos en este país. Nos sentimos menospreciados. Creo que desde ahí ya comenzamos mal. Más aparte la barrera del idioma nos hace sentir mudos y sin voz. Personas no nos respetan por no saber el idioma y piensan que no valemos nada o que somos unos analfabetas, nos cuelgan el teléfono. Hay mucha discriminación en este pueblo de Wenatchee hacia la gente de color. Salud mental es lo primero, en mi opinión. - **The society, starting with our new administration that we currently have, they have made us feel as we are criminals and that we are not welcome in this country. We feel unappreciated. I think that is where we had a bad start. Also, language barriers**

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make us feel mute and without a voice. People do not respect us because we do not know the language and they think we have no worth or that we are illiterate and hang up the phone on us. There is a lot of discrimination in the city of Wenatchee towards people of color. Mental health is first in my opinion

"Hace falta entender como llegar y dar un mensaje por medio de la cultura - **It is necessary to understand how to arrive and give a message through culture**

More food banks

Tener mas confianza y tomar accion effective en la necesidades de salud. Apoyar a personas que tienen cancer, diabetes, obesidad etc. - **To have more confidence y take effective action on health needs. Support people that have cancer, diabetes, obesity etc.**

Team Naturaleza, free English classes

Necesitamos mas DMHP profesionales para evaluar la salud mental - **WE need more DMHP professionals to evaluate the mental health**

Creo que es muy importante que cuando ay eventos que alguien pueda explicar la informacion simple- y corta. - **I think it is important that when there are events that someone can explain the information short and simple**