

Columbia County Community Advisory Council Draft Minutes
Special Session: Regional Health Assessment Community Input Session
Monday February 5, 2024
3:00-5:00PM

Hybrid Meeting: Columbia Center and Zoom

Chair opened the meeting at 3:00 and grounded the guests on the Community Input Session and its importance.

Regional Health Assessment Community Input Session: Heather, Judy and Teresa did a formal presentation of the Regional Health Assessment, including its importance and purpose, and the 8 major themes that came out of the regional health assessment survey and corresponding population health data. Participants then voted on what themes they would like to see prioritized for the next 5-year Regional Health Improvement Plan.

A community discussion after the voting occurred in which CAC members and guests talked about the healthcare provider shortage and the many seemingly insurmountable system barriers to addressing it. Investing in and supporting youth in the county in particular was one strategy that feels more feasible and is being worked on. One participant talked about the need in Columbia County to build more community connections and not stay siloed in sectors, but rather to align efforts when they should and can be to make the most impact. It was also noted that whole person care can be supportive to the other themes/issues if addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00.

Next meeting: Annual Business Meeting Monday, March 4, 2024, 3:00pm-5:00pm