

City of Sammamish Health & Human Services Needs Assessment

Presentation to City Council

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What is a needs assessment?

- A needs assessment **identifies key health needs and issues** through systematic, comprehensive, quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis
- Identifies the baseline situation and gaps in service



Why a needs assessment for Sammamish?

- Provide a **common baseline of knowledge** to support health and human services decision making by the City and partners
- Identify **community priorities** for health and human services
- **Coordinate** with neighboring jurisdictions
- Invest in services and programs with the **most benefit to the community**
- **Align other City policies** with community needs
- Determine the **most effective role** for the City



How will the needs assessment be conducted?

- **Community Profile** – What do we know about our community today?
- **Inventory** – Which providers serve our community? What services are offered?
- **Policy development** – What can the City do to help meet the community's needs?
- **Needs Assessment and implementation strategy** – How should the City take action over the next few years?

What is the public engagement plan?

- 3 phases:
 - What are your needs?
 - How should we address them?
 - Did we get it right?
- Outreach: posters, postcards, social media, local events, and gathering places
- Engagement: interviews and focus groups, Virtual Town Hall, Open Houses



Who will we engage?

Who?

- A broad range of community members
- Focus on people that may have particular needs: youth, seniors, people with low-incomes, and cultural groups
- Providers and other professionals working on health and human services issues



How will we engage?

How?

- Take our engagement to them: existing events, focus groups
- Focus on building on-going relationships: invite to participate, report back, and check-in



Role of the City's Health & Human Services Task Force

- Advisors and sounding board
- Ambassadors



Timeline



-  Council Meeting
-  Task Force Meeting

Discussion

- What health and human service needs do you see in the community?
- What do you hope to learn?
- What should we pay attention to while we do this work?