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News from CHEER: Rocky Boy's Community Health Assessment

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A Successful Health Priorities Meeting!

On July 18th, the Rocky Boy Health Board (RBHB) and the Chippewa Cree Wellness Coalition (CCWC) hosted the Community Health Priorities Meeting, with help from CHEER staff members, Jackie Berger and Kirsten Krane. A critical piece of the community input needed for a Community Health Assessment (CHA), the meeting was held to determine the community's top health concerns. Facilitators from the community included Rose DeBerry (Office of Victims Services) and Karen Baumann (Rocky Boy Public Health Nursing). The CHA is being led by Elinor Nault Wright, Rocky Boy's Tribal Court Administer and Chair of the CCWC, and Jessica Windy Boy, CEO of the Rocky Boy Health Center.



At the meeting, participants used nominal group technique to identify, discuss, and vote on what they believe are the top health concerns facing the community. The facilitators then tallied, organized, and ranked all the votes, in order to identify the top ten areas of community concern. These health priorities used to guide the CHA process going forward.

Top Ten: Rocky Boy's Community Health Priorities

1. Mental Health
2. Substance Use
3. Nutrition/Food Access/Hunger
4. Trauma
5. Healthcare and Public Health Infrastructure
6. Chronic Disease
7. Family Health
8. Access to Specialty Care
9. Poverty
10. Domestic Violence



This month, RBHB and CCWC, with TA from CHEER, will be holding a second round of CHA meetings with small groups of community members who work in some of the identified health priority areas on Rocky Boys.

If you have questions, concerns, or data to share related to the Rocky Boy's CHA, please contact CHEER at CHEERequity@gmail.com.

