



**NORTH HAWAI'I
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

AN AFFILIATE OF THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
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Mission Statement

To improve the health status of the people of North Hawaii by improving access to care and providing high quality services at a reasonable cost.

Community Health Needs Assessment

Introduction

With the vastness of Hawaii Island, it is easy for people and problems, like houselessness, severe mental illness, and substance abuse, to remain hidden and forgotten. Some prefer not to go to the doctor because they do not trust them, they feel disrespected and discriminated against, and they lack the money needed for prescriptions. Many just wait until the point where they are sent to urgent care or the emergency room. A difficult and common barrier is returning to the doctor for follow-ups, which often does not happen because of the inconvenience and lack of transportation.

There are disparities within the Waimea community, such as hidden poverty that reveals itself in the schools.

Objectives

1. Improve health care by focusing on availability of care.
2. Develop more services to support people with mental health needs.

Strategies

Objective 1: Improve health care by focusing on availability of care.	
Strategies	Time Frame
Recruit and hire specialty physicians and staff.	2019 - 2020
Develop wound care services.	2019 - 2020
Expand pulmonary services.	2019 - 2020

Objective 2: Develop more services to support people with mental health needs.	
Strategies	Time Frame
Expand child/adolescent psychiatric services to care for this population's mental health needs.	2019 - 2020