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Weber-Morgan Community Health Improvement Plan Sets Objectives for Collaboration to Improve Health

(Ogden, Utah) The Weber-Morgan Health Department recently completed a Community Health Improvement Plan outlining community collaboration goals for the health department and its partners for the next five years.

"This is our message to the community about what we see are the top health priorities and how we as your local health department can work with our partners to best address them," says Brian Bennion, executive director of the Weber-Morgan Health Department.

The plan describes actionable goals, objectives, and strategies for making tangible progress in three health areas:

- Suicide
- Obesity
- Adolescent Substance Abuse

The community health improvement plan (CHIP) is the culmination of a two-year effort led by the health department to involve the community, partner organizations and local government in identifying major health needs and developing feasible solutions.

The plan relies heavily on data collected in the 2016 Community Health Assessment, which looked at 45 health indicators in the Weber-Morgan area using a combination of state and local health statistics and community focus groups conducted by WMHD staff and Weber State University. Community meetings were held with 26 Ogden-area community representatives who then narrowed those indicators by voting on what they view as the top priorities.

"We will continue to address the many other areas of health and safety that we always have," Bennion says. "But these are some additional areas of focus that we have developed strategies within the community to work on together to make a difference."

The Weber-Morgan Community Health Improvement Plan is available at:
http://www.webermorganhealth.org/about/CHIP_2017.pdf

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