



Southeast Oregon Healthcare Partnership

STRENGTHENING OUR HEALTHCARE

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TOPIC OUTLINE

Healthcare in Southeast Oregon



INTRODUCTIONS



SWOT ANALYSIS



ESTABLISHING
PRIORITIES & TEAMS

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What would you would change in Southeast Oregon's Healthcare System?

- Lack of prescribers
- Lack of Medicare resources
- Lack of students with healthcare
- Medicaid is difficult - Pay and reimbursement
- Low income access to services
- Lack of Specialists
- Long wait for services
- Recruiting - shortage of experience and/or education
- Difficult to bring in talent from other areas and not enough qualified here
- Better collaboration/communication between organizations
- Specialty physicians shortage
- Primary Care Physicians shortage
- Tough to get qualified people to move to and stay in eastern Oregon



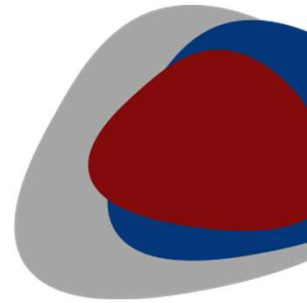
SWOT Analysis

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Strengths

- Medical facilities in the area
- Providers have good relationships with their patients
- Diverse services: specialty practices, amazing providers
- Response to changes can be quicker with smaller organizations
- Providers really get to know their patients
- Treasure Valley Community College is a great asset to the communities
- TVCC is a great asset to "growing our own", great start to many science fields
- Extend and grow programs

Weaknesses

- Housing - Lack of rentals and sales of high level homes for professionals
 - Housing - Lack of rentals for students
 - Reasonable rentals in close proximity to place of work, this is especially true for travelers and interns
 - Reimbursement for services, Medicaid-Medicare
 - Medical Providers for psychotropic medications
 - Transportation to Boise-Nampa area to see specialists for treatment and testing
 - Retention, causes may be wages and benefits, things to do in area
 - VERSA grant is a draw and once the providers (from the outside) have it they leave when the student loans paid
 - Recruitment is an issue, may be due to small areas.
 - Funding for smaller organizations
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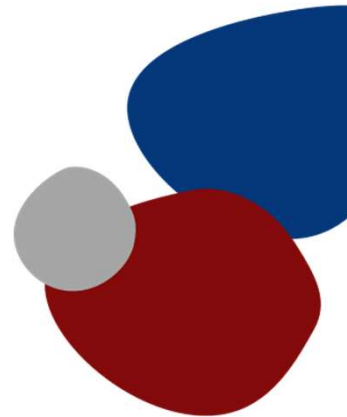
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Opportunities

- Recreation in area could be highlighted more, sunshine in the summer (biking, hiking, camping)
- Grow our own. Those from other areas tend to leave, but those from our own smaller rural Oregon Communities tend to stay
- Partnerships to those people in the Oregon rural areas. Reaching out to the schools, can this be improved?
- What can be done in catering to local communities, like changes to career fair (TVCC).
- (TVCC) What can be done to ancillary services, respiratory, lab, etc.? Paramedics, dental, and several others are under consideration
- Entry level jobs and Opportunities, which include advancement. Growth = Expansion
- Moving more to a collaboration model. such as Nurses, community workers, and social workers collaborating more
- With the use of MOU's more doors are opening for collaborations

Threats

- Pandemic and the financial hit of the health institutions
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Our Priorities



Housing

- Lack of nice rentals and homes for sale
- Lack of affordable housing for students
- Reasonable rentals of all types in close proximity to work and school

Recruiting and Retaining Talent

- Specialists, family doctors and other medical providers
- Licensed social workers
- Prescribers for psychotropics

Growing Our Own Workforce

- Working with area education providers on in-demand programs
- Training for advancement



Where innovation happens

- ☒ 1. COLLABORATION
A partnership is forged
- ☐ 2. ORGANIZATION
Priorities are identified and teams are convened
- ☐ 3. ACTION
Plans are drafted and steps are taken
- ☐ 4. SUPPORT
Partners provide needed support throughout the process

Who else should be invited?

Treasure Valley Pediatrics
Treasure Valley Women's Clinic
Valley Family Medicine
Snake River Pediatrics
Lifeways Behavioral Health
St. Luke's

Business Oregon
Regional Solutions
Dept. of Human Services
Community in Action
Snake River Economic
Development Coalition

Our Community Partners

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Proposed Timeline

AN ONGOING JOURNEY

PHASE 1

Outreach to our
community partners

8.31.2020

PHASE 2

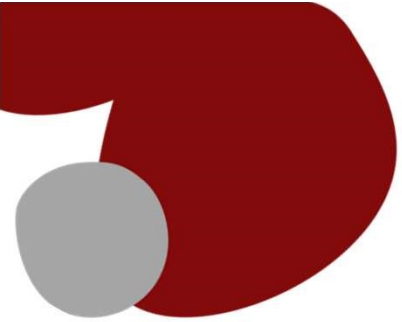
Team meetings
to develop strategies

9.30.2020

PHASE 3

Meet regularly to assess
progress and adjust plans

Ongoing



Other Priorities to Keep on the Radar...

Transportation

Transportation for patients who need to travel for care

Oregon Licensure

Reciprocity for licenses can be difficult due to Oregon requirements

Higher Rates

Higher salaries and reimbursement rates for providers

Medicare/ Medicaid

Easier process for reimbursement could improve access to services for low-income



WORDS TO PONDER

**IT IS NOT THE STRONGEST OF THE
SPECIES THAT SURVIVES, NOR THE
MOST INTELLIGENT, BUT THE ONE
MOST RESPONSIVE TO CHANGE.**

CHARLES DARWIN





**Would you like to join
the partnership or get
more information?**

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