

Community Integrated Health (CIH)- Community Paramedicine

Seeley Lake Rural Fire District has accepted Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) CIH grant funding to begin a new program in our greater community. We are seeking a full-time Director for our program as well as part-time CIH technicians. Please see the job descriptions on our website at seeleyfire.org

What is Community Integrated Health?

- a **patient-centered** force that weaves together separate **public health groups** to meet the **community's needs** in an **out-of-hospital** setting
- We meet the patients where they are in their own home setting.

Common MIH-CP programs:

1. **Chronic disease management**
2. **Super-utilizer outreach**
3. **Alternative destinations**
4. **Mental healthcare**
5. **Non-emergency transportation or referral**
6. **Post-discharge care collaboration**

Current Seeley Lake Region Community Healthcare Issues:

1. Lack of local primary care.
2. Long distance from primary healthcare.
3. Longer waiting times for appointments out of area.
4. Aging population (62.3 years of age- Census data- 2023 ACS)
5. Limited mobility and lack of transportation services.
6. Limited technology or lack of technology resources (Tele-Health).

How does Seeley Lake Rural Fire Integrate?

- We coordinate with the patient's primary-care provider (PCP) to provide an extension of medical care directed by the PCP.
- People in our community and surrounding areas benefit from a competent, compassionate team of individuals that reduce trips back to their PCP or hospital.
- Simple point-of-care testing done by our team members help patients avoid trips an hour or more away.
- Home safety checks can be completed while our team meets the patients in their own setting.
- Early recognition of a patient's decline saves lives and a likely long-term recovery.

CIH Grant for Seeley Lake Rural Fire District:

- Funded by Federal/ State Rural Health Transformation Program. (Public Law 119-21)
- Funding for 3-5 years. Each year, continued funding is requested by the agency providing CIH.
- Provides vehicle, equipment and staffing (utilizing current infrastructure).