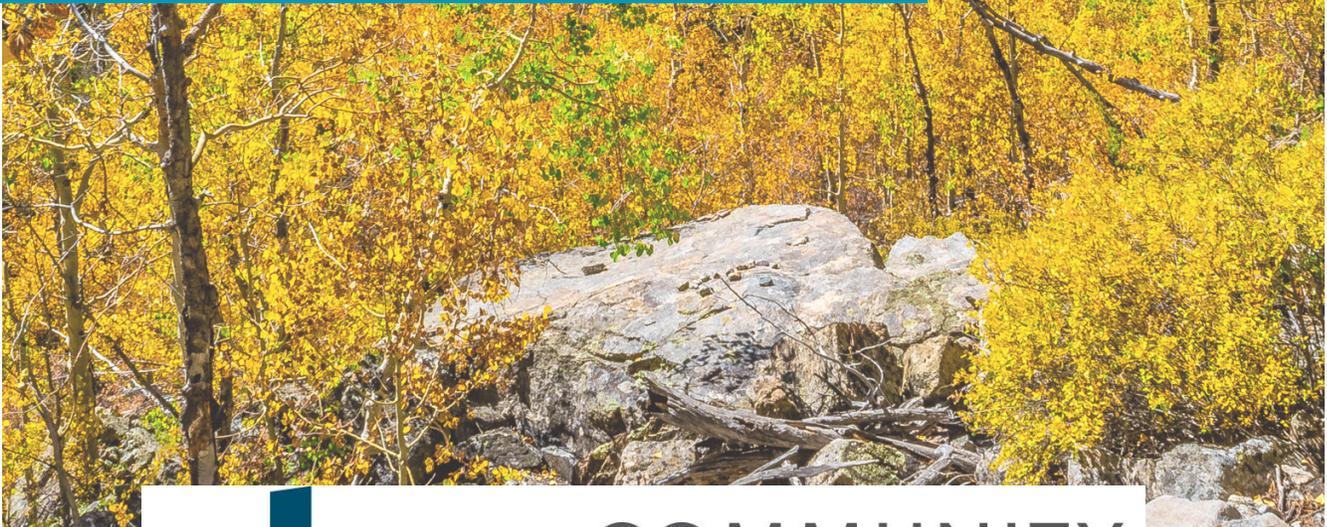




2020 Annual Report



COMMUNITY
HEALTH
PARTNERSHIP

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MISSION

CHP exists to improve the health of the Pikes Peak region

VISION

By 2028, CHP will pioneer a process of collaborative leadership that results in measurable improvement in health outcomes

CHP STAFF

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Amber Ptak CEO	Melissa Hansen Project Manager, Suicide Prevention
Jennifer Mariano Director of Homeless Programs	P.J. Higgins Project Manager, Opioid Prevention
Devon Kwande Finance Director	Cindy Stickel CATCH Coordinator
Beth Jewell, MD Medical Director	April Tooke Executive Coordinator & Assistant to CEO
Rebecca Atkinson Project Coordinator	Amy Vargo HMIS Data Analyst
Evan Caster PPCoC Coordinated Entry Administrator	Michelle Whiting HMIS Administrator
Suzanne Hampe Accounting Specialist	Christina Yasav HMIS Technical Trainer

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Collaboration in Action has always fueled CHP's mission to improve the health and well-being of our community. We are guided by our values of collaboration, innovation, boldness, respect and responsibility, and are driven to help residents access health services, address the social determinants of health, and become a trusted resource for health policy information in the Pikes Peak region.



In 2020, CHP successfully completed year one of our new strategic plan. The plan outlines our role as a "backbone" organization in a collective impact approach, which allows us to convene and act to improve community health. We work with others across sectors to address health issues more effectively, and we leverage existing resources as we build new ones. Our approach as a unifier has enabled stakeholders to consider more than individual interests and to commit to collective impact. By collaborating with like-minded organizations and experts, convening professionals from both the business and nonprofit community, and inviting a variety of thinkers and innovators to the table, we expand our knowledge and implement systems change. Together, we can accomplish what one organization cannot achieve by acting alone.

At CHP, we believe our community is stronger together. This annual report highlights how that collaborative approach is effectively addressing challenging community health issues, including access to health services, homelessness, substance use, and suicide.

As we continue to work together to address the struggles of many of our residents, we must now also collaborate to address the immediate impact of a global pandemic that touches us all. CHP will continue to champion collective impact initiatives and stimulate innovation to enable front-line organizations to implement solutions during these unprecedented times.

The staff and board at CHP recognize and appreciate that these successes would not have been possible without the action and accountability of our members and partners, and we look forward to continuing the journey with you to improve the physical, mental and social well-being of our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Merle Taylor

Current Chairperson, CHP Board of Directors
COO, UCHealth Memorial Health System

ACCESS TO CARE



Coordinated Access to Community Health (CATCH) is a network of independent safety net clinics offering free and low-cost care to low-income residents. Since 2006, CHP has supported CATCH by soliciting donated medical services on behalf of clinics, providing care coordination for patients with complex needs, and offering training to clinical staff.

It is estimated that more than 40,000 people in El Paso County are uninsured. To improve access to health services for uninsured residents, CHP coordinates donated services from specialists and diagnostic, imaging and laboratory services to support individuals and families served by local safety net clinics.

In 2020 the network:

- Coordinated the launch of online CATCH referrals, a vital resource to support clinic staff who began working remotely and the adoption of telehealth due to COVID-19.
- Brought on new partners Matthews-Vu Medical Group and Southwest Diagnostic Centers of Colorado Springs to expand donated medical services for people living on a low income.
- Developed a new partnership with the [Colorado Safety Net Collaborative](#) to increase advocacy and policy change to advance health equity and enhance services to Coloradans living on a low income.

Additional CATCH partners:

Colorado ENT and Allergy | Colorado Springs Imaging | Mountain States Pathology |
Quest Diagnostics

FREE VISITS TO
SAFETY NET CLINICS
20,900

1,013
CATCH
SERVICE ENCOUNTERS

DONATED
SERVICES
\$374,490

210
CATCH
CARE COORDINATION
ENCOUNTERS

HOMELESSNESS



Continuums of Care (CoC) across the United States help communities plan for and provide a full range of emergency, transitional, and permanent housing, as well as other services to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness. The Pikes Peak Continuum of Care (PPCoC) is made up of service providers, advocates, local government officials, and citizens who work to end homelessness in the Pikes Peak region.

CHP serves as the lead agency for the PPCoC and assists with establishing a planning body and leadership structure, data management, conducting CoC planning and operations, and preparing the application for federal CoC Program funding.

In 2020 the PPCoC:

- Celebrated the housing of a record-breaking 228 people experiencing homelessness through the Coordinated Entry System.
- Partnered with Community Solutions to help create data dashboards on youth and veteran homelessness. These dashboards will allow PPCoC to make more strategic decisions to prevent and end youth and veteran homelessness, as well as analyze demographic data to address homelessness equitably and intentionally.
- Was identified as the lead of the Built for Zero Initiative in El Paso County, a movement to end homelessness community-wide by focusing on chronic and veteran homelessness and then using that success to house all people experiencing homelessness.
- Provided Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) training to 151 PPCoC students, and 76 Colorado Balance of State CoC students as part of a statewide HMIS collaboration.

5,086

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS
RECEIVED SERVICES

COC COORDINATED
FUNDING RECEIVED
\$2.394 MILLION

SECURED
\$150,000
FOR RAPID REHOUSING &
HOMELESSNESS
PREVENTION

SUBSTANCE USE

The Coalition for Prevention Education, Addiction and Recovery (CPAR) was established in 2016 as a coalition of stakeholders whose mission is to build a sustainable community of partnerships committed to preventing and reducing substance misuse by promoting a culture of wellness through education, prevention, treatment, and recovery support.

CHP provides backbone support for CPAR, supporting community-centered planning that mobilizes collective resources to address the opioid epidemic and other substance use issues in the Pikes Peak region.

In 2020 the coalition:

- **Revised and strengthened CPAR's infrastructure and set new goals with work groups.**
- **Established the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Consortium to address co-occurring disorder treatment.**
- **Began collaboration on the development of a Syringe Access Program Community Engagement Plan in Colorado Springs.**
- **Co-hosted International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) event in El Paso County.**
- **Secured City Council Proclamation acknowledging IOAD.**

Current areas of focus:

Community Education | Harm Reduction | Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders



We're grateful that CHP is doing the crucial work of convening partners to address critical issues that face our community, such as housing, suicide, and overdose prevention. Our participation in CPAR has been richly rewarding not only for our agency, but for the community at large as we develop collaborative plans to stem the tide of overdoses in our region.

- Kristy Milligan - CEO, Westside CARES
Member, Harm Reduction Work Group



CPAR has allowed me to partner with other passionate professionals to help support our community and be a part of the solution for some of our local social issues.

- Jessie Spiers - Residential & IC
Supervisor, AspenPointe
Member, Community Education Work Group

SUICIDE



The Suicide Prevention Collaborative of El Paso County (the Collaborative) is an alliance of organizations and community leaders that have a collective purpose to design, organize, resource, and coordinate the implementation and maintenance of a unified strategy using the Colorado-National Collaborative (CNC) framework. The goal is to reduce suicide deaths in El Paso County by 20% by the year 2024.

Over the last five years, El Paso County has averaged the highest suicide rate in the state. Recognizing that this complex issue cannot be solved through behavioral health or medical models alone, CHP became a backbone agency in 2020 to create community infrastructure to create social change.

Accomplishments in this inaugural year include:

- Secured state and local funding to support infrastructure, and launched the Collaborative through a 600-person "Call to Action" event.
- Developed governance structure and charter for the Collaborative with Key Advisors, Steering Committee and Work Groups.
- Launched a social media campaign supporting young people's mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Built community capacity by training 20 community leaders on facilitation and action planning.

Current areas of focus:

Access to Suicide Safer Care | Data and Evaluation | Education and Awareness | Lethal Means Safety | Postvention | Service Members, Veterans, and Military Affiliated Families | Youth



I am excited to be a part of the Suicide Prevention Collaboration of El Paso County. Suicide prevention is a complex issue that must be addressed in order to prevent deaths. Our community is gaining new clarity through the Collaboration that allows El Paso County to better understand and prevent suicide.

- Cassandra Walton - ED, Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention
Vice Chair of Steering Committee

58
ORGANIZATIONS
ENGAGED

FUNDS RAISED FOR
SUICIDE PREVENTION
\$200,000+

24,561
VIEWS OF YOUTH
SOCIAL MEDIA
CAMPAIGN



The Suicide Prevention Collaborative of El Paso County strives to not only understand but to reduce suicide and its effects on the community. This collaborative brings together many community partners dedicated to serving those in need by bringing to light the issues that underlie suicidality and thereby creating better outcomes.

- Lt. Andrew Cooper - CRT supervisor, CFSD
Chair of Steering Committee

MEMBERS

American Medical Response	El Paso County Public Health	Pikes Peak Community College
AspenPointe	Annette Fryman, Individual Member	Doris Ralston, Individual Member
Children's Hospital CO - Colorado Springs	Matthews-Vu Medical Group	Rocky Mountain Health Care Services
Colorado Springs Fire Department	Mission Medical Center	S.E.T Family Medical Clinics
Commission on Family Medicine	Mountain View Medical Group	The Independence Center
DaVita Medical Group (now Optum)	Open Bible Medical Clinic/TLC Pharmacy	UCHealth Memorial Hospital
Dream Centers	Peak Vista Community Health Centers	University of Colorado Colorado Springs - Helen and Arthur E Johnson Beth El College of Nursing and Health Sciences
El Paso County Medical Society	Penrose-St Francis Health Services (Centura Health)	

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Commission on Family Medicine, Executive Director

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The Independence Center, Chief Executive Officer

FINANCIALS

In 2020, CHP started a new suicide prevention program and expanded our substance use prevention efforts. CHP has significantly increased grant funding for programs as we continue to attract new grant opportunities. Income from our private investments allows us to continue building our capacity.

