

Mission, Vision and Purpose of Council

The VCP envisions “A community living, working and playing in a healthy, supportive environment.” Its mission is to provide “...a cooperative of community organizations and individuals, dedicated to improving the quality of life in Valencia County by providing an avenue for collaboration of communities, businesses and governments.” (both statements are available on the website). Within the guidelines provided by these statements, the VCP is striving to develop tools and processes that will support the various county agencies, communities and individuals in coming together to collaboratively address common concerns and share resources. These tools include the VCP website – www.vcpnm.org, the Valencia County Health Profile and Health Improvement Plan, the monthly leadership and general membership meetings, periodic town hall meetings, and the VCP priority task forces, which provide opportunities for council members to focus on their particular areas of concern along with other like-minded members.

Definition of health

The Valencia Community Partnership believes that health is a state of being that encompasses mental, physical, emotional, spiritual, environmental and cultural elements working in synergistic balance. A healthy community is one where individuals and families have a sense of well being and safety within their environment, and where their feelings of being supported allow them to support others and their community. The VCP Health Profile provides an avenue for the Partnership to assess the health status of Valencia County in relation to this definition.

Purpose of Profile

The Valencia County Health Profile is being updated and redesigned to make it user-friendly for community agencies, governments, schools, business organizations and individuals to identify physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health trends, gaps and duplications in services, along with county-wide health priority areas. The purpose of this document is to enable these county entities and community members to form partnerships and collaborations that will enhance individual services and create a network of support and resource for county residents. The VCP is striving to make the profile as public as possible by making it accessible on the website, by email and/or by requesting a hard copy from the YDI/VCP coordinators at emoya@ydinm.org or schavez@ydinm.org or by calling 505 865-3999.

Profile development

After reviewing the previous profile, the VCP leadership team, working with the YDI/VCP coordinators and the Department of Health Community Health Improvement Coordinator, decided to update and redesign the document to make it more comprehensive and easier to access, understand and use. The leadership team reviewed and selected pertinent county and community specific data around the health priorities that had been previously identified by the council membership and the community. Selected data, along with feedback from participants at town hall and VCP general membership meetings, are incorporated into a draft of the profile,

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which will be developed and published as the most current and comprehensive county health profile. Furthermore, the profile will be periodically and consistently updated as new information and community input is received.

