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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### Introduction

This community health needs assessment (CHNA) was conducted by Winchester Medical Center (WMC or the hospital) to identify community health needs and to inform the subsequent development of an Implementation Strategy to address those needs. The hospital's assessment of community health needs also responds to regulatory requirements.

Winchester Medical Center, is a 495-bed regional referral hospital that serves 13 counties in Virginia and West Virginia, and the City of Winchester in Virginia. The Magnet designated hospital provides an unusual breadth of services including the region's only Level II Trauma Center, an accredited Chest Pain Center-Primary PCI, an Advanced Primary Stroke Center, a Level 4 Epilepsy Center, and a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Additional information regarding the hospital and its services is available at: <a href="http://www.valleyhealthlink.com/WMC">http://www.valleyhealthlink.com/WMC</a>.

The hospital is an operating unit of Valley Health System, which includes five other hospitals (Hampshire Memorial Hospital, Page Memorial Hospital, Shenandoah Memorial Hospital, War Memorial Hospital and Warren Memorial Hospital) and operates a range of other healthcare facilities and services in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland.



Federal regulations require that tax-exempt hospital facilities conduct a CHNA every three years and develop an implementation strategy that addresses priority community health needs. Tax-exempt hospitals also are required to report information about community benefits they provide on IRS Form 990, Schedule H.

As specified in the instructions to IRS Form 990, Schedule H, community benefits are programs or activities that provide treatment and/or promote health and healing as a response to identified community needs.

Community benefit activities and programs seek to achieve several objectives, including:

- improving access to health services,
- enhancing public health,
- advancing increased general knowledge, and
- relief of a government burden to improve health.<sup>1</sup>

To be reported, community need for the activity or program must be established. Needs can be established by conducting a community health needs assessment.

CHNAs seek to identify priority health status and access issues for particular geographic areas and populations by focusing on the following questions:

- Who in the community is most vulnerable in terms of health status or access to care?
- What are the unique health status and/or access needs for these populations?
- Where do these people live in the community?
- Why are these problems present?

The question of *how* the hospital can best address significant needs is subject of a separate Implementation Strategy.

## Community Health Needs Assessment Adoption

This community health needs assessment was adopted by the Valley Health Board of Trustees on December 10, 2019.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Instructions for IRS form 990 Schedule H, 2018.

## Methodology Summary

An already active Community Advisory Committee, augmented with additional invited community members, was used to help guide the hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) process. This committee included individuals who had previously served on various Valley Health Boards of Trustees, the Health Director from the Lord Fairfax Health District which serves Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren counties and the City of Winchester. Community members included representatives from Winchester Medical Center and across Valley Health.

Community health needs were identified by collecting and analyzing data and information from multiple sources. Statistics for numerous health status, health care access, and related indicators were analyzed, including comparisons to benchmarks where possible. The principal findings of recent health assessments conducted by other organizations were reviewed as well.

Input from 56 groups/individuals was received through key informant interviews. These informants represented the broad interests of the community and included individuals with special knowledge of, or expertise, in public health.

A community health survey was administered between January 2, 2019 and March 31, 2019. The survey was translated into Spanish. A total of 2,429 completed surveys from across the region were received. Among those, 108 surveys were received from the Hispanic community.

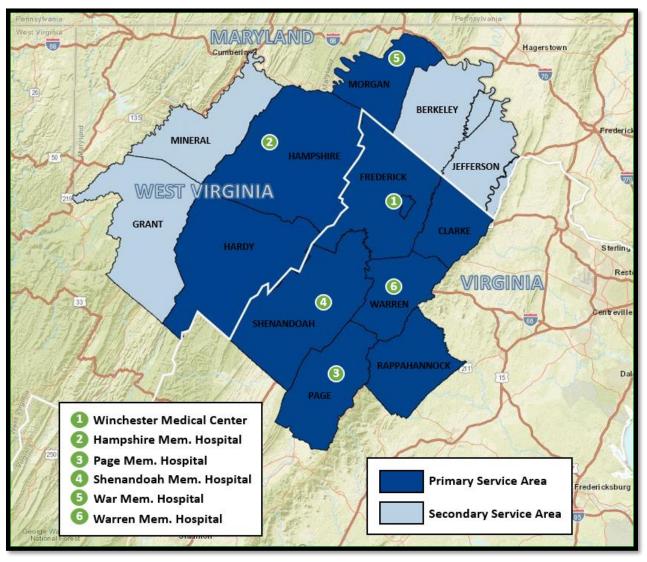
Valley Health applied a ranking methodology to prioritize the community health needs identified, incorporating both quantitative and qualitative data throughout. Scores for the severity and scope of identified health needs were assigned and calculated using weighted averages taking into account multiple data sources. Major themes discussed in the community response sessions were compared to the scored health issues to aid in identifying the prioritized list of health needs.

Community health needs were determined to be "significant" if they were identified as problematic in at least three of the four following data sources: (1) the most recently available secondary data regarding the community's health, (2) recent assessment develop by other organizations, (3) community input provided by the key informants who participated in the interview process, or (4) the community health survey.

No information gaps have affected the hospital's ability to reach reasonable conclusions regarding priority community health needs.

WMC collaborated with the other Valley Health hospitals for this assessment: Hampshire Memorial Hospital, Page Memorial Hospital, Shenandoah Memorial Hospital, War Memorial Hospital, and Warren Memorial Hospital.

## Definition of the Community Served by Hospital



Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

## **Winchester Medical Center Community by the Numbers**

- WMC's community serves 13 counties in Virginia and West Virginia and the City of Winchester in Virginia
- Total population in 2018: 521,401
- Projected population change between 2018 and 2023: 6.7%
  - Population declines expected in two counties, Mineral, WV and Page, VA)

- 94.7% of 2018 discharges originated from the community
  - o 28.7% from Frederick County
- Demographics:
  - 17.8% of the population are 65+
  - 6.7% Hispanic or Latino populations
- Pockets of poverty and specific community health problems found to be present

## Significant Community Health Needs

The CHNA identified and prioritized community health needs using the data sources, analytic methods, and prioritization process and criteria described in the Methodology section. These needs are listed below in priority order and described on the following pages, with examples of the data supporting the determination of each health need as a priority. Further detail regarding supporting data, including sources, can be found in the CHNA Data and Analysis section of this report.

#### **Prioritized Health Needs**

- 1. Behavioral and Health Status Factors
- 2. Access to Primary, Preventive and Specialty Care
- 3. Social & Economic Factors
- 4. Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- 5. Health Outcomes
- 6. Maternal and Child Health

To provide insight into trends, a comparison to findings from WMC's August 2016 CHNA is included below the description and key findings of each priority need.

## Prioritized Health Need #1: Behavioral and Health Status Factors

Physical Activity, Obesity, and Other Chronic Diseases

A lack of physical activity and poor nutrition are contributing factors to being overweight. Obesity can also lead to a wide range of health problems and chronic diseases among all age groups. This includes high cholesterol, hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and some cancers. Nationally, the increase in both the prevalence of being overweight and obesity and associated chronic diseases is well-documented, and has negative consequences for individuals and society. Low-income and poverty often contribute to poor nutrition and to hunger.

### **Key Findings**

- Commenting on the contributing factors to poor health status, interview participants mentioned nutrition and diet, low physical activity and exercise, and food insecurity. Many commented on the lack of affordable, healthy food choices in some parts of the community. Obesity among children and youth within the community was reported to be a concern.
- During the 2018-2019 school year, 55.8 percent of students in Page County and 46.1 percent of students in Warren County received free or reduced price lunches, indicating risk of poor nutrition and hunger (**Exhibit 20**).
- Berkeley, Hampshire, and Page counties showed a higher rate of limited access to exercise opportunities than the other ten counties that represent the WMC's community as reported by 2019 County Health Rankings (Exhibit 23B).
- WMC's community contains 26 census tracts identified as food deserts. These are located in Shenandoah and Warren counties, and the City of Winchester in Virginia, and Berkeley, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, and Morgan counties in West Virginia. There are two census tracts designated as food deserts within the City of Winchester, VA (Exhibit 38).
- Food deserts low-income areas more than one mile from a supermarket or large grocery store in urban areas and more than 10 miles from a supermarket or large grocery store in rural areas exist in six of the nine counties plus Winchester city in WMC's primary service area. In the secondary service area, food deserts exist in two of four counties.
- Ninety-eight schools in the WMC community, located in every county except Clarke, had 40 percent or more of their students eligible for free and reduced-price lunches, indicating risks of poor nutrition and hunger.
- Physical inactivity was prominent in Jefferson County with reported rates higher than the state averages (Exhibit 23B).

**Comparison to August 2016 CHNA**: Physical activity, nutrition, and obesity-related chronic diseases were one of the top health priority areas identified in WMC's August 2016 CHNA. Participants in key informant interviews in 2016 reported obesity prevalence bad as or worse than two to three years ago.

## Prioritized Health Need #2: Access to Primary, Preventive and Specialty Care

Primary, Specialty and Dental Care

Access to primary and preventive health care services through a doctor's office, clinic or other appropriate provider is an important element of a community's health care system, and is vital to the health of the community's residents. The ability to access care is influenced by many factors, including insurance coverage and the ability to afford services, the availability and location of health care providers, an understanding of where to find services when needed, and reliable personal or public transportation.

### **Key Findings**

- While there have been some growth in providers, the Winchester community is experiencing lower ratio rates when it comes to the number of primary care physicians per 100,000 populations, the number of available dentists, and an increased need for additional mental health providers. The Winchester community is below the Virginia ratio in several counties for these types of providers, according to the *County Health Rankings* report. In West Virginia, ratio rates for mental health providers are lower in all areas except Berkeley County. Six of WMC's 13 service area counties are Medically Underserved Areas, two are Health Professional Shortage Areas for primary care, and Winchester City has Medically Underserved Populations (Exhibit 24C).
- Four of six Virginia counties and two of seven West Virginia counties in the service area ranked in the bottom half of all counties in their respective states on "access to care" in the *County Health Rankings*.
- Six of the nine counties in WMC's primary service area plus Winchester City have higher percentages of uninsured residents than their respective states, according to the U.S. Census. Seven counties overall have higher percentages of uninsured residents than their respective states. Nine of the 13 counties have higher percentages of uninsured residents than the U.S.
- Concerns about access to care were the most frequently mentioned factor contributing to poor health in key informant interviews.
- Lack of accessible or reliable transportation to health care appointments and a lack of providers who accept new Medicaid and even Medicare patients were the most frequently mentioned specific access to care issues in interviews, especially for low-income individuals and senior citizens.
- Thirty-two percent of survey respondents reported not being able to get needed basic primary
  care due to lack of insurance and 14.4 percent reported that they could not afford the medical
  care.

Comparison to August 2016 CHNA: Access to affordable health care was one of the priority issues identified in WMC's August 2016 CHNA, for reasons including: a lack of providers relative to the population; affordability and the uninsured; and the challenges of unemployment and low income.

# Prioritized Health Need #3: Social & Economic Factors

Poverty, Housing & Homelessness, Low Income Families

Income levels, employment and economic self-sufficiency correlate with the prevalence of a range of health problems and factors contributing to poor health. People with lower income or who are unemployed/underemployed are less likely to have health insurance or the ability to afford out of pocket health care expenses. Lower income is associated with increased difficulties securing reliable transportation, which impacts access to medical care, and the ability to purchase an adequate quantity of healthy food on a regular basis. For these and other reasons, the assessment identified financial hardship and basic needs insecurity as a priority health need in the community.

### **Key Findings**

- The highest portion of households with income under \$25,000 in 2017 were located in Hampshire, Hardy, and Mineral Counties of West Virginia.
- Within the WMC community, unemployment rates have decreased in in every county except Rappahannock for 2017.
- Participants in interviews believe that low income housing, and poverty were the top issues contributing to poor health status and limited care. Other income-related factors noted include difficulty with securing transportation to medical appointments and homelessness.
- In the survey, low income and financial challenges were reported. For survey respondents
  who reported not being able to always get the care they needed, affordability and lack of
  insurance coverage were the reasons most frequently mentioned.

Comparison to August 2016 CHNA: Financial hardship and basic needs insecurity was not one of the top health priority areas identified in WMC's August 2016 CHNA, but that assessment did note several financial hardship measures relevant to health. The study reported that the community experienced a 19 percent increase in the percentage of households (incomes under \$25,000) since 2009.

## Prioritized Health Need #4: Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Smoking, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Services

### **Mental Health**

Mental and behavioral health includes both mental health conditions (e.g., depression, bi-polar) and behavioral problems (e.g., bullying, suicidal behavior). Poor mental and behavioral health causes suffering for both those afflicted and the people around them. It can negatively impact the ability of children to learn in school, and the ability of adults to be productive in the workplace and to provide a stable and nurturing environment for their families. Poor mental or behavioral health frequently contributes to or exacerbates problems with physical health and illness.

### **Key Findings**

- Nine of the 13 counties in WMC's community reported poor mental health days higher than their state's average according to the County Health Rankings report (**Exhibits 23A and 24B**).
- There are twelve locations in WMC's community that are designated as a Medically Underserved Area or Population (**Exhibit 34**).
- The suicide rate in 10 of the thirteen counties in the overall service area for which data were available was worse than their respective state's rates, according to the state health departments in Virginia and West Virginia.
- Major concerns mentioned by key informants were the need for more providers to care for children with mental and behavioral health issues. The WMC community has limited resources for this type of community need.
- An additional concern mentioned by key informants was connecting patients with services needed. Wait times are very long for patients to see a clinician.

Comparison to WMC's 2016 CHNA: Mental health was one of the priority issues identified in WMC's 2016 CHNA, for reasons including: the presence of mental health, Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSAs); and unfavorable suicide rates compared to the state's average. Both mental health needs and a lack of treatment options were frequently mentioned by interviewees; identification of substance abuse and mental health ranked as the second highest health priority in community response sessions.

#### **Substance Abuse**

Substance abuse includes the use of illicit substances (e.g., cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and marijuana), misuse of legal over-the-counter and prescription medications, and abuse of alcohol. Substance abuse affects not only the individual substance user, but those around them; negatively impacting health, safety and risky behaviors, including violence and crime, adult productivity, student ability to learn, and families' ability to function. Tobacco smoking is well-documented to be a risk factor for various forms of cancer, heart disease and other ailments, and to pose health risks for those exposed to secondhand smoke.

### **Key Findings**

- A health factor of alcohol use based on binge and excessive drinking placed Clarke, Frederick, and Rappahannock counties in the second quartile of all Virginia counties, according to County Health Rankings report.
- Rates of adult tobacco use in all of the seven counties in West Virginia were in the top 49% of counties in the state. Smoking across the community averaged 24 percent.
- Substance abuse was a major concern and mentioned frequently by key informant interview participants. It was portrayed as a growing and serious issue.
- Substance abusers are often classified as offenders, and have limited options for seeking treatment.

Comparison to August 2016 CHNA: Substance abuse was one of the priority issues identified in WMC's August 2016 CHNA. It was frequently mentioned as a serious issue by interview participants. Focus groups identified substance abuse and mental health as the second highest health priority.

# Prioritized Health Need #5: Health Outcomes

Length of Life & Quality of Life

Health Outcomes represent how healthy a county is right now. They reflect the physical and mental well-being of residents within a community through measures representing both length of life and the quality of life.

Length of Life measures how long people within a community live and whether the people are considered to be dying too early. Quality of Life refers to how healthy people feel while alive. It represents the well-being of a community, and represents the importance of physical, mental, social and emotional health from birth to adulthood.

### **Key Findings**

- Four of the fourteen counties reported adult smoking percentages higher than the state averages. Page and Warren counties reported 17.0 percent of population were smokers, Shenandoah County showed 16 percent (Exhibit 23B).
- Mortality due to malignant neoplasms (cancer), chronic lower respiratory disease, nephritis, influenza/pneumonia, and suicide rates were greater than the state average for six of the seven counties (**Exhibit 24**).
- In the WMC community, suicide rates were higher than the state averages (Exhibit 26A).
- Septicemia for Page County was reported 50-74 percent worse than the national average (Exhibit 26A).
- Rappahannock and Warren counties reported unintentional injury related mortality at a higher rate than both the Virginia and national averages (Exhibit 25).

# Prioritized Health Need #6: Maternal and Child Health

Teen Births, Infant Mortality, No Prenatal Care in 1st Trimester

Maternal and child health indicators, including teen pregnancy and infant mortality, should be considered when evaluating the health of a community. The rate of teen pregnancy is an important health statistic in any community for reasons that include: concerns for the health of the mother and child, the financial and emotional ability of the mother to care for the child, and the ability of the mother to complete her secondary education and earn a living. Teen pregnancy also stresses the educational system and the families of teen mothers. Infant mortality can be a sign of deficits in access to care, health education, personal resources, and the physical environment.

### **Key Findings**

- The teen birth rates in Winchester City and two of the seven counties in West Virginia were higher than the state and U.S. averages (Exhibit 23B).
- Grant and Morgan counties had lower birthweights than other counties within the WMC community (Exhibit 24A).
- Infant mortality rates were higher in Winchester City than the other counties within the region.
- Key informant interviews mentioned that there is a need to promote the importance of health screenings among women aged 40-50 years old.
- Key informant interviews mentioned that there was limited access to prenatal care and obstetric services in Front Royal and Warren County.

**Comparison to August 2016 CHNA**: Maternal and child health indicators, including teen pregnancy and infant mortality, were not identified as top health priorities in Winchester Medical Center's August 2016 CHNA.

### CHNA DATA AND ANALYSIS

### **METHODOLOGY**

## Data Sources and Analytic Methods

Community health needs were identified by collecting and analyzing data and information from multiple quantitative and qualitative sources. Considering information from a variety of sources is important when assessing community health needs, to ensure the assessment captures a wide range of facts and perspectives and assists in identifying the highest-priority health needs.

Statistics for health status, health care access, and related indicators were analyzed and included data from local, state, and federal public agencies, community service organizations in the WMC community, and Valley Health. Comparisons to benchmarks were made where possible. Details from these quantitative data are presented in the report's body, followed by a review of the principal findings of health assessments conducted by other organizations in the community in recent years.

Input from persons representing the broad interests of the community was collected through: 56 individual/group interviews with over 200 key informants (January-March 2019); a community health survey with 2,429 respondents; and six community response sessions (April 2016) comprised of 20 additional community stakeholders where preliminary findings were discussed. Interviews and community response sessions included: individuals with special knowledge of, or expertise in, public health; local and state health agencies with current data or information about the health needs of the community; and leaders, representing the medically underserved, low-income, and minority populations, and populations with chronic disease needs. Feedback from community response session participants helped validate findings and prioritize identified health needs.

## **Collaborating Organizations**

WMC collaborated with the other Valley Health hospitals for this assessment: Hampshire Memorial Hospital, Page Memorial Hospital, Shenandoah Memorial Hospital, War Memorial Hospital, and Warren Memorial Hospital.

Valley Health's internal project team included:

Mark H. Merrill, president and CEO, Valley Health System

Grady (Skip) Philips, senior vice president, Valley Health; president, Winchester Medical Center Elizabeth Savage, senior vice president/chief human resource officer (CHRO) and vice president, Community Health & Wellness

Chris Rucker, president of Valley Regional Enterprises; vice president, Valley Health ambulatory services, Tracy Mitchell, VHS director, Community Health & Wellness Services Michael Wade, operations manager, Marketing & Communications Mary Welch-Flores, manager, Business Development

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) serving as the Community Health Needs Assessment Steering Committee, provided insight regarding the needs of the communities participating in the 2019 CHNA. The CAC guides the process to ensure alignment with organizational mission and vision and support of legislative mandates regarding CHNA reporting. Members of the committee make sure those components of the CHNA are being adequately compiled and addressed and that the project is completed with prioritized health needs.

Valley Health's Community Health Needs Assessment steering committee included:

Gwen Borders-Walker, vice president, NAACP (Winchester, VA)

Pastor George Bowers, faith-based community member

Linda Caley, president, WMC Auxiliary (Winchester, VA)

Travis Clark, president, operations, Valley Health Southern Region; president, Shenandoah Memorial Hospital and Page Memorial Hospital

Rick Gladding, former chairman, SMH Board of Trustees (Woodstock, VA)

Peg Goodyear, president, WMC Auxiliary (Front Royal, VA)

Colin M. Green, MD, MPH, health director, Lord Fairfax Health District, Virginia Department of Health

Dr. Ray Grimm, former member, WMH Board of Trustees (Front Royal, VA)

Sharen Gromling, executive director, Our Health (Winchester, VA)

Floyd Heater, vice president, Valley Health Southern Region; president, Warren Memorial Hospital

Henry (Mac) Hobgood, former chairman, WMH Board of Trustees (Front Royal, VA)

Diane Kerns, former member, WMC Board of Trustees (Winchester, VA)

Tom Kluge, president, Hampshire Memorial Hospital and War Memorial Hospital

Tom Leslie, DDS, former member, War Board of Trustees (Berkeley Springs, WV)

Tom Linski, Jr., former member, SMH Board of Trustees (New Market, VA)

David Long, former member, PMH Board of Trustees (Luray, VA)

Richard (Dick) L. Masincup, former member, PMH Board of Trustees (Luray, VA)

Mark Merrill, president and CEO, Valley Health

Tracy Mitchell, VHS director, community health & wellness services

Grady (Skip) Philips, III, senior vice president, Valley Health; president Winchester Medical Center

Nadine Pottinga, president & CEO, United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley

Elizabeth Savage, senior vice president/chief human resource officer (CHRO) and vice president of community health & wellness

Rabbi Scott Sperling, faith-based community member

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Mary Welch-Flores, manager, business development

Karen Whetzel, former member, SMH Board of Trustees (Woodstock, VA)

John Willingham, former member, WMC Board of Trustees (Winchester, VA)

Additionally, lists of the interviewees and community response session participants are provided in **Exhibits 63** through **66** of this report.

### **Prioritization Process and Criteria**

Valley Health applied a ranking methodology to prioritize the community health needs identified by the assessment, incorporating both quantitative and qualitative data throughout. Scores were calculated for each data category (secondary data, previous assessments, survey, and interviews) based on the number of sources measuring each health issue and the severity of the issue as measured by the data and as indicated by community input. Scores were averaged and assigned a weight for each data category: 40 percent, 10 percent, 10 percent, and 40 percent, respectively. All identified health issues were assigned scores for severity and scope. Major themes discussed by participants in the community response sessions were compared to the scored health issues.

### Information Gaps

No information gaps have affected the hospital's ability to reach reasonable conclusions regarding priority community health needs.

## **DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY ASSESSED**

This section identifies the community that was assessed by Winchester Medical Center (WMC). WMC's community is comprised of 13 counties in Virginia and West Virginia and the City of Winchester in Virginia (114 ZIP codes). The hospital's primary service area (PSA) includes Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, and Warren counties and the City of Winchester in Virginia, and Hampshire, Hardy, and Morgan Counties in West Virginia. The secondary service area (SSA) includes Berkeley, Grant, Jefferson, and Mineral counties in West Virginia (Exhibit 1). The hospital is located in Winchester, Virginia.

In 2018, the WMC community was estimated to have a population of 521,401 persons. Approximately 58 percent of the population resided in the primary service area (**Exhibit 1**).

**Exhibit 1: Community Population, 2018** 

2018 DATA								
County/City	Total Population 2018	Percent of Total Population						
PSA	302,857	58.1%						
Clarke County, VA	14,757	2.8%						
Frederick County, VA	87,411	16.8%						
Hampshire County, WV	25,339	4.9%						
Hardy County, WV	14,560	2.8%						
Morgan County, WV	18,473	3.5%						
Page County, VA	24,258	4.7%						
Rappahannock County, VA	7,580	1.5%						
Shenandoah County, VA	43,751	8.4%						
Warren County, VA	39,560	7.6%						
Winchester City, VA	27,168	5.2%						
SSA	218,544	41.9%						
Berkeley County, WV	118,793	22.8%						
Grant County, WV	12,489	2.4%						
Jefferson County, WV	58,584	11.2%						
Mineral County, WV	28,678	5.5%						
Total	521,401	100.0%						

Sources: Projections: ESRI Community Profiles for all PSA and SSA Counties

This community definition was validated by the geographic origins of WMC inpatients and emergency department encounters (**Exhibit 2**).

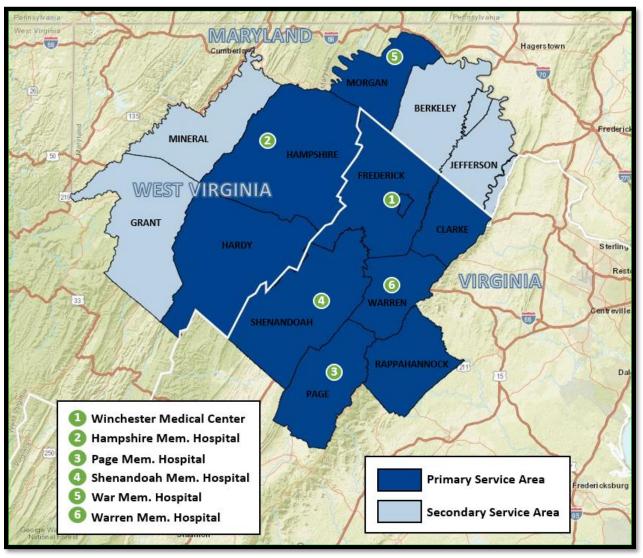
Exhibit 2: WMC Inpatient and Emergency Department Discharges, 2018

WMC Patio	ent Discharge Vo	olumes IP and E	D, 2018	
County/City	Number of Inpatient Discharges	Percent of Patient Discharges	Number of ED Discharges	Percent of ED Discharges
PSA	18,132	78.3%	52,994	77.2%
Clarke County, VA	966	4.2%	352	0.5%
Frederick County, VA	6,657	28.7%	26,126	38.0%
Hampshire County, WV	1,318	5.7%	3,009	4.4%
Hardy County, WV	576	2.5%	1,370	2.0%
Morgan County, WV	867	3.7%	1,909	2.8%
Page County, VA	715	3.1%	442	0.6%
Rappahannock County, VA	94	0.4%	107	0.2%
Shenandoah County, VA	2,101	9.1%	3,855	5.6%
Warren County, VA	1,962	8.5%	2,776	4.0%
Winchester City, VA	2,876	12.4%	13,048	19.0%
SSA	3,799	16.4%	8,983	13.1%
Berkeley County, WV	2,129	9.2%	6,261	9.1%
Grant County, WV	271	1.2%	293	0.4%
Jefferson County, WV	1,155	5.0%	2,198	3.2%
Mineral County, WV	244	1.1%	231	0.3%
PSA and SSA Total	21,931	94.7%	61,977	90.2%
Other areas	1,224	5.3%	6,702	9.8%
Total Discharges	23,155	100.0%	68,679	100.0%

Source: Winchester Medical Center Patient Discharge Volumes IP and ED, 2018 (Tableau)

In 2018, the WMC community accounted for 90.2 percent of the hospital's inpatients and emergency department discharges. The majority (77.2 percent) of the hospital's inpatients originated from the primary service area. Approximately 51 percent of emergency department visits originated from Winchester City and Frederick County (**Exhibit 2**).

**Exhibit 3: Winchester Medical Center Community:** 13 counties plus the City of Winchester that comprise WMC's primary and secondary service areas.



Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

## SECONDARY DATA ASSESSMENT

This section presents an assessment of secondary data regarding health needs in WMC's community.

### **Demographics**

Population characteristics and change play a role in influencing the health issues of and service needed by communities. The total population in the WMC's community is expected to grow 6.7 percent from 2018 to 2023 (**Exhibit 4**).

Exhibit 4: Percent Change in Population by County/City, 2018-2023

Exhibit 4. 1 ercent Change I	2018 DA	<u> </u>	
County/City	Total Population 2018	Total Population estimates 2023	Percent Change in Population 2018-2023
PSA	302,857	315,722	4.2%
Clarke County, VA	14,757	15,286	3.6%
Frederick County, VA	87,411	95,139	8.8%
Hampshire County, WV	25,339	26,117	3.1%
Hardy County, WV	14,560	14,849	2.0%
Morgan County, WV	18,473	19,091	3.3%
Page County, VA	24,258	24,185	-0.3%
Rappahannock County, VA	7,580	7,696	1.5%
Shenandoah County, VA	43,751	44,976	2.8%
Warren County, VA	39,560	40,730	3.0%
Winchester City, VA	27,168	27,653	1.8%
SSA	218,544	240,605	10.1%
Berkeley County, WV	118,793	133,785	12.6%
Grant County, WV	12,489	12,753	2.1%
Jefferson County, WV	58,584	65,418	11.7%
Mineral County, WV	28,678	28,649	-0.1%
Total	521,401	556,327	6.7%

Source: Projections: ESRI Detailed Age Profiles PSA and SSA All counties

The Commonwealth of Virginia is expected to increase by 4.1 percent and West Virginia to increase by 0.75 percent between 2018 and 2023.<sup>2</sup> Berkeley County has the largest projected population increase at 12.6 percent for the WMC community (**Exhibit 4**).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ESRI Detailed Age Profiles PSA and SSA All counties

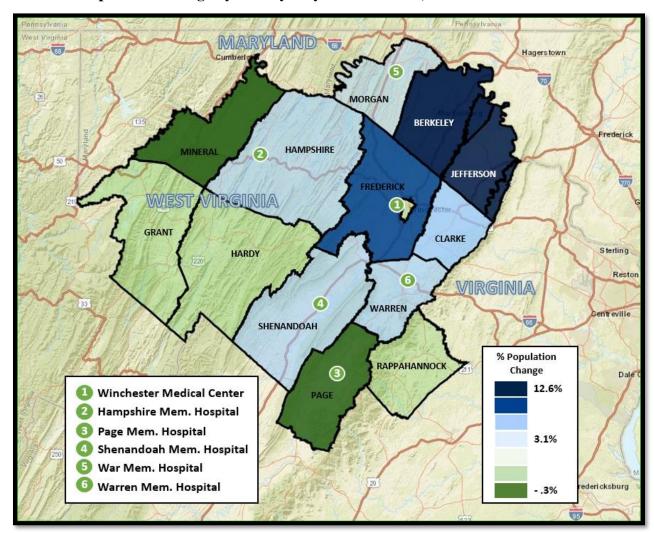


Exhibit 5: Population Change by County/City and ZIP Code, 2018-2023

Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

Frederick County in Virginia, and Berkeley County in West Virginia are expected to grow faster than the community as a whole (approximately 8.8 and 12.6 percent respectively), while Page County in Virginia, and Mineral County in West Virginia are projected to experience population declines (**Exhibits 4** and **5**).

Exhibit 6: Percent Change in Population by Age/Sex Cohort, 2018-2023

	2018 DATA										
Age/Sex Total Population	Population 2014	Population 2018	% Growth 2014-2018	Population 2023	5 Year % Change 2018-2023	% total 2018 Population					
Female 0-19	60,758	60,928	0.3%	64,550	5.9%	11.7%					
Male 0-19	63,007	63,643	1.0%	68,007	6.9%	12.2%					
Female 20-44	75,735	78,354	3.3%	81,624	4.2%	15.0%					
Male 20-44	74,895	78,556	4.7%	82,399	4.9%	15.1%					
<b>Female 45-64</b>	70,845	73,918	4.2%	74,395	0.6%	14.2%					
Male 45-64	70,304	73,062	3.8%	73,749	0.9%	14.0%					
Female 65+	40,623	49,646	18.2%	59,395	19.6%	9.5%					
Male 65+	34,346	43,294	20.7%	52,208	20.6%	8.3%					
Total	490,513	521,401	5.9%	556,327	6.7%	100.0%					

Source: Projections: ESRI Detailed Age Profiles PSA and SSA All Counties

The number of residents aged 44 years and younger has increased by 9.3 percent since 2014, while the 45 and older age cohort, in total, has an increase of 2.5 percent. The 65+ age cohort experienced a 19.3 percent increase from 2014 (**Exhibit 6**).

Hagers town MORGAN BERKELEY Frederick HAMPSHIRE MINERAL JEFFERSON FREDERICK IRGINIA GRANT CLARKE HARDY Sterling **6** Reston VIRGINIA SHENANDOAH RAPPAHANNOCK 6 Dale % Population PAGE Winchester Medical Center Age 65+ Hampshire Mem. Hospital 20% Page Mem. Hospital Shenandoah Mem. Hospital 16% War Mem. Hospital Fredericksburg Warren Mem. Hospital 10%

Exhibit 7: Percent of Population Aged 65+ by County/City, 2018

Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

At 19.0 percent, Rappahannock County reported the highest percentage of people aged 65 and older. Page and Shenandoah counties in Virginia, and Grant County in West Virginia reported 18.0 percent of the population were 65 and older (**Exhibit 7**). Berkeley County, WV, and Frederick County, VA, had the lowest percentages of people aged 65 and over.

Exhibit 8A: Distribution of Population by Race, 2018-2023

	20	18 DATA			
Race/Ethnicity	2018 Total	2023 Total	Percent Change in Population 2018-2023	Percent of Total 2018 Population	Percent of Total 2023 Population
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,626	1,841	13.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Asian	6,591	8,617	30.7%	1.3%	1.5%
Black or African American	25,474	29,102	14.2%	4.9%	5.2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	186	142	-23.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other Race	12,372	15,069	21.8%	2.4%	2.7%
Two or more Races	13,618	17,689	29.9%	2.6%	3.2%
White	461,536	483,866	4.8%	88.5%	87.0%
Total	202,199	206,293	2.0%	38.8%	37.1%
Hispanic or Latino	29,831	37,014	24.1%	5.7%	6.7%
Not Hispanic or Latino	491,571	19,311	5.6%	94.3%	93.3%
Total	521,402	556,325	6.7%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Projections: ESRI Community Profiles for all PSA and SSA Counties.

About 88.5 percent of the WMC's community population is White compared to the previous assessment in 2016 at 91 percent. Non-White populations are expected to grow from 9.2 percent in 2016 to 5 percent of the total population during the years 2018 to 2023. According to the ESRI Community Profiles, the Hispanic or Latino population is expected to increase 24.1 percent between 2018 and 2023 (**Exhibit 8A**).

Exhibit 8B: VA Counties Distribution of Population by Race, 2018-2023

Race/Ethnicity	Page	e, VA		annock, A	Shenand	loah, VA	Warre	n, VA
	2018	2023	2018	2023	2018	2023	2018	2023
American Indian and Alaska Native	49	48	23	31	131	177	198	204
Asian	121	121	69	92	438	538	475	611
Black or African American	461	484	341	339	1094	1429	1899	1996
Some other Race	170	169	45	54	1531	1834	514	611
Two or more Races	364	363	172	208	963	1204	1068	1303
White	23094	23000	6930	6973	39595	39794	35406	36005
Total	24,258	24,185	7,580	7,696	43,751	44,976	39,560	40,730
Hispanic or Latino	485	484	311	385	3281	3913	1820	2240
Not Hispanic or Latino	23773	23701	7269	7311	40470	41063	37740	38490
Total	24,258	24,185	7,580	7,696	43,751	44,976	39,560	40,730

Source: Projections: ESRI Community Profiles for all PSA and SSA Counties

Exhibit 8C: VA Counties Distribution of Population by Race, 2018-2023

D /E41 : - : 4	Clark	e, VA	Freder	ick, VA	Winches	ster City
Race/Ethnicity	2018	2023	2018	2023	2018	2023
American Indian and Alaska Native	59	76	262	285	136	166
Asian	177	245	1573	2188	706	774
Black or African American	664	611	3671	4281	2961	2987
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	15	15	87	95	0	0
Some other Race	295	367	3496	4472	2771	3125
Two or more Races	428	535	2273	3044	1060	1300
White	13119	13436	76048	80773	19534	19302
Total	14,757	15,286	87,411	95,139	27,168	27,653
Hispanic or Latino	871	1085	7605	9990	4836	5531
Not Hispanic or Latino	13,886	14,200	79,807	85,149	22,332	22,122
Total	14,757	15,286	87,411	95,139	27,168	27,653

Source: Projections: ESRI Community Profiles for all PSA and SSA Counties

Exhibit 8D: West Virginia Counties Distribution of Population by Race, 2018-2023

D /E41	Berkel	ey, WV	Gran	t, WV	Jeffers	on, WV	Hampshire, WV	
Race/Ethnicity	2018	2023	2018	2023	2018	2023	2018	2023
American Indian and Alaska Native	356	401	25	26	176	196	51	52
Asian	1426	2007	25	26	1113	1505	101	131
Black or African American	8791	10703	112	140	3632	4056	329	392
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	59	5	25	26
Some other Race	1663	2007	87	102	1289	1701	76	78
Two or more Races	3920	5485	150	191	1816	2420	380	444
White	102637	113182	12089	12268	50500	55534	24376	24994
Total	118,793	133,785	12,489	12,753	58,584	65,418	25,339	26,117
Hispanic or Latino	5227	6422	175	204	3515	4645	405	522
Not Hispanic or Latino	113,566	127,363	12,314	12,549	55,069	60,773	24,934	25,595
Total	118,793	133,785	12,489	12,753	58,584	65,418	25,339	26,117

Source: Projections: ESRI Community Profiles for all PSA and SSA Counties

Exhibit 8E: West Virginia Counties Distribution of Population by Race, 2018-2023

Race/Ethnicity	Hard	y, WV	Morga	Morgan, WV		al, WV
Race/Ethincity	2018	2023	2018	2023	2018	2023
American Indian and Alaska Native	29	45	74	76	57	57
Asian	102	74	92	134	172	172
Black or African American	510	653	148	172	860	859
Some other Race	320	416	55	76	57	57
Two or more Races	262	342	333	420	430	430
White	13337	13320	17771	18213	27101	27073
Total	14,560	14,849	18,473	19,091	28,678	28,649
Hispanic or Latino	728	935	314	401	258	258
Not Hispanic or Latino	13,832	13,913	18,159	18,690	28,420	28,391
Total	14,560	14,849	18,473	19,091	28,678	28,649

Source: Projections: ESRI Community Profiles for all PSA and SSA Counties

**Exhibits 9, 10, and 11** illustrate locations in the community where the percentage of the population that is Asian, Black, Hispanic or Latino were highest. The percentage of Asian and Black and Hispanic residents are highest in the City of Winchester.

Hagers town MORGAN BERKELEY Frederick **HAMPSHIRE** MINERAL FREDERICK WEST VIRGINIA GRANT CLARKE HARDY Sterling Reston VIRGINIA WARREN ntreville SHENANDOAH RAPPAHANNOC 3 PAGE Winchester Medical Center % Population Hampshire Mem. Hospital Asian Page Mem. Hospital 2.6% Shenandoah Mem. Hospital 🟮 War Mem. Hospital 1.2% Fredericksburg 🧿 Warren Mem. Hospital 0.2%

Exhibit 9: Percent of Population – Asian, 2018

Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

Berkeley, Frederick, and Jefferson counties reported the highest number of Asian residents.

Hagers town MORGAN BERKELEY HAMPSHIRE **JEFFERSON** FREDERICK VIRGINIA GRANT CLARKE HARDY Sterling Reston VIRGINIA WARREN entreville SHENANDOAH % Population RAPPAHANNOCK 3 Black Dale City PAGE 10.9% Winchester Medical Center Hampshire Mem. Hospital Page Mem. Hospital 6.2% Shenandoah Mem. Hospital War Mem. Hospital ricksburg Warren Mem. Hospital 0.8%

Exhibit 10: Percent of Population - Black, 2018

Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

Berkeley, Frederick, Jefferson, Shenandoah, Warren counties, and Winchester City reported the highest percentages of Black residents.

MORGAN BERKELEY Frederick HAMPSHIRE MINERAL FREDERICK VIRGINIA GRANT CLARKE HARDY Sterling Reston VIRGINIA WARREN ntreville SHENANDOAH RAPPAHANNOCK 3 % Population Dale City Hispanic PAGE Winchester Medical Center 17.8% Hampshire Mem. Hospital Page Mem. Hospital 8.79% Shenandoah Mem. Hospital 📵 War Mem. Hospital 🌀 Warren Mem. Hospital 0.9%

Exhibit 11: Percent of Population – Hispanic or Latino, 2018

Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

Berkeley, Clarke, Frederick, Jefferson, and Shenandoah counties, and the City of Winchester reported the highest percentages of Hispanic or Latino residents.

Exhibit 12A: Virginia Counties Percent of Population – Not proficient in English, 2018

			2013-201	7 DATA			
Language	Clarke County, Virginia Estimate	Frederick County, Virginia Estimate	Page County, Virginia Estimate	Rappahannock County, Virginia Estimate	Shenandoah County, Virginia Estimate	Warren County, Virginia Estimate	Winchester City, Virginia Estimate
Total:	5,568	30,495	9,467	3,131	17,262	14,190	10,520
English only	5,103	27,650	9,140	2,851	16,094	13,189	8,854
Spanish:	204	2,064	138	170	767	520	1,251
Limited English speaking household <sup>3</sup>	30	265	-	25	213	86	470
Not a limited English speaking household	174	1,799	138	145	554	434	781
Other Indo- European languages:	169	406	116	83	324	280	217
Limited English speaking household	13	18	15	-	64	27	7
Not a limited English speaking household	156	388	101	83	260	253	210
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	74	315	73	27	77	119	138
Limited English speaking household	30	33	-	16	7	28	28
Not a limited English speaking household	44	282	73	11	70	91	110
Other languages:	18	60	-	-	-	82	60
Limited English speaking household	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Not a limited English speaking household	18	60	-	-	-	82	44

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-year estimates, 2017

Approximately 36.7 percent of the Hispanic population in the City of Winchester do not speak English. Clarke (40.5%) and Rappahannock (59.3%) counties have higher percentages of their Asian population that do not speak English.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A "limited English speaking household" is one in which no member 14 years old and over (1) speaks only English or (2) speaks a non-English language and speaks English "very well." In other words, all members 14 years old and over have at least some difficulty with English. By definition, English-only households cannot belong to this group. Previous Census Bureau data products have referred to these households as "linguistically isolated" and "Households in which no one 14 and over speaks English only or speaks a language other than English at home and speaks English 'very well'." This table is directly comparable to tables from earlier years that used these labels.

Exhibit 12B: West Virginia Percent of Population – Not proficient in English, 2018

		2013	3-2017 DAT	A			
Language	Berkeley County, West Virginia Estimate	Grant County, West Virginia Estimate	Hampshire County, West Virginia Estimate	Hardy County, West Virginia Estimate	Jefferson County, West Virginia Estimate	Mineral County, West Virginia Estimate	Morgan County, West Virginia Estimate
Total:	42,456	4,372	9,676	5,561	20,808	11,274	7,118
English only	39,738	4,236	9,500	4,992	19,060	10,844	6,888
Spanish:	1,294	75	92	317	934	258	190
Limited English speaking household <sup>4</sup>	139	7	22	3	150	108	2
Not a limited English speaking household	1,155	68	70	314	784	150	188
Other Indo-European languages:	793	47	84	111	456	39	26
Limited English speaking household	13	-	-	37	-	-	-
Not a limited English speaking household	780	47	84	74	456	39	26
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	391	-	-	121	267	133	14
Limited English speaking household	13	-	-	33	73	-	3
Not a limited English speaking household	378	-	-	88	194	133	11
Other languages:	240	14	-	20	91	-	-
Limited English speaking household	-	-	-	20	•	-	-
Not a limited English speaking household	240	14	-	-	91	-	-

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-year estimates, 2017

Approximately 41.9 percent of the Hispanic population in Mineral County does not speak English. Hardy (23.7%) and Morgan (21.4%) counties have higher percentages of their Asian population that do not speak English.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> A "limited English speaking household" is one in which no member 14 years old and over (1) speaks only English or (2) speaks a non-English language and speaks English "very well." In other words, all members 14 years old and over have at least some difficulty with English. By definition, English-only households cannot belong to this group. Previous Census Bureau data products have referred to these households as "linguistically isolated" and "Households in which no one 14 and over speaks English only or speaks a language other than English at home and speaks English 'very well'." This table is directly comparable to tables from earlier years that used these labels.

Data regarding residents without a high school diploma, those who have a high school diploma, residents that have had some college, and those that have earned a college degree are presented in **Exhibit 13** by city and county, for Virginia, West Virginia and the United States.

Exhibit 13: Other Socioeconomic Indicators, 2018

2018 DATA						
County/City	Population 25 + without a high school diploma	Population 25 + with high school diploma	Population 25 + with some college	Population 25 + with College Degree		
PSA						
Clarke, VA	11.6%	27.8%	18.6%	42.0%		
Frederick, VA	11.0%	30.1%	19.4%	39.6%		
Hampshire, WV	19.0%	48.7%	14.3%	18.0%		
Hardy, WV	18.5%	45.9%	13.0%	22.6%		
Morgan, WV	16.1%	39.5%	15.9%	28.5%		
Page, VA	19.6%	45.5%	16.6%	20.2%		
Rappahannock, VA	11.7%	25.5%	20.8%	41.9%		
Shenandoah, VA	13.4%	38.8%	19.6%	28.3%		
Warren, VA	13.1%	36.8%	19.7%	30.4%		
Winchester, VA	15.2%	27.0%	16.3%	41.6%		
SSA						
Berkeley, WV	12.0%	36.2%	21.0%	30.9%		
Grant, WV	16.9%	45.9%	13.7%	23.5%		
Jefferson, WV	10.3%	30.6%	19.3%	39.8%		
Mineral, WV	10.7%	47.4%	19.4%	22.4%		
Virginia	10.5%	23.6%	19.3%	46.6%		
West Virginia	13.8%	39.1%	17.8%	29.1%		
US	12.3%	27.0%	20.5%	40.3%		

Source: Projections: ESRI Community Profiles for all PSA and SSA Counties.

### Key findings include:

- All Virginia counties in the community, had a higher percentage than the state average of residents aged 25 and older who did not graduate high school. The number of nongraduates in Page County was 19.6 compared to 24.5 percent as reported in the previous 2016 assessment.
- Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, and Morgan counties in West Virginia had higher percentages of non-graduates than the state average of 13.8 percent. Berkeley and Jefferson counties have higher percentages of residents who completed a college degree than the state average of 29.1 percent.

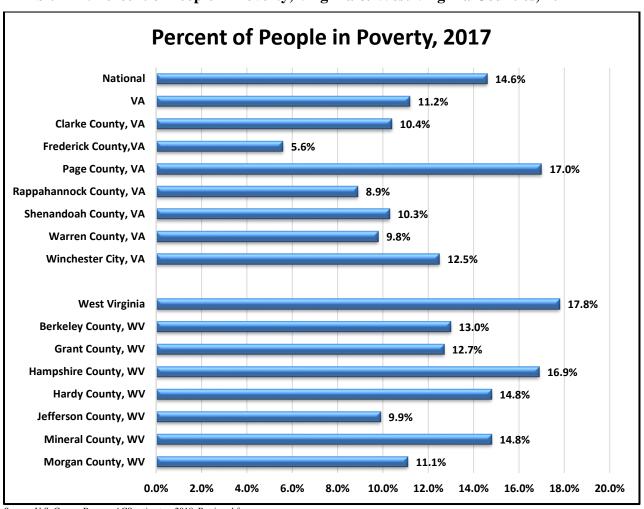
### **Economic Indicators**

The following types of economic indicators with implications for health were assessed: (1) people in poverty; (2) household income; (3) unemployment rate; (4) crime; and (5) insurance status.

### 1. People in Poverty

Many health needs are associated with poverty. In 2018, approximately 14.6 percent of people in the U.S., 11.2 percent of people in Virginia, and 17.8 percent of people in West Virginia reported living in poverty (**Exhibit 14**).

Exhibit 14A: Percent of People in Poverty, Virginia & West Virginia Counties, 2017



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS estimates, 2018. Retrieved from:

 $\underline{http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_14\_5YR\_DP03\&prodType=tableges/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_14\_5YR\_DP03\&prodUctview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_14\_5YR\_DP03\&prodUctview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_14\_5YR\_DP03\&prodUctview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_14\_5YR\_DP03\&prodUctview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_14\_5YR\_DP03\&prodUctview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_14\_5YR\_DP03\&prodUctview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_14\_5YR\_DP03\&prodUctview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_14\_5YR\_DP03\&prodUctview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_14\_5YR\_DP03\&prodUctview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_14\_5YR\_DP03\&prodUctview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_14\_5YR\_DP$ 

Poverty levels for Winchester City decreased from 15.6 percent in 2016 to 12.5 percent in 2018. Page County had reported poverty rates of 17.0 percent, higher than the Virginia average of 11.2 percent (**Exhibit 14**).

Hampshire, Hardy, and Mineral counties reported poverty rates higher than the US average. The poverty rates for all counties were lower than the West Virginia average (**Exhibit 14**).

Exhibit 14B: Percent of People in Poverty by Race/Ethnicity, by County, 2017

% of Families & People Income Past 12 Months Below Poverty Level-By County and Ethnicity/Race					
County/City	Poverty Level 2017				
	White	Black	Asian	Hispanic or Latino	
PSA					
Clarke County, VA	8.6%	17.7%	25.7%	18.2%	
Frederick County, VA	5.7%	5.2%	3.7%	11.4%	
Hampshire County, WV	16.9%	42.1%	0.0%	15.2%	
Hardy County, WV	14.3%	35.7%	0.0%	65.5%	
Morgan County, WV	10.7%	21.2%	33.8%	26.6%	
Page County, VA	17.0%	24.7%	12.6%	18.9%	
Rappahannock County, VA	8.3%	6.5%	13.6%	47.1%	
Shenandoah County, VA	9.7%	20.5%	36.1%	11.2%	
Warren County, VA	9.3%	19.9%	14.2%	5.0%	
Winchester City, VA	11.3%	13.0%	13.9%	25.8%	
SSA					
Berkeley County, WV	11.5%	23.9%	18.7%	15.0%	
Grant County, WV	12.0%	26.1%	0.0%	5.3%	
Jefferson County, WV	9.0%	14.8%	5.9%	14.7%	
Mineral County, WV	14.1%	36.3%	0.0%	24.5%	
VA	8.9%	19.4%	7.5%	15.0%	
WV	17.1%	29.7%	15.1%	24.2%	
National	12.0%	25.2%	11.9%	22.2%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS estimates, 2017. Retrieved from: http://factfinder.census.gov

Poverty rates across the community have been comparatively high for African American, Hispanic (or Latino), Asian residents. In counties served by the hospital, the poverty rates for Hispanic (or Latino) residents are the highest in Rappahannock County, the City of Winchester in Virginia, and Hardy and Mineral counties in West Virginia.

The Black population in Hampshire and Hardy counties reported higher poverty rates than the White population. The Asian population in Berkeley and Morgan counties in West Virginia, and Shenandoah County in Virginia also reported higher poverty rates than the White population, with Berkeley, Morgan and Shenandoah counties exceeding the national and state averages (**Exhibit 14B**).

#### 2. Household Income

The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) is used by many public and private agencies to assess household needs for low-income assistance programs. In the WMC community in 2018, 10 of the 14 counties, including Winchester City, were above the state average for percent of households with incomes below \$25,000, an approximation of the federal poverty level (FPL) for a family of four. **Exhibit 15** indicates the percent of lower-income households in the community.

Exhibit 15: Percent Lower-Income Households by County/City, 2018

2018 DATA					
County/City	Median Household Income	Percent of Households Less than \$25,000 in 2018 <sup>5</sup>			
PSA					
Clarke, VA	\$76,436.00	16.5%			
Frederick, VA	\$69,911.00	13.6%			
Hampshire, WV	\$38,357.00	35.7%			
Hardy, WV	\$38,222.00	31.5%			
Morgan, WV	\$41,123.00	30.2%			
Page, VA	\$47,579.00	22.3%			
Rappahannock, VA	\$68,802.00	17.4%			
Shenandoah, VA	\$52,930.00	22.8%			
Warren, VA	\$63,771.00	18.0%			
Winchester, VA	\$50,218.00	21.7%			
SSA					
Berkeley, WV	\$57,602.00	18.1%			
Grant, WV	\$40,716.00	28.6%			
Jefferson, WV	\$72,486.00	13.9%			
Mineral, WV	\$37,840.00	32.7%			
Virginia	\$68,682.00	16.9%			
West Virginia	\$43,555.00	29.1%			
US	\$58,100.00	20.6%			

Source: Projections: ESRI Community Profiles for all PSA and SSA Counties

In Virginia, four of the seven counties, and Winchester City, reported percentages of households with income less than \$25,000 reported greater than the Virginia state average of 16.9 percent. In West Virginia, four of the seven counties reported percentages greater than the West Virginia state average of 29.1 percent (**Exhibit 15**).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ESRI Community Profiles for all PSA and SSA Counties. Total is from 2018 Households by Income Category, Add <\$15,000 and \$15,000-\$24,000 lines

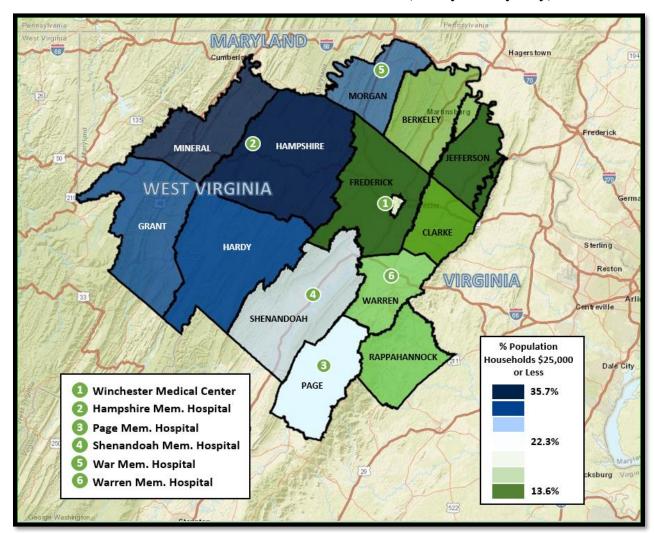


Exhibit 16: Percent of Households with Incomes under \$25,000 by County/City, 2018

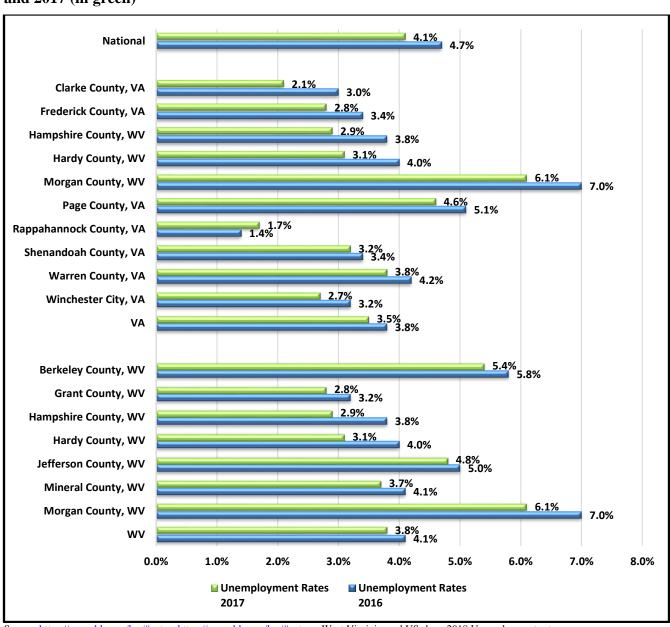
Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

Page and Shenandoah counties, and the City of Winchester reported median household income levels below the state and national averages. In West Virginia, Hardy, Morgan, Grant and Mineral counties also reported median household income levels below the state and national averages (**Exhibit 16**).

## 3. Unemployment Rates

Unemployment is problematic because many individuals receive health insurance coverage through their (or a family member's) employer. If unemployment rises, employer based health insurance can become less available. The national unemployment rates have decreased significantly from 9.2 percent to 3.9 percent from 2014 to 2017. **Exhibit 17A** shows unemployment rates for 2016-2017.

Exhibit 17A: Unemployment Rates, Virginia, and West Virginia Counties, 2016 (in blue) and 2017 (in green)



Source: https://www.bls.gov/lau/#cntyaahttps://www.bls.gov/lau/#cntyaa, West Virginia, and US show 2018 Unemployment rates

Exhibit 17B: Unemployment Rates, 2016 and 2017

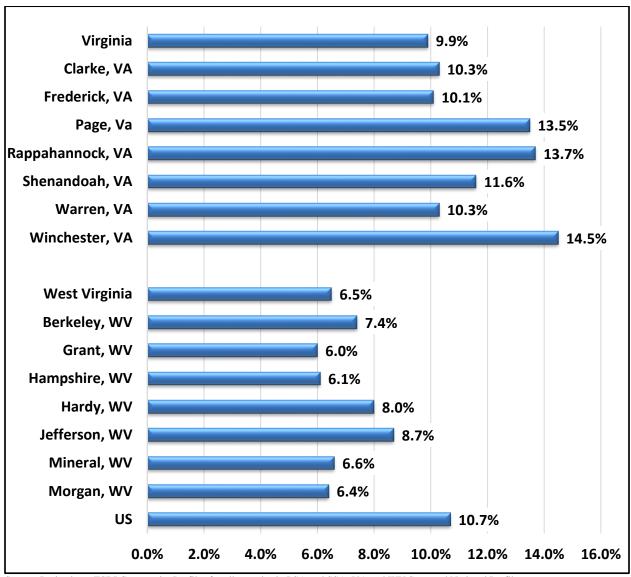
Unemployment Rates by 0	County , State, National 2016 and	1 2017
County/City	Unemployment Rates 2016	Unemployment Rates 2017
PSA		
Clarke County, VA	3.0%	2.1%
Frederick County, VA	3.4%	2.8%
Hampshire County, WV	3.8%	2.9%
Hardy County, WV	4.0%	3.1%
Morgan County, WV	7.0%	6.1%
Page County, VA	5.1%	4.6%
Rappahannock County, VA	1.4%	1.7%
Shenandoah County, VA	3.4%	3.2%
Warren County, VA	4.2%	3.8%
Winchester City, VA	3.2%	2.7%
SSA		
Berkeley County, WV	5.8%	5.4%
Grant County, WV	3.2%	2.8%
Jefferson County, WV	5.0%	4.8%
Mineral County, WV	4.1%	3.7%
VA	3.8%	3.5%
WV	4.1%	3.8%
National	4.7%	4.1%

Source: US Census Bureau. Retrieved from: <a href="https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_16\_5YR\_DP03&prodType=table">https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS\_16\_5YR\_DP03&prodType=table</a>

In 2017, Page County reported the highest unemployment rate among Virginia counties in the WMC community, and Berkeley County reported the highest unemployment rate for West Virginia counties. The unemployment rate for Page County decreased by 0.5 percent from previous year, but remains higher than Virginia and US averages (**Exhibit 17B**).

#### 4. Insurance Status

**Exhibit 18A: Uninsured Population, 2017** 



Source: Projections: ESRI Community Profiles for all counties in PSA and SSA, VA and WV State and National Profiles

- Exhibit 18A demonstrates that all Virginia counties had uninsured rates higher than the Commonwealth and national averages. Rappahannock County, and Winchester City have uninsured rates higher than the other Virginia counties.
- In West Virginia the uninsured rate decreased from 13.2% to 6.5% and in Virginia there was a decrease from 12.1% to 9.9% during the reporting period. Medicaid expansion was adopted for West Virginia counties.

Exhibit 18B: Uninsured Rates by County, State, and National, 2017

Uninsured Rates by County , State, National, 2017							
County/City	% of Population						
PSA							
Clarke County, VA	14.3%						
Frederick County, VA	10.2%						
Hampshire County, WV	8.7%						
Hardy County, WV	8.0%						
Morgan County, WV	7.4%						
Page County, VA	13.5%						
Rappahannock County, VA	13.7%						
Shenandoah County, VA	11.6%						
Warren County, VA	10.3%						
Winchester City, VA	15.4%						
SSA							
Berkeley County, WV	7.7%						
Grant County, WV	7.3%						
Jefferson County, WV	6.9%						
Mineral County, WV	6.0%						
VA	9.9%						
WV	6.5%						
National	10.7%						

Source: Projections: ESRI Community Profiles for all counties in PSA and SSA, VA and WV State and National Profiles

Berkeley, Grant, and Jefferson counties in West Virginia had uninsured population percentages higher than the state average of 6.5% (**Exhibit 18B**).

Hagerstown MORGAN BERKELEY HAMPSHIRE MINERAL FREDERICK WEST VIRGINIA GRANT CLARKE HARDY Sterling Reston VIRGINIA WARREN entreville SHENANDOAH RAPPAHANNOCK % Population 3 Uninsured PAGE Winchester Medical Center 15.4% Hampshire Mem. Hospital Page Mem. Hospital 10.2% Shenandoah Mem. Hospital 🜀 War Mem. Hospital sburg Warren Mem. Hospital

Exhibit 18C: Uninsured Populations by County, 2018

Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

In the WMC community, the highest percent of uninsured people were located in Clarke County and the City of Winchester (Exhibit 18C).

#### 5. Crime

Exhibit 19: Violent and Property Crime Rates per 100,000 Population, 2016

				Crin	ne Rates 201	16					
County/City	Population	Violent crime	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Rape (revised definition) <sup>1</sup>	Robbery	Property crime	Burglary	Larceny- theft	Aggravated assault	Motor vehicle theft	Arson
PSA	302,857										
Clarke	14,757	11	1	3	0	93	26	62	7	5	0
Frederick	87,411	8	2	33	8	1,005	161	782	25	62	2
Hampshire	25,339										
Hardy	14,560	16	1	0	0	6	0	5	15	1	0
Morgan	18,473	50	0	5	0	70	20	48	45	2	0
Page	24,258	26	5	11	1	150	39	101	9	10	5
Rappahannock	7,580	1	•	1	-	27	9	18	=	=	-
Shenandoah	43,751	41	1	16	-	229	61	163	24	5	1
Warren	39,560	20	•	11	-	221	24	179	9	18	1
Winchester	27,168										
SSA	218,544										
Berkeley	118,793	78	2	14	16	952	248	67	46	37	5
Grant	12,489	4	0	0	0	10	3	7	4	0	0
Jefferson	58,584	46	3	8	6	474	168	291	29	15	3
Mineral	28,678	17	0	1	1	60	16	42	15	2	3
Virginia Total	8,566,397	7,039	159	1,416	1,616	68,748	8,909	55,989	3,848	3,850	352
West Virginia Total	1,895,717	302.0	4.0	27.3	35.2	235.5	2,034.7	484.9	1,447.3	102.5	N/A

Sources: Violent crime counts retrieved from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reports, 2016. Projections: ESRI Detailed Age Profiles PSA and SSA All counties. Retrieved from: <a href="https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2016/crime-in-the-u.s/201

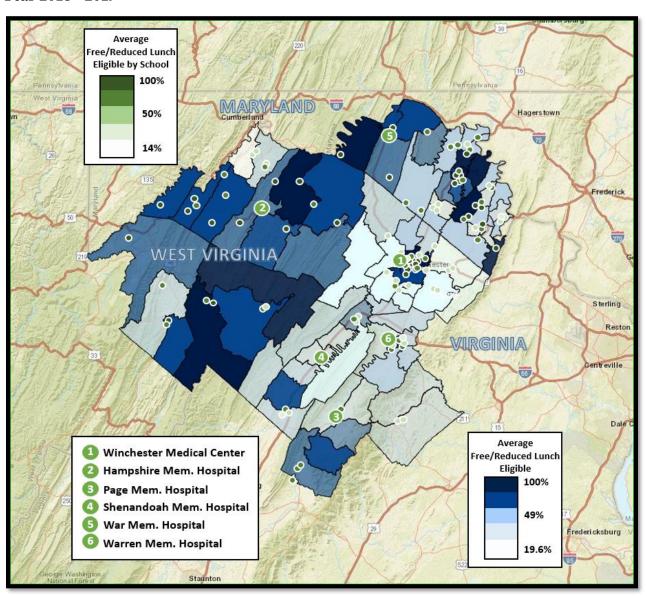
Frederick, Berkeley, and Jefferson counties had a higher number of offenses for property crimes, including burglary, compared to other counties within WMC's community. Offenses reported for larceny were also comparatively high in Frederick, and Jefferson counties. Frederick County had the highest number of reported offenses of motor vehicle thefts compared to other counties within the service area (**Exhibit 19**).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 1. Rate per 100,000 inhabitants - Data shows the number of offenses reported within each county; 2. The figures shown in this column for the offense of rape were reported using the revised Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) definition of rape. See the data declaration for further explanation; 3. The figures shown in this column for the offense of rape were reported using the legacy UCR definition of rape. See the data declaration for further explanation; 4. Data shown in this table do not reflect county totals but are the number of offenses reported by the sheriff's office or county police department.

## 6. Eligibility for the National School Lunch Program

Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program are eligible to receive financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide free or reduced-price meals to low-income students. Schools with 40 percent or more of their student bodies receiving this assistance are eligible for school-wide Title I funding, designed to ensure that students meet grade-level proficiency standards (**Exhibit 20**).

Exhibit 20: Public School Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunches, School Year 2018 - 2019



Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

In the WMC community, there were 59 schools in Virginia and 46 schools in West Virginia eligible for Title 1 funds (**Exhibit 20**).

Exhibit 21A: Virginia Department of Education - Office of School Nutrition Programs 2018-2019 Free and Reduced Eligibility Report - SFA

SFA Name and Number	SNP Memb.	Free Eligible	Free %	Red. Eligible	Reduced %	Total F/R Eligible	Total F/R %
022-Clarke County Public Schools	1,975	372	18.84%	54	2.73%	426	21.57%
034-Frederick County Public Schools	13,776	3,918	28.44%	802	5.82%	4,720	34.26%
069-Page County Public Schools	3,351	1,585	47.30%	284	8.48%	1,869	55.77%
082-Rockingham County Public Schools	11,859	3,940	33.22%	851	7.18%	4,791	40.40%
085-Shenandoah County Public Schools	6,071	2,416	39.80%	357	5.88%	2,773	45.68%
093-Warren County Public Schools (CEP - Note 1)	5,276	2,135	40.47%	296	5.61%	2,431	46.08%
132-Winchester City Public Schools (CEP - Note 1)	4,319	2,720	62.98%	200	4.63%	2,920	67.61%

Source: Virginia Department of Education, Office of School of Nutrition Programs (SNP) Retrieved from: http://doe.virginia.gov/support/nutrition/statistics/index.shtml7

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and non-profit private schools and residential child care institutions since 1946. The program provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to school children. School meals contribute to student learning success, while positively affecting their health and nutrition.

This highest percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunches for the WMC community were located in Page County and the City of Winchester, VA (**Exhibit 21A**).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The free eligibility for those sites is calculated based on USDA guidance.

Exhibit 21B: West Virginia Department of Education County Percent Need Data for Claim Date October 1, 2015

County	Number of Students	Free Eligible	Free %	Reduced Lunch Eligible	Reduced Lunch %	Total Free / Reduced	Total % Free / Reduced Lunch
Berkeley County Public Schools	18,539	8,980	48.44%	1,054	5.69%	10,034	54.12%
Grant County Public Schools	1,842	1,004	54.51%	96	5.21%	1,100	59.72%
Hampshire County Public Schools	3,414	1,888	55.30%	241	7.06%	2,129	62.36%
Hardy County Public Schools	2,491	1,592	63.91%	111	4.46%	1,703	68.38%
Jefferson County Public Schools	9,321	3,914	41.99%	295	3.16%	4,209	45.15%
Mineral County Public Schools	4,439	2,184	49.20%	337	7.59%	2,521	56.80%
Morgan County Public Schools	2,533	1,776	70.11%	0	0.00%	1,776	70.11%

Source: West Virginia Department of Education, Retrieved from: https://wwde.state.wv.us/ocn-download/PlaybookInfo/DataStatistics/Percent Needy 2016 CEO Ungrouped.pdf

The National School Lunch Program state allocation for Virginia was \$593,545. West Virginia was \$213,153. In the WMC community, there were 57 schools in Virginia and 86 schools in West Virginia that were eligible for Title 1 funds (**Exhibits 21A and 21B**).

#### 7. Changing Health Care

#### **Affordable Care Act**

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act) was enacted March 23, 2010. The Affordable Care Act actually refers to two separate pieces of legislation — the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-152) —that together expand Medicaid coverage to millions of low-income Americans and makes numerous improvements to both Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

After the new law was enacted in March 2010, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) worked with state partners to identify key implementation priorities and provide the guidance needed to prepare for the significant changes to Medicaid and CHIP that took effect on January 1, 2014. In particular, CMS provided several forms of guidance and federal support for state efforts to develop new or upgrade existing eligibility systems.

In March 2012, CMS released two final rules defining the eligibility and enrollment policies needed to achieve a seamless system of coverage for individuals who became eligible for Medicaid in 2014, as well as eligibility and enrollment for the new Affordable Insurance Exchanges. The final rules establish the framework for States' implementation of the eligibility expansion going forward.

## **Medicaid Expansion**

Virginia's Medicaid program provides payment for health care for people in particular categories. Currently, Medicaid in Virginia typically covers: pregnant women with household incomes up to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), children (up to age 18) up to 133% of FPL, older adults up to 80% of FPL, some people with disabilities up to 80% of FPL, and parents up to 24% of FPL. The percent of 133% of FPL translates to \$14,856 per year for individuals or \$30,657 per year for families of four.

- In June 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of all the major provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), but provided the states the option of whether or not to expand Medicaid eligibility up to 133% (plus a 5% income disregard) of federal poverty. Virginia expanded Medicaid as of January 1, 2019<sup>8</sup>.
- In Virginia, Medicaid is primarily available to children in low-income families, pregnant women, low-income elderly persons, individuals with disabilities, and parents who meet specific income thresholds<sup>9</sup> Adults without children or disabilities are ineligible.
- It has been estimated that over 400,000 Virginian will gain coverage. Across the United States, uninsured rates have fallen most in states that decided to expand Medicaid. <sup>10</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Health Insurance.org, November 2, 2018. Retrieved 2019, from: <a href="https://www.healthinsurance.org/virginia-medicaid/">https://www.healthinsurance.org/virginia-medicaid/</a>

<sup>9</sup> DMAS

 $<sup>^{10}~</sup>See: http://hrms.urban.org/briefs/Increase-in-Medicaid-under-the-ACA-reduces-uninsurance.html$ 

- Costs of the expansion are 100% federally funded for 2014 through 2016, decreasing incrementally to 90% for 2020 and subsequent years for all newly eligible enrollees. After 2016, the state share increases gradually, and is capped at 10% by 2020.
- The federal match for children/pregnant women would increase from 65% to 87% between 2015 and 2019.
- When the health care law was passed, it required states to provide Medicaid coverage for all adults 18 to 65 with incomes up to 133% (effectively 138%) of the federal poverty level, regardless of their age, family status, or health.
- The law also provides premium tax credits for people with incomes between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty level to buy private insurance plans in the Health Insurance Marketplace.
- Valley Health has partnered with local agencies and other resources to help individuals access benefits that they are qualified for in the communities we serve.

#### Local Health Status and Access Indicators

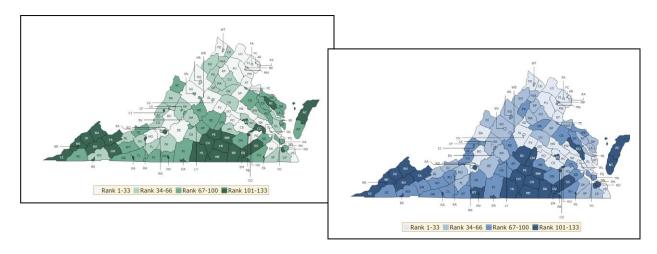
This section examines health status and access to care data for the WMC community. Data sources include: (1) *County Health Rankings*; (2) Virginia Department of Health; and (3) Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Indicators also were compared to Healthy People 2020 goals.

## 1. County Health Rankings

County Health Rankings, a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, examines a variety of health status indicators and ranks each county/city within each commonwealth or state in terms of "health factors" and "health outcomes." These health factors and outcomes are composite measures based on several variables grouped into the following categories: length of life (years of potential life lost before age 75), quality of life (percent of people reporting poor or fair health and the number of physically and mentally unhealthy days within the last 30 days), health behaviors (tobacco use, diet & exercise, alcohol & drug use, sexual activity), clinical care (access to care, quality of care), social and economic factors (education, employment, income, family & social support, community safety), and physical environment (air & water, housing & transit). County Health Rankings relies on data from 2011 to 2017.

Exhibit 22 illustrates each county's or city's ranking for each composite category in 2019. Rankings indicate how each county/city in Virginia ranked compared to the 133 counties in the Commonwealth, and how each county in West Virginia ranked compared to the 55 counties in West Virginia. A rank of 1 indicates the best county/city in the state. Indicators are shaded based on the county's percentile for the state or commonwealth ranking. For example, Page County compared unfavorably to other Virginia counties for Clinical Care; with a rank of 132 out of 133 counties and placing in the bottom quartile of all Virginia counties.

Exhibit 22A: County Rank among 133 Virginia Counties, 2019



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Exhibit 22B: County Rank among 133 Virginia Counties, 2019

Indicator Category	Cla	rke	Fred	erick	Pa	ıge	Rappah	annock	Shena	ndoah	Wa	rren	Wincl Ci	hester ty
Comparison for Previous CHNA	2016	2019	2016	2019	2016	2019	2016	2019	2016	2019	2016	2019	2016	2019
Health Outcomes	28	36↓	22	21	66	55	13	12	33	38↓	37	46↓	37	61↓
Length of Life (50%)	39	50↓	28	26	89	68	15	10	34	33	56	63↓	56	53
Quality of Life (50%)	22	27↓	21	23↓	45	47↓	16	18↓	38	48↓	26	35↓	26	72↓
Health Factors <sup>11</sup>	22	30↓	35	22	101	94	31	37↓	44	53↓	57	51	57	46
Health Behaviors (30%)	20	14↓	36	13	62	53	21	31↓	23	50↓	48	67↓	48	49↓
Clinical Care (20%)	39	96↓	81	84↓	125	132↓	114	105	120	94	110	71	110	33
Social & Economic Factors (40%)	9	24↓	25	18	95	95	28	33↓	44	39	48	45	48	56↓
Physical Environment (10%)	128	79	77	48	121	11	20	7	74	101↓	71	16	71	59

Source: 2019 County Health Ranking

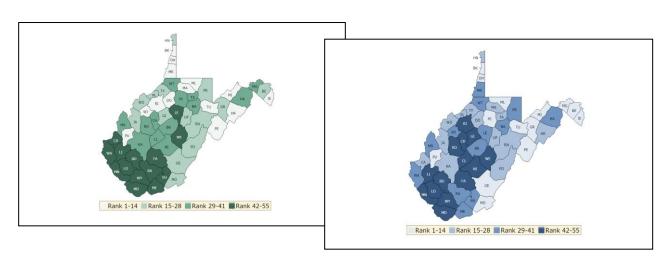
VA Health Ou	itcomes Key
Rank 1-33	
Rank 34-66	
Rank 67-100	
Rank 101-133	

VA Health Factors Key							
Rank 1-33							
Rank 34-66							
Rank 67-100							
Rank 101-133							

<sup>11</sup> Health Factors is a weighted average based on health behaviors, clinical care, social & economic factors and physical environment.

**Exhibits 23A and 23B** provide data for each underlying indicator of the composite categories in the County Health Rankings. The *County Health Rankings* methodology provides a comparison of counties within a state or commonwealth to one another. It also is important to analyze how these same indicators compare to the national average; this information is illustrated in Exhibits 24A-E (for West Virginia). For example, Hampshire, Hardy and Jefferson counties Clinical Care physical environment was more than 75 percent worse than the U.S. average, and the cell in the table for the county was shaded to reflect this. Cells in the tables below are shaded if the indicator for a county/city in the WMC community exceeded the national average for that indicator by more than ten percent.

Exhibit 23A: County Rank among 55 West Virginia Counties, 2019



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<sup>12</sup> County Health Rankings provides details about what each indicator measures, how it is defined, and data sources at http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/sites/default/files/resources/2013Measures\_datasources\_years.pdf

Exhibit 23B: County Rank among 55 West Virginia Counties, 2019

Indicator Category	Berl	celey	Gra	ant	Hamı	oshire	Ha	rdy	Jeffe	erson	Min	eral	Mor	gan
Comparison for Previous CHNA	2016	2019	2016	2019	2016	2019	2016	2019	2016	2019	2016	2019	2016	2019
Health Outcomes	14	25↓	11	21↓	26	32↓	19	13	1	1	13	10	13	35↓
Length of Life (50%)	22	30↓	6	5	28	35↓	15	15	3	3	14	10	14	38↓
Quality of Life (50%)	13	18↓	27	36↓	17	21↓	23	12	2	12↓	19	20↓	19	24↓
Health Factors <sup>13</sup>	20	9	22	11	43	32	40	22	2	3↓	5	6↓	5	5
Health Behaviors (30%)	43	34	21	20	36	24	41	12	3	12↓	2	11↓	2	3↓
Clinical Care (20%)	8	13↓	25	25	51	46	35	49↓	15	49↓	36	9	36	32
Social & Economic Factors (40%)	8	4	24	15	41	26	38	22	1	22↓	3	8↓	3	5↓
Physical Environment (10%)	46	27	5	2	15	24↓	11	6	42	6	38	5	38	15

Source: 2019 County Health Ranking

WV Health Outcomes Key						
Rank 1-14						
Rank 15-28						
Rank 19-41						
Rank 42-55						

WV Health Factors Key							
Rank 1-14							
Rank 15-28							
Rank 19-41							
Rank 42-55							

<sup>↓ =</sup> If ranking has changed from previous 2016 assessment.

<sup>13</sup> Health Factors is a weighted average based on health behaviors, clinical care, social & economic factors and physical environment.

Exhibit 24A: County/City Data Compared to U.S. Average, Virginia Counties, 2019

2019	Clarke	Frederick	Page	Rappahannock	Shenandoah	Warren	Winchester City	Virginia
<b>Health Outcomes</b>	36	21	55	12	38	46	61	~
Length of Life	50	26	68	10	33	63	53	~
Premature Death (Years of Potential Life Lost Rate)	7577	6175	8429	4870	6522	8045	7634	6360
Quality of Life	27	23	47	18	48	35	72	~
Poor or Fair Health (Percent Fair/Poor)	14	12	15	13	15	15	18	16
Poor Physical Health Days (Physically Unhealthy Days)	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.5
Poor Mental Health Days (Mentally Unhealthy Days)	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.5
Low Birthweight (Percent LBW)	6%	7%	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%	8%

Key	
Unreliable or missing data	~
Higher than state average	

Exhibit 24B: County/City Data Compared to U.S. Average, Virginia Counties, 2019

2019	Clarke	Frederick	Page	Rappahannock	Shenandoah	Warren	Winchester City	Virginia
Health Factors	30	22	94	37	53	51	46	~
Health Behaviors	14	13	53	31	50	67	49	~
Adult Smoking (Percent Smokers)	15%	14%	17%	14%	16%	17%	18%	15%
Adult Obesity (Percent Obese)	27%	30%	28%	30%	31%	28%	30%	29%
Food Environment Index	9.2	9.4	8.6	7.4	9	8	8.5	8.9
Physical Inactivity (Percent Physically Inactive)	21%	19%	27%	25%	27%	27%	22%	22%
Access to Exercise Opportunities (Percent with Access)	75%	83%	32%	48%	74%	80%	100%	82%
Excessive Drinking (Percent)	17%	19%	16%	16%	18%	20%	17%	17%
Alcohol-impaired Driving Deaths (Percent)	14%	20%	31%	33%	18%	37%	0%	31%
Sexually Transmitted Infections (Chlamydia Rate)	215.8	234.4	96.9	230.4	194.5	294.2	491.1	473.2
Teen Births	11	22	32	14	27	28	29	19

Key	
Unreliable or missing data	7
Higher than state average	

Exhibit 24C: County/City Data Compared to U.S. Average, Virginia Counties, 2019

2019	Clarke	Frederick	Page	Rappahannock	Shenandoah	Warren	Winchester City	Virginia
Clinical Care	96	84	132	105	94	71	33	~
Uninsured (Percent)	10%	10%	14%	14%	12%	10%	14%	10%
Primary Care Physicians (Ratio)	2,050:1	2,350:1	2,960:1	3,690:1	2,270:1	1,860:1	372:1	1,310:1
Dentists (Ratio)	2,900:1	7,860:1	5,930:1	3,660:1	3,330:1	3,960:1	548:1	1,470:1
Mental Health Providers (Ratio)	1,610:1	2,060:1	2,970:1	1,220:1	2,060:1	1,200:1	195:1	628:1
Preventable Hospital Stays (Rate)	6,681	6,013	5,439	3,207	5,166	5,279	5,610	4,454
Mammography Screening (Percent)	42%	42%	33%	30%	40%	38%	43%	43%
Flu vaccinations	51%	51%	28%	46%	47%	52%	52%	48%

Key	
Unreliable or missing data	~
Lower than state average	
Higher than state average	

Exhibit 24D: County/City Data Compared to U.S. Average, Virginia Counties, 2019

2019	Clarke	Frederick	Page	Rappahannock	Shenandoah	Warren	Winchester City	Virginia
Social and Economic Factors	24	18	95	33	39	45	56	~
High School Graduation (Graduation Rate)	98%	95%	97%	96%	96%	94%	93%	98%
Some College (Completion Rate)	59%	61%	45%	61%	54%	51%	60%	59%
Unemployment (Rate)	3.40%	3.20%	5.30%	3.50%	3.50%	3.70%	3.60%	3.40%
Children in Poverty (Percent in Poverty)	8%	9%	22%	15%	14%	13%	20%	8%
Income Inequality (Ratio)	5	3.6	4.1	4.6	4.1	4	4.2	5
Children in single- parent households	33%	24%	38%	31%	25%	34%	41%	33%
Social Associations (Association Rate)	18.1	9.2	10.6	12.2	15.5	13.5	18.9	18.1
Violent Crime (Rate)	73	112	154	41	178	138	272	73
Injury Deaths (Rate)	90	75	84	76	87	83	84	90

Key	
Unreliable or missing data	~
Higher than state average	

Exhibit 24E: County/City Data Compared to U.S. Average, Virginia Counties, 2019

2019	Clarke	Frederick	Page	Rappahannock	Shenandoah	Warren	Winchester City	Virginia
Physical Environment	79	48	11	7	101	16	59	~
Air Pollution - Particulate Matter (Average Daily PM2.5)	9	9.1	8.4	8.3	8.8	8.7	9	8.9
Drinking Water Violations (Presence of Violations)	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	N/A	N/A
Severe Housing Problems (Percent)	18%	12%	13%	15%	14%	12%	21%	15%
Driving Alone to Work (Percent Driving Alone)	79%	83%	78%	73%	81%	75%	67%	77%
Long Commute- Driving Alone (Percent)	51%	36%	45%	52%	41%	56%	31%	39%

Key	
Unreliable or missing data	~
Higher than state average	

Exhibit 25A: County/City Data Compared to U.S. Average, West Virginia Counties, 2019

2019	Berkeley	Grant	Hampshire	Hardy	Jefferson	Mineral	Morgan	West Virginia
Health Outcomes	25	21	32	13	1	10	38	~
Length of Life	30	5	35	15	3	10	38	~
Premature Death (Years of Potential Life Lost Rate)	9,647	7,372	10,535	8,792	7,197	7,984	11,410	10,473
Quality of Life	18	36	21	12	1	20	24	~
Poor or Fair Health (Percent Fair/Poor)	24%	22%	22%	22%	21%	18%	23%	20%
Poor Physical Health Days (Physically Unhealthy Days)	5.2	4.9	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.4	5.2	5
Poor Mental Health Days (Mentally Unhealthy Days)	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.5	4.9	4.9
Low Birthweight (Percent LBW)	9%	8%	10%	9%	9%	8%	8%	10%

Key	
Unreliable or missing data	~
Higher than state average	

Exhibit 25B: County/City Data Compared to U.S. Average, West Virginia Counties, 2019

2019	Berkeley	Grant	Hampshire	Hardy	Jefferson	Mineral	Morgan	West Virginia
<b>Health Factors</b>	9	11	32	22	3	6	5	~
Health Behaviors	34	20	24	12	2	11	3	
Adult Smoking (Percent Smokers)	23%	21%	22%	20%	19%	22%	20%	25%
Adult Obesity (Percent Obese)	35%	37%	38%	37%	35%	34%	38%	36%
Food Environment Index	8	7.7	6.8	7.3	8.9	7.7	8.1	6.9
Physical Inactivity (Percent Physically Inactive)	28%	30%	26%	29%	22%	26%	25%	28%
Access to Exercise Opportunities (Percent with Access)	44%	37%	48%	67%	55%	62%	63%	60%
Excessive Drinking (Percent)	12%	13%	11%	11%	11%	16%	13%	12%
Alcohol-impaired Driving Deaths (Percent)	37%	29%	32%	35%	35%	20%	11%	31%
Sexually Transmitted Infections (Chlamydia Rate)	277.9	144.5	81.4	151.6	263.8	189.4	97.0	261.4
Teen Births	36	31	46	40	37	19	32	23

Key	
Unreliable or missing data	?
Higher than state average	

Exhibit 25C: County/City Data Compared to U.S. Average, West Virginia Counties, 2019

2019	Berkeley	Grant	Hampshire	Hardy	Jefferson	Mineral	Morgan	West Virginia
Clinical Care	8	25	51	35	15	9	36	~
Uninsured (Percent)	6%	7%	9%	8%	6%	6%	7%	7%
Primary Care Physicians (Ratio)	2,230:1	1,960:1	4,660:1	4,630:1	1,880:1	3,050:1	1,960:1	1,270:1
Dentists (Ratio)	1,920:1	2,330:1	2,930:1	1,960:1	3,130:1	3,020:1	3,540:1	1,860:1
Mental Health Providers (Ratio)	618:1	1,300:1	1,680:1	2,290:1	1,480:1	1,240:1	1,970:1	832:1
Preventable Hospital Stays (Rate)	5,194	6,071	4,815	5,984	4,060	4,620	3,641	5,683
Mammography Screening (Percent)	36%	44%	39%	39%	33%	49%	33%	38%
Flu Vaccinations	46%	38%	38%	30%	39%	43%	42%	41%

Key	
Unreliable or missing data	~
Lower than state average	
Higher than state average	

Exhibit 25D: County/City Data Compared to U.S. Average, West Virginia Counties, 2019

2019	Berkeley	Grant	Hampshire	Hardy	Jefferson	Mineral	Morgan	West Virginia
Social and Economic Factors	4	15	26	22	1	8	5	~
High School Graduation (Graduation Rate)	89%	94%	95%	84%	93%	89%	97%	94%
Some College (Completion Rate)	55%	57%	45%	41%	46%	62%	51%	52%
Unemployment (Rate)	5.20%	3.70%	5.60%	3.90%	5.00%	3.10%	5.40%	4.00%
Children in Poverty (Percent in Poverty)	24%	17%	22%	26%	22%	12%	22%	19%
Income Inequality (Ratio)	4.9	3.9	4.5	4.2	4	4.2	4.2	3.9
Children in single-parent households	34%	36%	26%	39%	39%	24%	34%	18%
Social Associations (Association Rate)	12.9	8.7	11.9	9.9	11.5	9.8	14.2	14.7
Violent Crime (Rate)	330	168	224	227	429	187	242	407
Injury Deaths (Rate)	114	121	72	122	91	91	84	133

Key	
Unreliable or missing data	~
Higher than state average	

Exhibit 25E: County/City Data Compared to U.S. Average, West Virginia Counties, 2019

2019	Berkeley	Grant	Hampshire	Hardy	Jefferson	Mineral	Morgan	West Virginia
Physical Environment	27	2	24	6	43	5	15	~
Air Pollution - Particulate Matter (Average Daily PM2.5)	9.6	9.7	8.1	8.6	8.2	9.6	8.7	12.7
Drinking Water Violations (Presence of Violations)	N/A	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	N/A
Severe Housing Problems (Percent)	11%	14%	9%	11%	8%	13%	9%	15%
Driving Alone to Work (Percent Driving Alone)	82%	83%	82%	80%	79%	80%	82%	77%
Long Commute-Driving Alone (Percent)	33%	38%	33%	56%	30%	53%	37%	38%

Key	
Unreliable or missing data	~
Higher than state average	

# Exhibit 24 and Exhibit 25(A-E) highlights the following comparatively unfavorable indicators:

- Adult smoking in Page, Shenandoah, and Warren counties, and the City of Winchester,
- Adult obesity in Frederick, Rappahannock, and Shenandoah counties, and the City of Winchester, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, and Morgan counties,
- Percent of population without health insurance in Page and Rappahannock counties, and the City of Winchester,
- The supply of primary care physicians, dentists, and mental health providers in WMC's community.
- Percent of children in poverty in Berkley, Hardy, and Page counties, and the City of Winchester.
- Unemployment rates in Page, Berkeley, Hampshire, Jefferson, and Morgan counties,
- The rate of social associations,
- Percent of female Medicare enrollees that received mammography screenings in Page,
   Rappahannock, Jefferson and Morgan counties,
- High school graduation rates for Hardy County,
- Percent of households with severe housing problems in Clarke County,
- Percent of workforce that drives alone to work in Clarke, Frederick, Page, Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral and Morgan counties,
- Percent of workers who commute in their car alone and drive more than 30 minutes in Clarke, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, Warren, Hardy, and Mineral counties.

## 2. Virginia Department of Health

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) maintains a data warehouse that includes indicators regarding a number of health issues. In **Exhibits 25A through 30B**, cells in the tables below are shaded if the mortality rate for a county/city or health district in the WMC community exceeded the Virginia average for that condition by more than ten percent. In some cases, data from VDH is presented by health district.

The Lord Fairfax Health District is composed of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah; and Warren counties, and Winchester City. The Rappahannock/Rapidan Health District includes Rappahannock County from the WMC community, as well as Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, and Orange counties. Supplemental cancer incidence data were gathered from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Exhibit 26A: Leading Causes of Death by Virginia County/City, 2015

	Page, VA	Rappahannock, VA	Shenandoah, VA	Warren, VA	Clarke, VA	Frederick, VA	Winchester City	VA	National
<b>Total Deaths All Ages</b>									
Total Deaths Rate <sup>14</sup>									
Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer) Rate	189.41	161.4	183.99	206.06	185.41	185.61	207.05	152.55	152.49
Diseases of Heart Rate	240.39	171.53	174.43	204.26	186.65	158.68	199.79	154.54	165.04
Cerebrovascular Diseases Rate	51.03	45.56	44.77	55.02	49.8	37.9	46.53	37.46	37.59
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases Rate	37.71	26.31	39.4	53.84	46.34	44.07	52.28	34.94	40.92
Alzheimer's Disease Rate	27.93	18.15	19.54	38.24	34.51	24.63	30.23	27.58	31.04
Diabetes Mellitus Rate	18.99	15.11	19.98	21.79	15.73	14.73	19.73	20.14	21.45
Nephritis and Nephrosis Rate	17.34	9.08	17.31	20.04	22.63	14.81	23.38	16.91	13.01
Septicemia Rate	22.49	9.34	14.6	13.31	12.45	8.53	14.35	13.04	10.56
Influenza and Pneumonia Rate	18.7	21.19	23.62	17.57	14.24	17.64	22.05	13.08	14.3
Suicide Rate	19.02	16.51	15.81	18.16	16.65	13.74	16.04	13.35	14.01
Chronic Liver Disease Rate	11.69	6.18	7.51	10.49	8.5	8.94	12.33	9.64	10.88
Primary Hypertension & Renal Disease Rate	3.8	4.4	4.9	7.46	4.36	4.84	8.41	7.15	9

Source: Virginia Department of Health, 2015. Retrieved from: https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/healthstats/stats.htm. Rates are per 100,000 population.

According to VDH, Warren County compared unfavorably to the national average on nine indicators, while Page County compared unfavorably on seven indicators. Septicemia was reported at 50 - 74 percent worse than the national average for Page County. Mortality due to malignant neoplasms (cancer), chronic lower respiratory disease, nephritis, influenza/pneumonia, and suicide rates were greater than the Commonwealth average for six of the seven counties (**Exhibit 26A**).

Key	
Rates unreliable due to small sample size sample size	~
Ranging from better than National up to 10% worse	
than National	
10-49% worse than National	
50-74% worse than National	
> 75% worse than National	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The ratio of total deaths to total population in a specified community or area over a specified period of time. The death rate is often expressed as the number of deaths per 1,000 of the population per year.

Exhibit 26B: Leading Causes of Death by West Virginia County/City, 2017

	Berkeley, WV	Grant, WV	Jefferson, WV	Hampshire, WV	Hardy, WV	Morgan, WV	Mineral, WV	wv	National
<b>Total Deaths All Ages</b>									
<b>Total Deaths Rate</b>									
Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer) Rate	206.78	154.85	197.07	202.46	169.79	205.64	197.93	179.44	152.49
Diseases of Heart Rate	220.14	232.51	223.43	210.48	238.9	204.9	241.79	191.98	165.04
Cerebrovascular Diseases Rate	48.6	37.54	49.95	41.33	52.55	41.55	47.31	41.78	37.59
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases Rate	55.37	48.93	51.11	50.47	48.37	45.48	52.14	64.26	40.92
Alzheimer's Disease Rate	27.47	14.06	30.34	18.32	20.96	40.17	23.61	30.55	31.04
Diabetes Mellitus Rate	28.99	13.13	27.62	34.19	29.46	26.1	30.6	33.98	21.45
Nephritis and Nephrosis Rate	17.76	18.21	16.31	18.17	18.69	23.18	17.67	17.11	13.01
Septicemia Rate	13.19	11.25	12.16	11.28	16.36	15.36	14.92	14.63	10.56
Influenza and Pneumonia Rate	20.79	14.33	15.26	15.11	27.01	18.55	16.06	18.16	14.3
Suicide Rate	15.38	16.1	11.95	15.12	16.27	18.28	17.14	21.06	14.01
Chronic Liver Disease Rate	11.11	8.49	11.06	12.24	11.18	10.39	11.34	13.97	10.88
Primary Hypertension & Renal Disease Rate	8.15	3.96	7.15	9.78	7.44	5.77	13.75	13.05	9

Source: West Virginia World Life Expectancy, 2017

According to West Virginia World Life Expectancy, Mineral County compared unfavorably to the national level on ten indicators reporting 10 – 49 percent worse than the national average. Mortality due to cancer, heart disease, and cerebrovascular disease were greater than West Virginia and national averages (**Exhibit 26B**).

Key	
Rates unreliable due to small sample size sample size	~
Ranging from better than National up to 10% worse than National	
10-49% worse than National	
50-74% worse than National	
> 75% worse than National	

Exhibit 27: Motor Vehicle Injury-Related Mortality and Suicide Rates by County, 2017

2017									
County/City	Crashes	Fatalities	Injuries	Death Rate Per 1,000 Drivers <sup>15</sup>	Suicide Rate <sup>16</sup>				
PSA									
Clarke County, VA	274	3	117	42.4	16.7				
Frederick County, VA	1,278	22	481	43.2	13.7				
Hampshire County, WV	~	~	~	72.8	15.1				
Hardy County, WV	~	~	~	58.8	16.3				
Morgan County, WV	~	~	~	67.4	18.3				
Page County, VA	248	3	199	44.7	19.0				
Rappahannock County, VA	157	3	98	54.0	16.5				
Shenandoah County, VA	695	4	289	43.3	15.8				
Warren County, VA	587	6	25	49.7	18.2				
Winchester City, VA	630	0	161	47.6	16.0				
SSA									
Berkeley County, WV	~	~	~	65.1	15.4				
Grant County, WV	~	~	~	50.8	16.1				
Jefferson County, WV	~	~	~	53.1	12.0				
Mineral County, WV	~	~	~	46.7	17.1				
$VA^{17}$	127,375	3,922	65,306	44.0	13.4				
WV	~	1,892	~	100.3	21.1				
National	~	~	~	49.4	14.0				

Source: Virginia Department of Transportation, 2017, and World Life Expectancy, 2017.

Rappahannock and Warren counties and the City of Winchester reported unintentional-injury related mortality at a higher rate than both the Virginia and national averages for that cohort. The overall populations of Virginia counties reported higher rates of mortality related to suicide than Commonwealth averages (Exhibit 27).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Virginia data retrieved from <a href="https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/safety/crash\_data/crash\_facts/crash\_facts\_17.pdf">https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/safety/crash\_data/crash\_facts/crash\_facts\_17.pdf</a>

West Virginia data retrieved from: <a href="https://www.worldlifeexpectancy.com/usa/west-virginia-accidents">https://www.worldlifeexpectancy.com/usa/west-virginia-accidents</a>

16 West Virginia data retrieved from: <a href="https://www.worldlifeexpectancy.com/usa/west-virginia-accidents">https://www.worldlifeexpectancy.com/usa/west-virginia-accidents</a>

<sup>17</sup> Virginia and West Virginia averages were retrieved from: <a href="https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/safety/crash\_data/crash\_facts/crash\_facts\_17.pdf">https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/safety/crash\_data/crash\_facts\_17.pdf</a>

Exhibit 28A: Cancer Mortality Rates by County, 2015

	Cancer Mortality Rates by County, 2015 Data								
	Page, VA	Rappahannock, VA	Shenandoah, VA	Warren, VA	Clarke, VA	Frederick, VA	Winchester City, VA	VA	National
All Cancers	198.7	151.9	169.7	197.4	177.6	176.7	182.7	163.8	163.5
Colorectal	17.3	~	10.2	14.7	15.4	13.2	15.7	14.0	14.5
Lung and Bronchus	53.9	43	48	59	55	50	40.2	44.0	43.4
Breast	30.1	~	24.8	19.2	~	24.8	19	21.8	20.9
Prostate	25.9	~	24.9	32.5	39.3	19.8	32.3	20.2	19.5

Source: Conduent Platform retrieved from: https://www.valleyhealthlink.com/About-Us/Community-Benefit.aspx, Rates are per 100,000 population.

Key						
Rates unreliable due to small sample size ~						
Rates higher than both VA and National averages						

Residents of Clarke, Frederick, Page, and Warren counties experienced cancer mortality rates higher than the Commonwealth and national averages for lung and bronchus, Breast cancer rates were highest in Frederick, Page, and Shenandoah counties. Prostate cancer was reported higher than both the Commonwealth and national averages in five of the seven Virginia Counties (**Exhibit 28A**).

Exhibit 28B: Cancer Mortality Rates by County, 2015

	Cancer Mortality Rates by County, 2011-2015 Data									
	Berkeley, WV	Grant, WV	Jefferson, WV	Hampshire, WV	Hardy, WV	Morgan, WV	Mineral, WV	wv	National	
All Cancers	204.1	161.1	171.8	197	172.3	191	182.5	193.1	163.5	
Colorectal	23.5	~	14.4	21.9	~	21.1	14.9	18.4	14.5	
Lung and Bronchus	62.9	50.9	47.8	60.5	44.9	53.7	58.4	58.8	43.4	
Breast	23.9	~	21.3	21.8	~	~	19.7	22.2	20.9	
Prostate	18.1	~	19	~	~	~	~	17.6	19.5	

Source: Conduent Platform retrieved from: https://www.valleyhealthlink.com/About-Us/Community-Benefit.aspx, Rates are per 100,000 population.

Key						
Rates unreliable due to small sample size	~					
Rates higher than both WV and National averages						

Residents of Berkeley, Hampshire, and Morgan counties experienced cancer mortality rates higher than the West Virginia and National averages for colorectal cancer. Both Berkeley and Hampshire counties reported Cancer Mortality rates higher than both West Virginia national averages for lung and bronchus cancer. Berkeley County showed the highest rates for breast cancer in the WMC community (**Exhibit 28B**).

Exhibit 29A: Cancer Incident Rates by County, 2015

	Cancer Incidence Rates by County, 2015 Data									
	Page, VA	Rappahannock, VA	Shenandoah, VA	Warren, VA	Clarke, VA	Frederick, VA	Winchester City	VA	National	
All Cancers	451.4	390.5	470.7	403.5	427.5	411.0	395.4	414.3	441.2	
Colorectal	33.4	36.8	47.8	30.3	47.8	36.8	30.3	36.0	39.2	
Lung and Bronchus	63.0	64.4	73.7	53.9	63.0	64.4	53.9	58.9	60.2	
Breast	114.1	135.1	152.2	135.9	152.2	129.8	135.9	123.3	124.7	
Prostate	88.1	73.7	83.4	83.2	83.4	77.2	83.2	102.8	109.0	

Source: Conduent Platform retrieved from: https://www.valleyhealthlink.com/About-Us/Community-Benefit.aspx, Rates are per 100,000 population.

Key					
Rates unreliable due to small sample size	~				
Rates higher than both VA and National averages					

Six of the seven counties reported breast cancer rates higher than both the Commonwealth and national averages. Clarke, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, and Frederick counties have higher incidence rates than both the Commonwealth and national averages for lung and bronchus cancer. In 2015, colorectal cancer incidence rates was reported higher in both Clarke and Shenandoah counties (**Exhibit 29A**).

Exhibit 29B: Cancer Incident Rates by County, 2015

Cancer Incidence Rates by County, 2015 Data									
Berkeley, WV WV Hampshire, Hardy, Morgan, Mineral, WV WV WV WV WV WV								WV	National
All Cancers	482.0	369.8	442.2	462.4	377.4	407.9	446.7	469.9	441.2
Colorectal	48.2	48.3	40.5	52.5	36.4	42.9	36.9	47.0	39.2
Lung and Bronchus	85.4	59.3	67.7	83.7	63.2	69.1	78.9	80.3	60.2
Breast	130.4	82.9	116.3	101.2	80.6	112.2	113.9	116.3	124.7
Prostate	104.0	39.9	104.2	71.6	84.3	85.3	83.1	94.7	109.0

Source: Conduent Platform retrieved from: https://www.valleyhealthlink.com/About-Us/Community-Benefit.aspx, Rates are per 100,000 population.

Key						
Rates unreliable due to small sample size ~						
Rates higher than both WV and National averages						

Residents of Berkeley, Grant, and Hampshire counties experienced cancer mortality rates higher than the West Virginia and national averages for colorectal cancer. Berkeley County also reported high incidence rates for breast cancer. Lung and bronchus cancers have been reported in six of the seven counties to be higher than West Virginia and the national averages (**Exhibit 29B**).

Exhibit 30: Communicable Disease by County and Health District, 2016

Communicable Diseases by County, Virginia and West Virginia 2016							
County/Region	Chlamydia	Gonorrhea	Lyme Disease Incidence Rate <sup>18</sup>				
PSA							
Clarke County, VA	215.8	7.0	97.5				
Frederick County, VA	234.4	20.4	49.3				
Hampshire County, WV	125.2	20.9	~				
Hardy County, WV	185.4	7.1	~				
Morgan County, WV	108.3	11.4	~				
Page County, VA	96.9	8.4	33.7				
Rappahannock County, VA	230.4	54.2	54.2				
Shenandoah County, VA	194.5	50.9	34.7				
Warren County, VA	291.7	48.6	56.3				
Winchester city, VA	491.1	51.3	33.0				
SSA							
Berkeley County, WV	341.8	128.6	~				
Grant County, WV	100.5	0.00	~				
Jefferson County, WV	355.2	86.0	~				
Mineral County, WV	187.9	24.8	~				
Lord Fairfax Health District	251.7	32.5	47.2				
Rappahannock/Rapidan Health District	233.8	24.7	28.1				
Virginia	471.6	131.8	16.1				
West Virginia	222.8	70.2	16.2				
National (2017)	528.8	170.58	9.1				

Source: Virginia Department of Health, 2016. Rates are per 100,000 population, and West Virginia Lyme Disease Incidence Rate, MSN, 2016

Key						
Rates unreliable due to small sample size	~					
Ranging from better than State average up to 10% worse						
11-49% worse than State average						
50-74% worse than State average						
> 75% worse than State average						

The Lord Fairfax and Rappahannock/Rapidan health districts reported much lower chlamydia and gonorrhea rates than the Virginia average, but Lyme disease incidence exceeds the Virginia average. Lyme disease rates reported were 75% higher than the Commonwealth rate for Frederick, Page, Rappahannock, and Warren counties, and Winchester City (**Exhibit 30**).

18 West Virginia data, 2017 retrieved from: https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/worst-states-for-lyme-disease/ar-AAy7KoV

Exhibit 31A: Maternal and Child Health Indicators by County/City and State, 2016

Indicator, 2016	Clarke, VA	Frederick, VA	Page, VA	Rappahannock, VA	Shenandoah, VA	Warren, VA	Winchester City, VA	VA	National
Low birth weight infants	5	6.4	6.8	1.9	6.2	8.1	10.8	8.4	8.3
Very low birth weight infants	1.7	0.9	1.6	0	1.1	1.6	2.00	1.5	1.4
Teen pregnancy rate 10-19**	20.7	33.6	18.0	59.7	50.1	52.4	26.9	10.2	18.8
No prenatal care in first trimester	20.5	21.8	22.6	27.5	23.8	23.2	35.5	18.4	23.0
Infant mortality rate	16.8	4.3	8	0	4.4	11.2	5.7	5.3	5.9

Sources: Virginia Department of Health, 2016, and Conduent Platform retrieved from <a href="https://www.valleyhealthlink.com/About-Us/Community-Benefit.aspx">https://www.valleyhealthlink.com/About-Us/Community-Benefit.aspx</a>\*\*Rates per 1,000 live births.

Key	
Rates unreliable due to small sample size	~
Ranging from better than VA up to 10% worse than VA	
11-49% worse than VA	
50-74% worse than VA	
> 75% worse than VA	

Winchester City reported rates of no prenatal care in the first trimester more than 50 percent higher than the Virginia average. Teen pregnancy rates for 10-19 year old population were 75 percent or higher than the Commonwealth average of 10.2 percent for all seven of the VA counties. Infant mortality rates were 75 percent worse than the Commonwealth's average in Clarke County than compared to the other counties within WMC's community (**Exhibit 31A**).

Exhibit 31B: Maternal and Child Health Indicators by County/City and State, 2016

Indicator, 2016	Berkeley, WV	Grant, WV	Hardy, WV	Hampshire, WV	Jefferson, WV	Mineral, WV	Morgan, WV	WV	National
Low birth weight infants	7.1	7.9	8.9	9.9	7	11.8	6.8	8.9	8.3
Very low birth weight infants	1	0.5	1.5	2.6	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.4
Teen pregnancy rate 10-19**	7.3	13.4	9.4	10.2	13.9	12.7	23.6	13.7	18.8
No prenatal care in first trimester	19.1	30.1	19.4	26.9	28.2	19.4	24.8	22.5	23
Infant mortality rate	4.9	5.3	6.6	13.2	19.1	7.2	8.8	7.3	5.9

Sources: Virginia Department of Health, 2016, and Conduent Platform retrieved from <a href="https://www.valleyhealthlink.com/About-Us/Community-Benefit.aspx">https://www.valleyhealthlink.com/About-Us/Community-Benefit.aspx</a>\*\*Rates per 1,000 live births.

Key	
Rates unreliable due to small sample size	~
Ranging from better than VA up to 10% worse than VA	
11-49% worse than VA	
50-74% worse than VA	
> 75% worse than VA	

Infant mortality rates were reported to be 75 percent worse that West Virginia for Hampshire and Jefferson Counties. Grant, Hampshire, and Jefferson counties reported rates of no prenatal care in the first trimester more than 25 percent higher than the West Virginia average. Teen pregnancy rates for 10-19 year old population were 50 percent or higher than the West Virginia average of 13.7 percent for Morgan County. Infant mortality rates were reported to be higher in Hampshire, Jefferson, and Morgan counties for WMC's Community (Exhibit 31B).

### 3. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Data collected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) are based on a telephone survey that gathers data on various health indicators, risk behaviors, healthcare access, and preventive health measures. Data are collected for the entire United States. Analysis of BRFSS data can identify localized health issues and trends, and enable county, state (or Commonwealth), or nation-wide comparisons.

**Exhibit 32A** compares various BRFSS indicators for all seven Virginia counties, with Virginia and United States averages for comparison. Indicators are shaded if an area's value was more than ten percent higher than the Virginia average. Data for Clarke and Page counties and Winchester City were not included in this analysis due to small sample sizes. Data for Rappahannock County were unavailable. **Exhibit 32B** compares BRFSS indicators to state and U.S. averages for the community's West Virginia counties. Data for Grant County was unavailable.

Exhibit 32A: BRFSS Indicators and Variation from the Commonwealth of Virginia,\* 2015

Indica	ntor 2015	Clarke, VA	Frederick, VA	Page, VA	Rappahannock, VA	Shenandoah, VA	Warren, VA	Winchester City, VA	VA
	Excessive drinkers <sup>19</sup>	17.0%	19.0%	16.0%	16.4%	17.7%	19.6%	17.0%	17.4%
Health Behaviors	Current smoker	15.0%	14.0%	17.0%	14.0%	16.4%	17.2%	18.0%	15.3%
Health Behaviors	No physical activity in past 30 days	21.0%	19.0%	26.8%	24.5%	27.1%	27.3%	22.0%	21.6%
<b>A</b>	Rate of primary care providers (PCP) per 100,000	49	43	33.80	27.10	44.00	53.60	269	76.4
Access	Do not have health care coverage under 65	10.3%	10.1%	13.5%	13.7%	11.6%	10.3%	14.5%	9.9%
	Overweight or obese	26.9%	29.7%	27.6%	30.0%	30.7%	27.7%	29.6%	28.8%
	Told have diabetes <sup>20</sup>	9.0%	8.3%	9.2%	9.3%	9.4%	12.2%	8.5%	9.6%
Health Conditions	Poor mental health > number of days/month <sup>21</sup>	3.6%	3.4%	3.7%	3.4%	3.7%	3.6%	3.8%	3.5%
Mental Health	Poor physical health > number of days/month <sup>22</sup>	3.0%	3.3%	3.6%	3.2%	3.4%	3.3%	3.8%	3.5%
Overall Health	Reported poor or fair health	14.1%	12.2%	15.2%	12.9%	15.2%	14.6%	18.0%	15.9%

Source: CDC BRFSS, 2015.

Shenandoah and Warren counties, and the City of Winchester compared worse (six indicators) than the Virginia average. All seven counties within WMC's community reported high percentages of residents who don't have health insurance under age 65. Rappahannock, Shenandoah, and Frederick counties, and the City of Winchester reported percentages higher than the Commonwealth's average for being overweight or obese. The City of Winchester reported poor or fair health condition higher than the Virginia average (**Exhibit 32A**).

 $^{19}$ \*\*Adult men having more than two drinks per day; adult women having more than one drink per day.  $^{20}$  Total, Adults Aged 20+ Years, Age-Adjusted Percentage, Virginia, 2015

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Average number of reported mentally unhealthy days per month among adults 18 years and over

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Average number of reported physically unhealthy days per month among adults 18 years of age and over

Exhibit 32B: BRFSS Indicators and Variation from the State of West Virginia, 2015

Indicator 2015		Berkeley, WV	Grant, WV	Jefferson, WV	Hampshire, WV	Hardy, WV	Morgan, WV	Mineral, WV	wv
	Binge drinkers <sup>23</sup>	~	~	~	9.9%	DSU	10.1%	7.2%	9.3%
	Excessive drinkers <sup>24</sup>	13.4%	11.4%	15.6%	11.4%	11.4%	12.0%	12.5%	11.8%
Health Behaviors	Current smoker	22.7%	21.2%	18.8%	21.6%	20.4%	20.4%	22.2%	24.8%
	No physical activity in past 30 days	27.6%	29.9%	25.3%	36.1%	29.4%	25.3%	26.0%	27.8%
	Unable to visit doctor due to cost	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	14.8%
Access	Rate of primary care providers (PCP) per 100,000	45	51	53	21	22	51	33	79
	Do not have health care coverage under 65	6.4%	6.6%	6.1%	8.7%	8.0%	7.4%	6.0%	6.5%
	Overweight or obese	35.0%	37.3%	38.4%	38.0%	36.5%	38.4%	33.9%	36.3%
	Told have diabetes <sup>25</sup>	10.5%	14.5%	8.8%	11.4%	10.9%	12.5%	12.3%	12.7%
Health Conditions	Poor mental health > number of days/month <sup>26</sup>	5.2%	5.1%	4.5%	5.1%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	5.2%
Mental Health	Poor physical health > number of days/month <sup>27</sup>	4.9%	5.2%	4.4%	4.9%	4.8%	5.0%	5.2%	5.2%
Overall Health	Social-emotional support lacking: Adults (percent)	~	~	~	14.9%	23.8%	21.2%	15.6%	19.1%
	Reported poor or fair health	22.1%	22.2%	18.2%	21.8%	20.6%	19.7%	22.6%	24.1%

Source: CDC BRFSS, 2015, DSU=Data Statistically Unreliable

In Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan and Mineral counties, the percentage of people who reported being excessive drinkers or heavy drinkers was higher than the West Virginia average. Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, and Morgan counties had four or more indicators that were worse than the West Virginia average. The obesity indicator was higher in five of the seven West Virginia counties compared to the West Virginia average (**Exhibit 32B**).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> \*Adult males having five or more drinks on one occasion; adult females having four or more drinks on one occasion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> \*\*Adult men having more than two drinks per day; adult women having more than one drink per day.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Total, Adults Aged 20+ Years, Age-Adjusted Percentage, Virginia, 2015

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Average number of reported mentally unhealthy days per month among adults 18 years and over

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Average number of reported physically unhealthy days per month among adults 18 years of age and over

# **Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions**

This section examines the frequency of discharges for Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions (ACSCs, frequently referred to as Prevention Quality Indicators or PQIs) throughout WMC's community.

ACSC are eighteen health "conditions for which good outpatient care can potentially prevent the need for hospitalization or for which early intervention can prevent complications or more severe disease." As such, rates of hospitalization for these conditions can "provide insight into the quality of the health care system outside of the hospital," including the accessibility and utilization of primary care, preventive care and health education. Among these conditions are: diabetes, perforated appendixes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), hypertension, congestive heart failure, dehydration, bacterial pneumonia, urinary tract infection, and asthma.

Disproportionately high rates of discharges for ACSC indicate potential problems with the availability or accessibility of ambulatory care and preventive services and can suggest areas for improvement in the health care system and ways to improve outcomes.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Prevention Quality Indicators, accessed online at http://archive.ahrq.gov/data/hcup/factbk5/factbk5d.htm on June 28, 2013.

# 1. County/City-Level Analysis

Exhibit 33: WMC Discharges for ACSC by County/City and Payer<sup>29</sup>, 2018

Percenta	ge of IP ACS	C Discharge	s to Total AC	CSC Discha	arges	
County/Service Area	Blue cross	Medicaid	Medicare	Other	Commercial	Self
PSA	11.1%	6.0%	45.5%	0.1%	6.6%	7.6%
Clarke, VA	8.8%	4.1%	71.0%	0.1%	9.4%	6.5%
Frederick, VA	11.5%	5.7%	65.9%	0.2%	9.5%	7.3%
Hampshire, WV	10.5%	14.2%	63.8%	0.3%	8.5%	2.6%
Hardy, WV	12.8%	11.5%	64.6%	0.3%	10.2%	0.7%
Morgan, WV	6.8%	16.8%	68.0%	0.2%	6.8%	1.4%
Page, VA	18.7%	6.5%	47.7%	1.3%	16.1%	9.7%
Rappahannock, VA	19.0%	0.0%	52.4%	0.0%	9.5%	19.0%
Shenandoah, VA	14.6%	6.9%	62.2%	9.6%	6.7%	6.7%
Warren, VA	15.0%	8.4%	55.2%	12.7%	8.5%	8.5%
Winchester, VA	8.5%	12.4%	59.0%	7.1%	12.7%	12.7%
SSA	11.6%	10.3%	52.5%	0.4%	10.7%	1.7%
Berkley, WV	14.7%	12.8%	59.2%	0.5%	10.9%	1.9%
Grant, WV	11.4%	11.4%	69.6%	0.0%	6.3%	1.3%
Jefferson, WV	12.3%	10.5%	59.9%	0.4%	14.6%	2.3%
Mineral, WV	2.9%	7.4%	67.6%	0.0%	22.1%	0.0%
<b>Total PSA and SSA</b>	11.4%	8.9%	63.0%	0.2%	9.6%	6.8%
Other Counties	14.6%	5.5%	48.6%	1.1%	20.7%	9.6%
Total	11.6%	8.7%	62.3%	0.3%	10.2%	7.0%

Source: Valley Health System, 2018 Inpatient Data

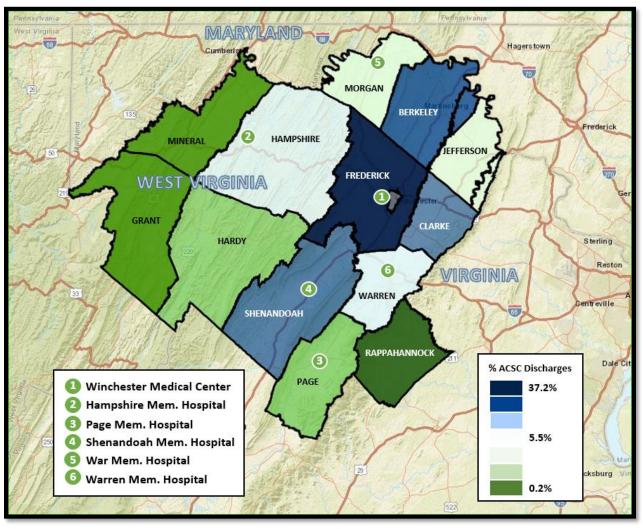
Medicare patients had the highest proportion of discharges for ACSCs. Self-pay patient (typically uninsured individuals) had shown a decrease from 6.9 percent in 2016 to 10.2 percent for ACSC. Clarke County in Virginia, and Grant and Morgan counties in West Virginia, had the highest percentage of Medicaid discharges for ACSCs (**Exhibit 33**).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Discharges from all Valley Health System hospitals.

# 2. County-Level Analysis

Exhibit 34A: Discharges<sup>30</sup> for ACSC by County/City, 2018



Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

The highest percentage of ACSC discharges were from Berkeley, Clarke, Frederick, and Shenandoah counties (**Exhibit 34A**).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Discharges are from all Valley Health hospitals.

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Exhibit 34B: Discharges<sup>31</sup> for ACSC by County/City and Zip, 2018

Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

The highest percentage of ACSC discharges were from zip codes: 22601 in the City of Winchester (Winchester, VA, 15.4%), 22602 in Frederick County (Winchester, VA, 11.3 %), 22603 in Frederick County (Winchester, VA, 9.8%), 22655 in Frederick County (Stephens City, VA, 7.3%) within the WMC community (**Exhibit 34**).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Discharges are from all Valley Health hospitals.

# 3. Hospital-Level Analysis

Exhibit 35: ACSC Inpatient (IP) Discharges by Hospital, 2018

IP ACSC Discharges by Hospital 2018								
Entity Name	Total IP ASCS Discharges	Total IP Discharges	Percentage of IP ACSC Discharges to Total IP Discharges					
Hampshire Memorial Hospital	249	415	60.0%					
Page Memorial Hospital	294	751	39.1%					
Shenandoah Memorial Hospital	1,213	1,505	80.6%					
War Memorial Hospital	230	487	47.2%					
Warren Memorial Hospital	1,570	1,816	86.5%					
Winchester Medical Center	12,410	23,155	53.6%					
Total	15,966	28,129	56.8%					

Source: Valley Health System, 2018 Inpatient Data.

Page Memorial Hospital had the lowest percent of ACSC discharges of all hospitals in Valley Health. Warren Memorial Hospital had the highest percent of ACSC discharges for 2018 (**Exhibit 35**).

Exhibit 36: Discharges for ACSC by Condition and Age, Winchester Medical Center, 2018

Discharges for ACSC by Condition and age for WMC, 2018							
Condition	0 to 17	18 to 39	40 to 64	65 +	Total		
Heart failure	~	2	95	290	387		
Pneumonia	19	26	198	577	820		
Asthma	19	6	7	18	50		
Urinary tract infection	4	4	21	230	259		
Diabetes	1	60	147	130	338		
Dehydration	8	2	7	28	45		
Hypertension	~	~	3	4	7		
Angina	~	~	3	4	7		
Appendix	6	17	25	21	69		
Total	57	117	506	1,302	1,982		
Percent Total	2.88%	5.9%	25.5%	65.7%	100.0%		

Source: Valley Health System, 2018 Inpatient Data<sup>32</sup>.

Patients aged 65 years and over had the highest percentage of discharges for ACSC conditions. The top four ACSC conditions at WMC were: pneumonia, heart failure, diabetes, and urinary tract infections in adults 65 and older, and pneumonia and diabetes in patients' ages ranging from 40 to 64 years old (**Exhibit 36**).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Discharges from all Valley Health System hospitals. \*Heart failure codes (428.1, I11.0, I50.21, I50.23, I50.31, I50.33, I50.9), \*\*Pneumonia codes (J15.9, 482.9, J18.9, J13, J18.9, J11.00, J15.6, 480.9, 481, 482, 482.1, 486, 487, J10.00, J15.7, P23.6, A40.3, J12.9), \*\*\*Asthma codes (J45.901, J45.42, 493.92, 493.01, 493.02, 493.21, J45.902, J45.41, J45.909, J45.42, 493.92), \*\*\*Diabetes codes (648.01, E10.10, O24.410, O24.419, O24.420, O24.429, E10.11, E10.621, E10.69, E11.21, E11.43, E11.52, E11.621, E10.69, E11.21, E11.628, E11.649, E11.65, E11.69, E09.65, E10.649, E11.40, E11.51)

# Community Need Index™ and Food Deserts

## 1. Dignity Health Community Need Index<sup>TM</sup>

Dignity Health, a California-based hospital system, developed and has made available for public use a *Community Need Index*<sup>TM</sup> (CNI) that measures barriers to health care access by county/city and ZIP code.<sup>33</sup> The index is based on five social and economic indicators:

#### 1. Income Barrier

- Percentage of households below poverty line, with head of household age 65 or more
- Percentage of families with children under 18 below poverty line
- Percentage of single female-headed families with children under 18 below poverty line

### 2. Cultural Barrier

- Percentage of population that is minority (including Hispanic ethnicity)
- Percentage of population over age 5 that speaks English poorly or not at all

#### 3. Education Barrier

• Percentage of population over 25 without a high school diploma

#### 4. Insurance Barrier

- Percentage of population in the labor force, aged 16 or more, without employment
- Percentage of population without health insurance

### 5. Housing Barrier

• Percentage of households renting their home

The CNI provides a score for every populated ZIP code in the United States on a scale of 1.0 to 5.0. A score of 1.0 indicates a ZIP code with the least need, while a score of 5.0 represents a ZIP code with the most need.

**Exhibit 37** presents the *Community Need Index*<sup>TM</sup> (CNI) score of ZIP codes in the community by each county in the Winchester Medical Center community, weighted by the CNI score and population of each.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Accessed online at http://cni.chw-interactive.org/ on June 28, 2013.

Exhibit 37: Community Need Index<sup>TM</sup> Score by County and ZIP Code, 2018

SERVICE AREA	COUNTY	CITY/TOWN NAME	ZIP	CNI SCORE
Primary	Winchester, VA	Winchester	22601	4.2
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	New Market	22844	4
Primary	Page, VA	Stanley	22851	4
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	Woodstock	22664	4
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	Mount Jackson	22842	3.6
Primary	Page, VA	Luray	22835	3.6
Primary	Hampshire, WV	Romney	26757	3.6
Primary	Clarke, VA	Berryville	22611	3.4
Primary	Warren, VA	Front Royal	22630	3.4
Primary	Page, VA	Shenandoah	22849	3.4
Primary	Hardy, WV	Moorefield	26836	3.4
Primary	Clarke, VA	Paris	20130	3.2
Primary	Clarke, VA	White Post	22663	3.2
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	Quicksburg	22847	3.2
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	Edinburg	22824	3.2
Primary	Rappahannock, VA	Sperryville	22740	3.2
Primary	Rappahannock, VA	Washington	22747	3.2
Primary	Hampshire, WV	Shanks	26761	3.2
Primary	Frederick, VA	Winchester	22603	3
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	Strasburg	22657	3
Primary	Rappahannock, VA	Huntly	22640	3
Primary	Rappahannock, VA	Chester Gap	22623	3
Primary	Hardy, WV	Fisher	26818	3
Primary	Morgan, WV	Paw Paw	25434	3
Primary	Hampshire, WV	Rio	26755	3
Primary	Clarke, VA	Bluemont	20135	2.8
Primary	Clarke, VA	Boyce	22620	2.8
Primary	Warren, VA	Bentonville	22610	2.8
Primary	Rappahannock, VA	Woodville	22749	2.8
Primary	Rappahannock, VA	Castleton	22716	2.8
Primary	Morgan, WV	Berkeley Springs	25411	2.8
Primary	Hardy, WV	Lost City	26810	2.8
Primary	Hampshire, WV	Augusta	26704	2.8
Primary	Frederick, VA	Winchester	22602	2.6
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	Lebanon Church	22641	2.6

Exhibit 37: Community Need Index<sup>TM</sup> Score by County and ZIP Code, 2018 (continued)

SERVICE AREA	COUNTY	CITY/TOWN NAME	ZIP	CNI SCORE
Primary	Rappahannock, VA	Flint Hill	22627	2.6
Primary	Hardy, WV	Old Fields	26845	2.6
Primary	Hardy, WV	Milam	26838	2.6
Primary	Hampshire, WV	Levels	25431	2.6
Primary	Hardy, WV	Baker	26801	2.6
Primary	Frederick, VA	Stephens City	22655	2.4
Primary	Frederick, VA	Clear Brook	22624	2.4
Primary	Frederick, VA	Stephenson	22656	2.4
Primary	Frederick, VA	Gore	22637	2.4
Primary	Frederick, VA	Middletown	22645	2.4
Primary	Warren, VA	Linden	22642	2.4
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	Maurertown	22644	2.4
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	Basye	22810	2.4
Primary	Hardy, WV	Mathias	26812	2.4
Primary	Morgan, WV	Great Cacapon	25422	2.4
Primary	Hardy, WV	Wardensville	26851	2.4
Primary	Hampshire, WV	Springfield	26763	2.4
Primary	Hampshire, WV	Purgitsville	26852	2.4
Primary	Hampshire, WV	Green Spring	26722	2.4
Primary	Hampshire, WV	Capon Bridge	26711	2.4
Primary	Hampshire, WV	Slanesville	25444	2.4
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	Toms Brook	22660	2.2
Primary	Hampshire, WV	High View	26808	2.2
Primary	Frederick, VA	Cross Junction	22625	2
Primary	Warren, VA	Middletown	22649	2
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	Fort Valley	22652	2
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	Star Tannery	22654	2
Primary	Shenandoah, VA	Orkney Springs	22845	2
Primary	Hampshire, WV	Bloomery	26817	2
Secondary	Mineral, WV	Piedmont	26750	4.4
Secondary	Berkeley, WV	Martinsburg	25401	4.2
Secondary	Mineral, WV	Keyser	26726	3.4
Secondary	Jefferson, WV	Charles Town	25414	3.2
Secondary	Jefferson, WV	Ranson	25438	3.2
Secondary	Mineral, WV	Elk Garden	26717	3.2

Exhibit 37: Community Need Index<sup>TM</sup> Score by County and ZIP Code, 2018 (continued)

SERVICE AREA	COUNTY	CITY/TOWN NAME	ZIP	CNI SCORE
Secondary	Berkeley, WV	Martinsburg	25404	3
Secondary	Grant, WV	Petersburg	26847	3
Secondary	Jefferson, WV	Summit Point	25446	2.8
Secondary	Jefferson, WV	Kearneysville	25430	2.8
Secondary	Berkeley, WV	Falling Waters	25419	2.8
Secondary	Mineral, WV	Wiley Ford	26767	2.8
Secondary	Jefferson, WV	Shenandoah Junction	25442	2.6
Secondary	Berkeley, WV	Bunker Hill	25413	2.4
Secondary	Berkeley, WV	Inwood	25428	2.4
Secondary	Grant, WV	Gormania	26720	2.4
Secondary	Mineral, WV	Ridgeley	26753	2.4
Secondary	Jefferson, WV	Shepherdstown	25443	2.2
Secondary	Jefferson, WV	Harpers Ferry	25425	2.2
Secondary	Berkeley, WV	Martinsburg	25403	2.2
Secondary	Berkeley, WV	Hedgesville	25427	2.2
Secondary	Grant, WV	Mount Storm	26739	2.2
Secondary	Mineral, WV	Burlington	26710	2
Secondary	Mineral, WV	Fort Ashby	26719	2
Secondary	Grant, WV	Maysville	26833	2
Secondary	Grant, WV	Cabins	26855	1.8
Secondary	Mineral, WV	New Creek	26743	1.6
Secondary	Berkeley, WV	Gerrardstown	25420	1.4

MORGAN Sterling Reston VIRGINIA WARREN treville SHENANDOAH RAPPAHAN Community Need PAGE **Index Score** Winchester Medical Center 4.4 Hampshire Mem. Hospital Page Mem. Hospital Harrisonburg Shenandoah Mem. Hospital 2.8 War Mem. Hospital edericksburg Warren Mem. Hospital Staunton

Exhibit 38: Community Need Index<sup>TM</sup> Score by County and ZIP Code, 2018

Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

ZIP codes 26750, (Piedmont, Mineral County), 22601 (Winchester City), and 25401 (Martinsburg, Berkeley County), scored in the "Highest Need" category (ranges from 4.2 – 5.0) Areas of middle to high need are located in substantial parts of Clarke, Page, Shenandoah, Warren, Berkeley, Hampshire, Hardy, and Mineral counties (**Exhibit 38**).

### 2. Food Deserts (Lack of Access to Nutritious and Affordable Food)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service estimates the number of people in each census tract that live in a food desert, defined as low-income areas more than one mile from a supermarket or large grocery store in urban areas and more than 10 miles from a supermarket or large grocery store in rural areas. Many government-led initiatives aim to increase the availability of nutritious and affordable foods to people living in these food deserts. **Exhibit 39** illustrates the location of food deserts in the WMC community.

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**Exhibit 39: Food Deserts by Census Tract** 

Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

WMC's community contains 26 census tracts identified as food deserts. These are located in and around Shenandoah and Warren counties, and the City of Winchester in Virginia, and Berkeley, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, and Morgan counties in West Virginia. There are two census tracts designated as food deserts within the City of Winchester, VA (**Exhibit 39**).

# Overview of the Health and Social Services Landscape

This section identifies geographic areas and populations in the community that may face barriers accessing care due to medical underservice or a shortage of health professionals.

The section then summarizes various assets and resources available to improve and maintain the health of the community.

### Medically Underserved Areas, Communities, and Populations

Medically Underserved Areas and Populations (MUA/Ps) are designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) based on an "Index of Medical Underservice (IMU)." The IMU calculation is a composite of the ratio of primary medical care physicians per 1,000 persons, the infant mortality rate, the percentage of the population with incomes below the poverty level, and the percentage of the population age 65 or over. Areas with a score of 62 or less are considered "medically underserved".<sup>34</sup>

**Medically Underserved Area (MUA)** – counties, a group of counties or civil divisions, or a group of urban census tracts in which residents have a shortage of personal health services.

The Index of Medical Underservice designates MUAs as a subset of a Medically Underserved Community. Visit Medically Underserved Areas and Populations for more.

**Medically Underserved Community (MUC)** – a geographic location or population of individuals eligible for designation by the federal government as a Health Professional Shortage Area, Medically Underserved Area, Medically Underserved Population, or Governor's Certified Shortage Area for Rural Health Clinic purposes.

As an umbrella term, MUC also includes populations such as homeless individuals, migrant or seasonal workers, and residents of public housing.

**Medically Underserved Populations (MUPs)** – federally-designated population groups having a shortage of personal health services, often defined as groups who face economic, cultural, or linguistic barriers to health care, and limited access to services.

The Index of Medical Underservice designates MUPs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. (n.d.) *Guidelines for Medically Underserved Area and Population Designation*. Retrieved 2012, from http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/muaps/index.html.

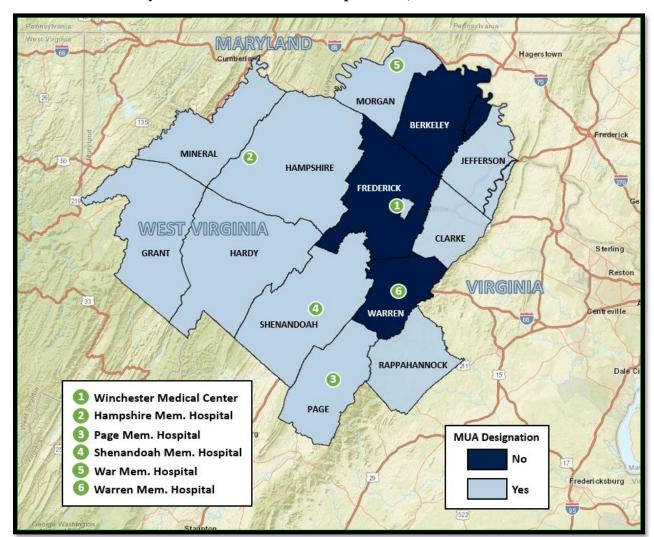


Exhibit 40: Medically Underserved Areas and Populations, 2018

Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

**Exhibit 40** shows areas designated by HRSA as medically underserved for mental, dental, and primary care professionals. Eleven of the fourteen counties are classified as a MUA within WMC's community.

Exhibit 41A: Medically Underserved Areas and Populations and Health Professional Shortage Areas, 2018<sup>35</sup>

Service Area Name	Designation Type	Primary State Name	Index of Medical Underservice Score	Status	Rural Status
CLARKE SERVICE AREA	Medically Underserved Area	Virginia	48	Designated	Non-Rural
Low Income - Winchester Area	Medically Underserved Population	Virginia	59.3	Designated	Non-Rural
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CT 0003.01					
CT 0003.02					
Low Income - Page County	Medically Underserved Population	Virginia	57	Designated	Rural
Rappahannock County	Medically Underserved Area	Virginia	58.6	Designated	Partially Rural
Shenandoah County-MUA	Medically Underserved Area	Virginia	59.9	Designated	Rural

Source: Health and Human Services Administration, 2018

Exhibit 41B: Medically Underserved Areas and Populations and Health Professional Shortage Areas, 2018<sup>36</sup>

Service Area Name	<b>Designation Type</b>	Primary State Name	Index of Medical Underservice Score	Status	Rural Status
Hampshire County	Medically Underserved Area	West Virginia	61.6	Designated	Partially Rural
Hardy Service Area	Medically Underserved Area	West Virginia	49.9	Designated	Rural
Jefferson Service Area	Medically Underserved Area	West Virginia	47.4	Designated	Non-Rural
Grant District	Medically Underserved Area	West Virginia	53.8	Designated	Rural
MCD (91296) Grant district					
Union District	Medically Underserved Area	West Virginia	61.7	Designated	Rural
MCD (93216) Union district					
Low Income - Morgan County	Medically Underserved Population	West Virginia	60.7	Designated	Rural
Low Income - Mineral County	Medically Underserved Population	West Virginia	63.6	Designated	Partially Rural

Source: Health and Human Services Administration, 2018

<sup>35</sup> HRSA, May 2018, Retrieved from: <a href="https://bhw.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation/muap">https://bhw.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation/muap</a>
 <sup>36</sup> HRSA, May 2018, Retrieved from: <a href="https://bhw.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation/muap">https://bhw.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation/muap</a>

### Other Facilities and Resources

### 1. Federally Qualified Health Centers

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) are established to promote access to ambulatory care in areas designated as "medically underserved." These clinics provide primary care, mental health, and dental services for lower-income populations. FQHCs receive enhanced reimbursement for Medicaid and Medicare services and most also receive federal grant funds under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act. FQHCs throughout the state can be found at: <a href="https://www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov">https://www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov</a>.

Federally Qualified Health Centers are defined as community-based and patient-direct organizations that deliver comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality primary health care services. Health centers also often integrate access to pharmacy, mental health, substance use disorder, and oral health services in areas where economic, geographic, or cultural barriers limit access to affordable health care services. Health centers deliver care to the nation's most vulnerable individuals and families, including people experiencing homelessness, agricultural workers, residents of public housing, and the nation's veterans

**Exhibit 42: Federally Qualified Health Centers** 

Federally Qualified Health Centers							
Health Center Name	County	ZIP CODE	Street Address	City	State		
SCH Healthy Smiles Dental	Berkeley County	25404-3800	58 Warm Springs Ave	Martinsburg	WV		
SCH Martinsburg	Berkeley County	25401-2890	99 Tavern Rd	Martinsburg	WV		
SCH Mobile	Berkeley County	25401-2890	99 Tavern Rd	Martinsburg	WV		
SCH Behavioral Health	Jefferson County	25414-5719	44 Trifecta Pl	Charles Town	WV		
Tri-State Community Health Center - Berkeley Springs	Morgan County	25411-6247	261 Berkmore Pl, Ste 1A	Berkeley Springs	WV		
SCH Migrant Outreach	City of Winchester	22601-4929	867 Fairmont Ave	Winchester	VA		
SCH Winchester	City of Winchester	22601-3054	1330 Amherst St	Winchester	VA		
Mountaineer Community Health Center, Inc.	Morgan County	25422	783 Winchester St	Great Cacapon	WV		

Source: Health and Human Services Administration, 2018, retrieved from <a href="https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/?zip=&radius=5&incrementalsearch=true">https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/?zip=&radius=5&incrementalsearch=true</a>

There are currently eight FQHC sites operating in the WMC's community (Exhibit 42).

### 2. Local Clinics and Health Departments

In addition to the FQHCs, there are other clinics in the area that serve lower-income individuals. These include Sinclair Health Clinic (Winchester, VA), St. Luke Community Clinic (Front Royal, VA), Shenandoah Community Health Clinic (Woodstock, VA), Page Free Clinic (Luray, VA), and Good Samaritan Free Clinic (Martinsburg, WV).

In addition to these resources, the Lord Fairfax Health Department (services Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren counties, and the City of Winchester), Berkeley County Health Department, Grant Health Department, Jefferson County Health Department, Hampshire County Health Department, Hardy County Health Department, Mineral County Health Department, and Morgan County Health Department also provide an array of services at locations throughout the region.

# 3. Hospitals

**Exhibit 43** presents information on hospitals facilities that operate in the community. WMC's community contains four acute care hospitals and seven critical access hospitals.

**Exhibit 43: List of Hospitals in the WMC Community** 

County/City	Hospital Name	Number of Beds	City	Zip Code
PSA				
Hampshire, WV	Hampshire Memorial Hospital	25	Romney	26757
Morgan, WV	War Memorial Hospital	25	Berkeley Springs	25411
Page, VA	Page Memorial Hospital	25	Luray	22835
Shenandoah, VA	Shenandoah Memorial Hospital	25	Woodstock	22664
Warren, VA	Warren Memorial Hospital	60	Front Royal	22630
Winchester, VA Winchester Medical Center		455	Winchester	22601
SSA				
Dayledon WW	Berkeley Medical Center	159	Martinsburg	25401
Berkeley, WV	Martinsburg VA Medical Center	90	Martinsburg	25401
Grant, WV	Grant, WV Grant Memorial Hospital		Petersburg	26847
Jefferson, WV	Jefferson Medical Center	45	Charlestown	25414
Mineral, WV Potomac Valley Hospital		25	Keyser	26726

Source: Virginia Health Information, 2018, and for WV, American Hospital Directory, 2018.

### 4. Health Professional Shortage Areas

A geographic area can receive a federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation if a shortage of primary medical care, dental care, or mental health care professionals is found to be present.

In addition to areas and populations that can be designated as HPSAs, a health care facility can receive federal HPSA designation and an additional Medicare payment if it provides primary medical care services to an area or population group identified as having inadequate access to primary care, dental, or mental health services.

HPSAs can be: "(1) An urban or rural area (which need not conform to the geographic boundaries of a political subdivision and which is a rational area for the delivery of health services); (2) a population group; or (3) a public or nonprofit private medical facility."<sup>37</sup>

Areas and populations in the WMC community are designated as HPSAs (**Exhibit 44A**). Page, Mineral, and Morgan counties are designated as primary medical care, dental, and mental health HPSAs, while Berkeley, Grant and Shenandoah counties are designated as mental health and dental HPSAs. Hardy, Hampshire, Jefferson, and Rappahannock counties are designated as mental health HPSAs, and Winchester City and Warren County are designated as dental HPSAs. Parts of Hampshire and Hardy counties also are considered dental HPSAs.





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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Professionals. (n.d.). Health Professional Shortage Area Designation Criteria. Retrieved 2019, from http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/hpsas/designationcriteria/index.html

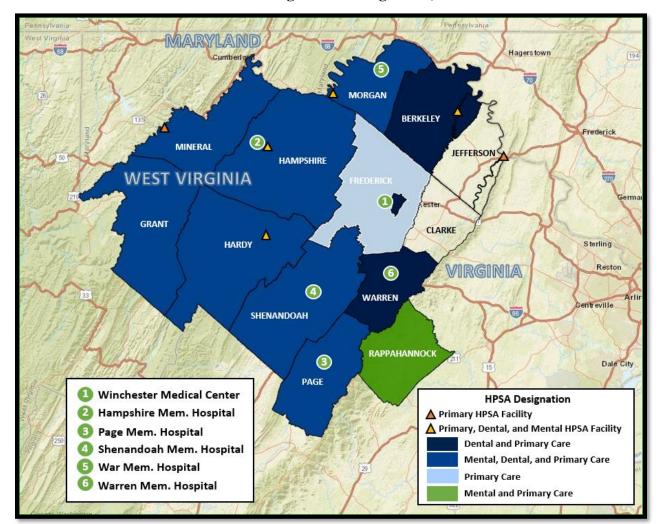


Exhibit 44A: Health Professional Shortage Areas Designation, 2018

Source: ESRI 2019, Created by Planning and Business Development

**Exhibit 44A** shows Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designations that indicate health care provider shortages in primary care, dental health or mental health.

**Exhibit 44B: HPSA Shortage Areas in the WMC Community** 

Discipline	HPSA Name	Designation Type	HPSA Score	<b>Designation Date</b>	Rural Status
Dental Health	Warren County	High Needs Geographic HPSA	4	10/26/2017	Partially Rural
Primary Care	Warren County	Geographic HPSA	4	12/20/1984	Partially Rural
Mental Health	Shenandoah/Page Counties	High Needs Geographic HPSA	11	04/02/2013	Rural
Primary Care	Shenandoah/Page Counties	Geographic HPSA	9	03/20/2017	Rural
Dental Health	Shenandoah	Geographic HPSA	4	12/20/1984	Rural
Dental Health	Page County	Geographic HPSA	15	09/10/2001	Rural
Primary Care	Mi-Frederick County/Winchester City	Other Population HPSA	16	07/18/2018	Non-Rural
Dental Health	Low Income-Winchester City	Low Income Population HPSA	10	05/22/2012	Non-Rural
Primary Care	E.A. Hawse Health Center	FQHC	11	10/26/2002	Rural
Dental Health	E.A. Hawse Health Center	FQHC	18	10/26/2002	Rural
Mental Health	E.A. Hawse Health Center	FQHC	14	10/26/2002	Rural
Primary Care	Elk Garden Clinic	Rural Health Clinic	0	11/12/2003	Rural
Primary Care	Grant County	Geographic HPSA	12	03/21/2017	Rural
Primary Care	Hampshire County	Geographic HPSA	9	02/24/2014	Partially Rural
Dental Health	Hampshire County	Low Income Population HPSA	20	04/13/2017	Partially Rural
Dental Health	Hampshire Memorial Hospital	Rural Health Clinic	0	01/05/2007	Rural
Primary Care	Harpers Ferry Family Medicine	Rural Health Clinic	0	09/30/2009	Non-Rural
Primary Care	Low Income-Berkeley County	Low Income Population HPSA	13	11/09/2016	Non-Rural
Dental Health	Low Income-Berkeley County	Low Income Population HPSA	11	11/14/2013	Non-Rural
Primary Care	Low Income-Hardy County	Low Income Population HPSA	18	2/23/2017	Rural
Primary Care	Low Income-Mineral County	Low Income Population HPSA	17	01/19/2010	Partially Rural
Mental Health	Low Income-Mineral County	Geographic HPSA	8	03/30/2017	Partially Rural

Discipline	HPSA Name	Designation Type	HPSA Score	<b>Designation Date</b>	Rural Status
Dental Health	Low Income-Morgan County	Low Income Population HPSA	16	02/27/2013	Rural
Mental Health	Low Income-Petersburg	Low Income Population HPSA	17	07/21/2011	Partially Rural
Dental Health	Low Income-Grant County	Low Income Population HPSA	17	04/24/2012	Rural
Dental Health	Low Income-Hardy County	Low Income Population HPSA	18	03/28/2017	Rural
Primary Care	Low Income-Morgan County	Low Income Population HPSA	16	05/08/2012	Rural
Mental Health	Morgan County	Geographic HPSA	14	07/28/2017	Rural
	Mountaineer Community Health Center, Inc.			09/30/2005	Rural
	Mountaineer Community Health Center, Inc.			04/30/2007	Rural
Mental Health	Mountaineer Community Health Center, Inc.	Federally Qualified Health Center	0	04/30/2007	Rural
Primary Care	Shenandoah Valley Medical Center	Federally Qualified Health Center	14	05/23/2003	Non-Rural
Dental Health	Shenandoah Valley Medical Center	Federally Qualified Health Center	9	01/13/2004	Non-Rural
Mental Health	Shenandoah Valley Medical Center	Federally Qualified Health Center	17	01/13/2004	Non-Rural

Source: Health Professional Shortage Areas (HRSA), Retrieved from: https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/hpsa-find

There are seven health care facilities in the WMC community, all in West Virginia, that are designated as HPSA facilities (**Exhibit 44B**).

Exhibit 45: Health Professionals Rates per 100,000 Population by County/City, 2019

Winchester Medical	Primary Care Physicians		Dentists		Mental Health Providers	
Center County	Number Primary Care Providers	Rate per 100,000 population	Number of Dental Providers	Rate per 100,000 population	Number of Mental Health Providers	Rate per 100,000 population
PSA						
Clarke	7	49	5	34	9	62
Frederick	36	43	11	13	42	49
Hampshire	5	21	8	34	14	60
Hardy	3	22	7	51	6	44
Morgan	9	51	5	28	9	51
Page	8	34	4	17	8	34
Rappahannock	2	27	2	27	6	82
Shenandoah	19	44	13	30	21	49
Warren	21	54	10	25	33	83
Winchester	74	269	51	183	143	512
SSA						
Berkeley	51	45	60	52	186	162
Grant	6	51	5	43	9	77
Jefferson	30	53	18	32	38	67
Mineral	9	33	9	38	22	81
Virginia	6423	76	5749	68	13494	159
West Virginia	1443	79	974	54	2183	120

Source: Data provided by County Health Rankings, 2019.

Primary care providers and dental availability are below the Virginia and West Virginia averages in all areas except Winchester City. In Berkeley County and the City of Winchester, mental health provider availability is above the Virginia and West Virginia averages (**Exhibit 45**).

### 5. Other Community Resources

There is a wide range of agencies, coalitions, and organizations available in the region served by Winchester Medical Center. 2-1-1 Virginia and West Virginia maintains a large database to help refer individuals in need to health and human services in Virginia and West Virginia. For Virginia, this is a service of the Virginia Department of Social Services provided in partnership with the Council of Community Services, The Planning Council, the United Way of Central Virginia, and the United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg, and can be found at <a href="https://211virginia.org/consumer/">https://211virginia.org/consumer/</a>. In West Virginia, the program is a collaborative project of the United Ways of West Virginia and can be found at <a href="https://www.wv211.org/what-we-do">https://www.wv211.org/what-we-do</a>.

The other organizations accessible through the 211 Virginia, and 211 West Virginia provide the following types of services and resources include:

- Alzheimer's assistance
- Basic human needs (food banks, shelters, rent or utility assistance)
- Child care referral centers
- Child development
- Consumer counseling
- Crisis intervention
- Disability services
- Domestic violence programs
- Education
- Energy assistance
- English as a second language classes
- Family counseling
- Financial assistance
- HIV/AIDS programs
- Home health care
- Homeless services
- Legal assistance
- Maternal and child health care
- Mentorship opportunities
- Parenting programs
- Physical and mental resources
- Senior services
- Support for children, youth and families (examples: after school programs, tutoring, mentorship programs, family resource centers)
- Substance abuse
- Suicide prevention
- Transportation
- Volunteer opportunities
- Work initiatives (examples: educational and vocational training programs)

The United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley publishes "The Community Services Directory." The directory is a 190-page resource book made possible by volunteer assistance through Northern Virginia Daily and produced as a community service by RR Donnelley. The directory is available for download at <a href="https://www.unitedwaynsv.org/community-service-directory-download">https://www.unitedwaynsv.org/community-service-directory-download</a>.

### Community organizations that provide services to residents with disabilities:

- Access Independence
- ADAPT (Adult Day Activities Program Team)
- Adult Care Center of the Northern Shenandoah Valley, Inc.
- Blue Ridge Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship
- Blue Ridge Educational Center
- Blue Ridge Opportunities
- Brain Injury Association of Virginia
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Center, Inc.
- disAbility Law Center of Virginia
- Disabled American Veterans
- F.R.E.E. Foundation of Northern Shenandoah Valley
- Horizon Goodwill Industries
- Grafton Integrated Health Network
- Home Health Services Valley Health
- Infant & Toddler Connection of Shenandoah Valley (ITC-SV)
- Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area
- Lutheran Family Services
- Northwestern Community Services Board
- Northwestern Regional Educational Programs (NREP)
- NW Works, Inc.
- Shenandoah County Search, Inc.
- Shenandoah Valley Community Residences, Inc.
- SHEN-PACO Industries, Inc.
- The Arc of Northern Shenandoah Valley
- The Arc of Warren, Inc.
- Timber Ridge School
- Virginia Autism Resource Center
- Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services
- Virginia Relay Center

### Community organizations that provide services for domestic violence:

- Blue Ridge Legal Services
- Choices, Council on Domestic Violence for Page Co., Inc.
- Response, Inc.
- The Laurel Center
- Virginia Lawyer Referral Service
- Winchester Victim Witness Program

### Community organizations that provide services for employment:

- Blue Ridge Opportunities
- Disabled American Veterans
- Horizon Goodwill Industries
- NW Works, Inc.
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
- SHEN-PACO Industries, Inc.
- Virginia Career Works, Shenandoah Valley Region
- Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services
- Virginia Employment Commission

### Community organizations that provide services for financial assistance:

- Blue Ridge Housing Network, Inc.
- C-CAP Winchester
- Centralized Housing Intake
- Department of Social Services-Clarke County
- Department of Social Services-Frederick County
- Department of Social Services-Shenandoah County
- Department of Social Services-Page County
- Department of Social Services-Warren County
- Department of Social Services-Winchester
- Disabled American Veterans
- Division of Child Support Enforcement
- Faithworks, Inc.
- FISH of Clarke County, Inc.
- Front Royal/Warren County C-CAP
- Highland Food Pantry
- Lord Fairfax Area Food Bank
- Page One of Page County, Inc.
- Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter
- The Arc of Northern Shenandoah Valley
- The Salvation Army Front Royal/Warren County
- The Salvation Army Winchester
- Valley Assistance Network

### Community organizations that provide services for food:

- Bright Futures Frederick/Winchester
- C-CAP Winchester
- Community Food Pantry in Great Cacapon
- Department of Social Services-Clarke County
- Department of Social Services-Frederick County
- Department of Social Services-Shenandoah County
- Department of Social Services-Page County
- Department of Social Services-Warren County
- Department of Social Services-Winchester
- FISH of Clarke County, Inc.
- Front Royal/Warren County C-CAP
- Highland Food Pantry
- House of Hope
- Lord Fairfax Area Food Bank
- MCIEC Food Pantry (Morgan County)
- Morgan County Interfaith Emergency Care
- Page One of Page County, Inc.
- Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging
- Starting Points of Morgan County Meal Time Community Kitchen
- The Salvation Army Front Royal/Warren County
- The Salvation Army Winchester
- Valley Assistance Network
- Winchester Rescue Mission

#### Community organizations that provide services for health resource:

- AIDS Response Effort, Inc.
- Alzheimer's Association
- American Cancer Society
- American Lung Association
- American Red Cross of the Shenandoah Valley
- Berkeley County Meals on Wheels
- Blue Ridge Hospice
- Blue Ridge Poison Center
- Brain Injury Association of Virginia
- Dental Clinic of NSV
- Department of Social Services-Clarke County
- Department of Social Services-Frederick County
- Department of Social Services-Shenandoah County
- Department of Social Services-Page County
- Department of Social Services-Warren County
- Department of Social Services-Winchester
- Diabetes Management Program Valley Health
- Dr. Terry Sinclair Health Clinic
- F.R.E.E. Foundation of Northern Shenandoah Valley

- Faith in Action
- Good Samaritan Free Clinic
- Home Health Services Valley Health
- Lions Clubs Eyeglasses Program of Winchester/Frederick County
- Lord Fairfax Health District (Health Departments)
- Page County Free Clinic
- Shenandoah Community Health Clinic
- Shenandoah Valley Compassionate Care Pharmacy
- Special Love, Inc. Camp Fantastic
- St. Luke Community Clinic
- Valley Health System
- Virginia Relay Center

### Community organizations that provide housing & shelter services:

- AIDS Response Effort, Inc.
- American Red Cross of the Shenandoah Valley
- Arise of Page County
- Bethany House (Martinsburg, WV)
- Blue Ridge Habitat for Humanity
- Blue Ridge Housing Network, Inc.
- Centralized Housing Intake
- Choices, Council on Domestic Violence for Page Co., Inc.
- Council on Alcoholism Lord Fairfax House
- Faithworks, Inc.
- Family Promise of Shenandoah County
- Grace House
- Habitat for Humanity of Page County
- Habitat for Humanity of Warren County
- Henry & William Evans Home for Children
- House of Hope
- Keyser Housing Authority
- Martinsburg Housing Authority
- Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission
- Mission Serve Group
- New Eve Maternity Home
- Northwestern Community Services Board
- People Incorporated of Virginia
- Phoenix Project
- Piedmont Housing Authority
- Response, Inc.
- Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter
- Shenandoah County Search, Inc.
- Shenandoah Valley Community Residences, Inc.
- SHEN-PACO Industries, Inc.
- The Laurel Center

- The Salvation Army Front Royal/Warren County
- The Salvation Army Winchester
- Valley Assistance Network
- Valley Light Foundation
- Virginia Department of Veterans Services
- Volunteers of America Chesapeake
- Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter (WATTS)
- Winchester Rescue Mission

## Community organizations that provide pregnancy & parenting resources:

- A Small Hand
- ABBA Care Inc.
- Community Prenatal Access
- Division of Child Support Enforcement
- Front Royal Pregnancy Center
- Healthy Families Northern Shenandoah Valley
- Healthy Families Page and Shenandoah Counties
- Lord Fairfax Health District (Health Departments)
- New Eve Maternity Home
- reSolutions, Inc.
- Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center
- The Life Center of Page Valley
- The Red Wagon Ministry
- Virginia Autism Resource Center

### Community organizations that provide senior services:

- AARP Tax-Aide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- Adult Care Center of the Northern Shenandoah Valley, Inc.
- Alzheimer's Association
- Blue Ridge Hospice
- Department of Social Services-Clarke County
- Department of Social Services-Frederick County
- Department of Social Services-Shenandoah County
- Department of Social Services-Page County
- Department of Social Services-Warren County
- Department of Social Services-Winchester
- Faith in Action
- Godfrey Miller Historic Home and Fellowship Center
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
- Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging
- The Red Wagon Ministry
- Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

### Community organizations that provide substance abuse services:

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Bridging the Gaps
- Council on Alcoholism Lord Fairfax House
- Edgehill, A Recovery Retreat Center
- Grace House
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Northwestern Community Services Board
- Northern Shenandoah Valley Substance Abuse Coalition
- Strength in Peers
- The Warren Coalition

# Community organizations that provide veterans services:

- Community Veterans Engagement Board
- Disabled American Veterans
- Virginia Department of Veterans Services
- Virginia Employment Commission

### Community organizations that provide youth development services:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Virginia
- Blue Ridge Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship
- Blue Ridge Educational Center
- Boy Scouts of America Shenandoah Area Council
- Bright Futures Frederick/Winchester
- CFW Child Foster Care
- Child Safe Center
- Department of Social Services-Clarke County
- Department of Social Services-Frederick County
- Department of Social Services-Shenandoah County
- Department of Social Services-Page County
- Department of Social Services-Warren County
- Department of Social Services-Winchester
- Families Reaching Out Group (Froggy's Closet)
- Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital
- Grafton Integrated Health Network
- Henry & William Evans Home for Children
- Heritage Child Development Center
- I'm Just Me Movement
- Infant & Toddler Connection of Shenandoah Valley (ITC-SV)
- Lutheran Family Services
- Moms in Motion
- Northwestern Community Services Board
- Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum
- Skyline Community Action Partnership Headstart
- Special Love, Inc. Camp Fantastic

- The Kids Club of Northern Shenandoah Valley
- The Reading Road Show Gus Bus
- Timber Ridge School
- Virginia Cooperative Extension
- Youth Development Center, Inc.

United Way of the Eastern Panhandle Partner Agency List is available at https://www.uwayep.org/partner-agencies.

- American Red Cross
- BE-Hive, A Family Inspiration Place, Inc.
- Berkeley County BackPack Program
- Berkeley Senior Services
- BlackCat Music Cooperative
- Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle
- CASA of the Eastern Panhandle
- Catholic Charities West Virginia, Inc.
- CCAP/Loaves & Fishes
- CenterPointe Church
- Children First Child Development Center
- Children's Home Society of WV
- Church Without Walls Ministries, Inc.
- Community Alternatives to Violence
- Community Networks, Inc.
- Destiny Baptist Church
- EVAK K9 Search and Rescue Team, Inc.
- Faith Community Coalition for the Homeless
- For Love of Children (The Outdoor Education Center)
- Girl Scouts Nation's Capital
- Good Samaritan Free Clinic
- Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Inc.
- Horses with Hearts
- Junior Mentoring Programs (JUMP)
- Leetown Science Center
- Martinsburg Renew, Inc.
- Meals on Wheels of Berkeley County
- Meals on Wheels of Jefferson County
- Morgan County Partnership
- Morgan County Starting Points
- Norborne Preschool & Day Care Center, Inc.
- Panhandle Home Health, Inc.
- Partnership for Affordable Housing
- Potomac Valley Audubon Society
- PurposeFULL Paws
- Shepherdstown Day Care
- Spring Mills High School
- Wildwood Middle School
- WV Coalition to End Homelessness

# 6. Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens

Exhibit 46A: Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens in the WMC Community

	Free Food Pantries				
Winchester City	Address/Phone	Hours			
Highland Food Pantry	446 Highland Avenue	Tuesdays 9-11AM and 6:30-			
	(540) 662-0809	8PM			
Hope Again Care	213 S. Braddock Street	Tuesday-Thursday 10AM-			
Center	(540) 450-8935	2PM Saturdays (1st – 4th)			
		9AM-12 Noon			
Centenary United	202 S. Cameron Street	2nd and 4th Fridays from			
Church	(540) 662-9067	1:00– 2:00 p.m.			
C-CAP	112 S. Kent Street	Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-			
	(540) 662-4318	2:30PM, Friday 8:30-11:30AM			
Winchester Rescue	435 N. Cameron Street	Monday-Saturday 10-			
Mission	(540) 667-5379	10:30AM			
Lord Fairfax Area Food	1802 Roberts Street	Monday-Friday 8:30AM-			
Bank	(540) 450-1799	3:30PM, one time only for			
		families			
Frederick County					
St. Paul's on the Hill	1527 Senseny Road, Winchester	1st Sunday of each month 1-			
	(540) 667-8110	3PM			
Salvation Army	300 Fort Collier Road,	Monday, Wednesday and			
	Winchester	Friday 8:30-11AM Walmart			
	(540) 662-4777	Truck: 1:30-2PM Tuesday and			
		Thursday			
The Life Church	199 Agape Way, Stephens City	2nd and 4th Mondays 6PM			
	(703) 330-0881				
Olive Branch Food	2870 Middle Road, Winchester	Wednesdays 12:30-1:30PM			
Pantry at Victory	(540) 667-9400				
Church					
Stephens City United	5291 Main Street, Stephens City	Tuesdays 12:30-3PM, 3rd			
Methodist Church	(540) 869-2348	Tuesdays 6:30-8PM			
Welltown United	1444 Welltown Road, Winchester	Thursdays 5:30-7PM			
Methodist Church	(540) 665-0433				
Greenway Spirit &	1275 Tasker Road, Stephens City	3rd Wednesday 9-11AM			
Word Fellowship	(540) 868-9110				

	Free Food Pantries					
Clarke County	Address/Phone	Hours				
FISH of Clarke	36 E Main St., Berryville	Wednesdays & Saturdays				
County	(540) 955-1823	9AM- 12 Noon				
Women of Duncan Memorial	210 E. Main St., Berryville (540) 955-3700	3rd Friday of the Month (2nd Friday in December) Call first *Must receive Medicaid or SNAP				
Christ Episcopal Church	843 Bishop Mead Rd., Millwood (540) 837-1112	1st Friday at 1PM - Seniors Only 1st Saturday 9-11AM				
Warren County	(6.10) 02.1 1111	,				
C-CAP	316 N. Royal Ave., Front Royal (540) 636-2448	Monday-Friday 9AM-12 Noon				
Front Royal Church of Christ	140 W. 15th St., Front Royal (540) 635-2613	Monday-Friday, Call for appointment				
Loaves and Fishes	613 N. Royal Ave., Front Royal (540) 252-4320	Tuesday 1-4PM, Thursday and Friday 9M-2PM				
Salvation Army	357 Cloud St., Front Royal (540) 635-4020	Monday-Friday 9AM-12 Noon, 1:30-3:30PM				
<b>Shenandoah County</b>		,				
Bread of Life at Woodstock Presbyterian Church	156 S. Muhlenberg St., Woodstock (540) 459-4419	3rd Tuesday & 3rd Thursday 1- 4PM				
Columbia Furnace Church of the Brethren	20910 Senedo Rd., Edinburg (540) 459-1632	4th Saturday 8:45-11AM				
Compassion Cupboard	533 Burgess St., Strasburg (540) 465-3778	3rd Tuesday 9AM-12 Noon, 1:15- 3PM				
Open Door Food Pantry	11278 Old Valley Pike, Mt. Jackson 540-740-8135	3rd Thursday 1-6PM				
Broadway Presbyterian Church	107 E Lee St. Broadway (540) 896-3903	1st and 3rd Thursday 5:30- 6:45PM				
Loaves and Fishes Pantry at Manor Memorial UMC	9320 N. Congress St, New Market (540) 740-8959	3rd Thursday - 1-6PM				
Page County	Page County					
Page One - Luray	35 N. Bank Street, Luray (540) 743-4863	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30-11:30AM				
Page One – Shenandoah	600 Comer Lane, Shenandoah (540) 652-8780	Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12 Noon to 4PM				

	Free Meal/Soup Kitchens				
Winchester City	Address	Hours			
Winchester Rescue	435 N. Cameron Street	Breakfast at 6AM. daily,			
Mission	(540) 667-5379	Dinner at 5PM daily			
Living Faith Church	435 N. Cameron Street	Lunch on Monday, Wednesday			
and Outreach	(Winchester Rescue Mission)	and Thursday 11AM-12:30PM			
	(540) 665-2335	-			
Braddock St. United	115 Wolfe Street	Dinner on Mondays at 6PM			
Methodist Church	(540) 667-3366				
Jubilee Kitchen at First	116 S. Loudoun Street	Lunch on Saturdays at			
Presbyterian Church	(540) 662-3824	11:30AM			
Kitchen of Hope at	131 S. Cameron Street	Dinner on Thursdays at			
Market St. UMC	(540) 662-6709	5:30PM			
Centenary United	202 S. Cameron Street	Lunch on 2nd and 4th Fridays			
Church	(540) 662-9067	at 12 Noon			
Knights of Columbus	519 S. Cameron Street	Dinner on Wednesdays at			
	(540) 662-5545	4:30PM			
Frederick County					
Salvation Army	300 Fort Collier Road,	Lunch Monday-Friday at 12			
	Winchester	Noon, Sunday at 1PM, Dinner			
	(540) 662-4777)	at 5PM. Monday-Saturday,			
		6PM on Sundays Breakfast			
		Monday-Friday at 6:30AM			
Emmanuel United	2732 Martinsburg Pike,	2nd and 4th Mondays 4:30-			
Methodist Church	Stephenson	6PM			
	(540) 662-1269				
Trinity Lutheran	810 Fairfax Pike, Stephens City	Last Wednesday of the month			
Church	(540) 869-4019	5:30PM			
Warren County					
Calvary Episcopal	132 N Royal Ave., Front Royal	Dinner on Tuesdays 4:45-5:45			
Church	(540) 635-2763	PM			
St. John's Catholic	131 West Main St., Front Royal	Dinner on Wednesday 5-6PM			
Church	(540) 635-6780	and Friday 5-6PM			
John Wesley United	14 Church St., Front Royal	3rd Friday 5PM-7PM			
Methodist Church	(540) 636-4416	•			
Front Royal	115 Luray Ave., Front Royal	Dinner on Thursday 5-6PM			
Presbyterian Church	(540) 635-3894	-			
E. Wilson Morrison	40 Crescent St., Front Royal	Monday-Thursday 11AM-1PM			
Elementary	(540) 635-4188	Children & Adults Free			
		Summer Lunch Program			
		(Summer Only)			

Free Meal/Soup Kitchens				
<b>Shenandoah County</b>				
St. Paul's Church	156 W. Washington St.,	Dinner on 1st, 3rd & 5th		
	Strasburg (540) 465-3232	Wednesdays 5:30-7PM		
Strasburg UMC	114 W. Washington St.,	Dinner on 2nd & 4th		
	Strasburg (540) 465-8788	Wednesdays - 5:30-7PM		
Shenandoah	197 Patmos Rd., Woodstock	Dinner on 3rd Friday - 5:30-		
Community Fellowship	(540) 459-2952	7PM Deliveries Available – must call		
Reformation Lutheran Church	9283 N. Congress St., New Market	Lunch on Thursdays at 11AM		
	(540) 740-3239			
Page County				
Main Street Baptist	15 E Main St., Luray	Dinner on Saturdays at		
Church	(540) 743-5834	5:30PM		
Rileyville Baptist	7044 US Hwy 340 N., Rileyville	1st and 3rd Thursday 10:30A-		
Church	(540) 743-3003	1P Free meal for seniors		

Exhibit 46B: Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens in the WMC Community

West Virginia Food Pantries				
<b>Berkeley County</b>	Address/Phone	Hours		
Church Without Walls	Martinsburg, WV (304) 260-9509	Tuesdays 10:00 am – 1:00 pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm		
Loaves and Fishes	Martinsburg, WV (304) 267-2810	Call for hours		
Martinsburg Work 4 WV Center	Martinsburg, WV 25403 (304) 267-0030	Mondays – Thursdays 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Fridays 9:00 am – 5:00 pm		
One-Stop	Martinsburg, WV 25401 (304) 263-25401	Daily 9:00 am – 1:00 pm		
Salvation Army	Martinsburg, WV 25401 (304) 267-4612 (serves Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties)	Mondays – Fridays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm		
Snyder's Bible Chapel	Hedgesville, WV 25427 (304) 676-2786	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm		
Mineral County	Address/Phone	Hours		
Faith In Action, Inc.	71 James Street Keyser, WV 26726 (304) 788-5331	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm		
Morgan County	Address/Phone	Hours		
Amazing Grace Food Pantry	Christian Church Road Capon Bridge, WV 26711 (304) 856-2773	Tuesdays 9-11AM and 6:30-8PM		
Morgan County Emergency Assistance Team	Berkley Springs, WV 25411 (304) 258-2487	Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm		
Saint Vincent De Paul Society	Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 (3040) 258-1311  The Needy of America, 2018, Retrieved from: https://www.h.	Call for available hours		

Source: Homeless Shelter Director, Helping The Needy of America, 2018, Retrieved from: <a href="https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/cityfoodbanks.cgi?city=Berkeley%20Springs&state=WV">https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/cityfoodbanks.cgi?city=Berkeley%20Springs&state=WV</a>

# Findings of Other Recent Community Health Needs Assessments

Valley Health also considered the findings of other needs assessments published since 2016. Ten such assessments conducted in the WMC area are referenced here, with highlights and summary points below.

1. **Homelessness and Medical Vulnerability - Point in Time Survey – 2019** (data from 2018 & 2019)

The statewide 1,000 homes for 1,000 Virginians initiative is led by the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness, to survey/assess the 1,000 most vulnerable Virginians experiencing homelessness who cycle between streets, emergency shelters, hospital emergency rooms, jails, and prisons. There are eight campaigns representing thirteen counties and over 30 jurisdictions across the Commonwealth. The initiative conducts a Point-in-Time survey that is administered on one night to count the unsheltered homeless persons within the community. The survey is conducted during the last ten days in January. The cities of Harrisonburg and Winchester, and Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren counties are included within the Harrisonburg data collection campaign for 2019. The survey was conducted on January 23, 2019.

Of the thirteen communities across the Commonwealth participating in the 1,000 Homes for 1,000 Virginians initiative, twelve have conducted Registry Weeks to collect information on vulnerability. A Vulnerability Index is used to calculate the survey results.

Key findings from the 2019 Point in Time Survey relevant to this CHNA:

- The Laurel Center in Winchester was closed for a physical move to their new 32 bed facility on January 24, 2018. This impacted Winchester's numbers in 2018. The new 32 bed facility was open during the Point in Count in 2019.
- In 2019, 146 individuals experiencing homelessness for Winchester/Frederick County were identified and surveyed; 19 of those surveyed were identified as unsheltered homeless adults & children. There was an increase of 48 individuals compared to 2018 at 98.
- In 2019, 23 individuals experiencing homelessness for Front Royal/Warren County were identified and surveyed; 17 individuals experiencing homelessness for Woodstock/Shenandoah County were identified and surveyed; 24 individuals experiencing homelessness for Luray/Page County were identified and surveyed.
- In 2019, there were a total of 111 adults in shelters/transitional beds, 16 were homeless children in shelters, and 19 were unsheltered homeless adults. Compared to 2018, there were 89 adults in shelters/transitional beds, 6 were homeless children in shelters, and 6 were unsheltered homeless adults.
- In comparison from 2018 to 2019 there was a 49% increase in homeless individuals who participated in the Point in Time survey.

- Through the coordination with Valley Assistance Network (VAN) in Winchester and area homeless assistance service providers, the Point in Time survey reflects 24 sheltered persons in hotels paid for by local government, churches, and not profit agencies. This contributed to an additional 24 shelter beds to the housing inventory for 2019. Without this emergency shelter effort in place, the unsheltered persons in Winchester, VA would likely be higher according to the survey results.
- In the Winchester Public Schools for 2018, there were 208 students who were homeless compared to Frederick County Public Schools 210 students.
- In 2019, the Point in Time survey identified 16 veterans, and 11 individuals who were unaccompanied youth population between the ages of 18-24.

## 2. Housing Needs and Vulnerability Survey Results – 2018

Survey responses were collected from homeless adults in Harrisonburg, VA, and others participated in interviews from Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Warren Counties, as well as the City of Winchester. The survey was conducted on January 24, 2018.

- There were 137 persons who volunteered to share their personal experience information to help better understand the community and homelessness, the barriers to housing, physical and emotional health, and other demographic information.
- In the last three years (2015-2018), 26 percent of the surveyed population reported being homeless for 4-11 months; when compared to a lifetime duration of 36+ months the percentage increased to 62.4 percent.
- In 2016, the Virginia Point in Time survey identified 793 individuals who were chronically homeless of 4,639 in Virginia, or 17 percent of individuals who were included within the count. For 2018, 21 percent of surveyed adults (26 persons of 127 will full data points gathered) were identified as chronically homeless by HUD's definition.

HUD Chronic Homeless Definition: Chronically homeless defined by having a disability and either: 1. 4+times homeless in the past 3 years (duration 1+ year) 2. or one episode of 12+ month duration in the past three years

- Out of the 137 individuals surveyed, 59 percent stayed at least 90 days at their last permanent housing location.
- From the individuals surveyed, reasons most chosen for homelessness was unemployment, unable to pay rent, physical/mental disability, plans with family/friends fell through, dispute with family/friends, evicted, family or personal illness, released from jail, and addiction.

- Top 5 reasons from self-reported barriers to stable housing were cannot find affordable housing, transportation, medical problems, cannot find work, and dental problems.
- In 2018, the average male age was 48, female 40.
- The highest reported age groups was 40-44 years old (20), and 55-59 years old (18).
- 66 percent of the individuals surveyed identified themselves as white/Caucasian, 16 percent black/African American, and 10 percent who identified themselves as Latino/Hispanic.
- Out of the 131 individuals surveyed, 11 (8%) identified themselves as being a veteran. Of those identified as veterans, three (27%) were unsheltered.
- 21 percent of surveyed individuals (28 of 134 adults who answered) reported receiving special education services in high school.
- 20 percent had a less than high school education.
- 72 percent of surveyed adults have served time in jail, and 31 percent reported that they had served time in prison.
- 10 percent stated they were placed in foster care as a child, and 41 percent suffered from childhood trauma, abuse or neglect.
- 51 percent have received treatment for mental health issues.
- 36 percent have been admitted to the hospital for mental health issues (39 individuals declined to answer this question on the survey).
- Respondents reported a total of 99 ER visits in the last 3 months, for an estimated cost of \$1,311,175, assuming an average of \$1,325 per ER visit (130 individuals answered). In the last 12 months respondents reported 182 ER visits (121 individuals answered).
- 81 of the 135 individuals surveyed (60%) indicated they had no medical insurance. 290 days of hospital admission were reported from individuals without insurance.

#### 3. United Way of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Community Needs Update: 2014-2017

The United Way completed a community health needs assessment in April 2014. The assessment includes demographic and social trends in order to update priorities and target contributed funds to the needs that matter the most to the people within the community. Community Impact priorities are used as a tool for planning and as a guide for fund distribution. The United Way has worked with many community partners to focus on mental health issues, update population data and assess their progress, as an organization, in dealing with education, income and health conditions.

Key findings relevant to this CHNA for education include:

- Increased on-time high school graduation rates. The percentage of students in a cohort who earned a Board of Education approved diploma within four years of entering high school went from 87 percent in 2009 to 93 percent in 2012.
- Decrease in the need for kindergarten remediation. The PALS-K is used to identify kindergarten students who are behind in their acquisition of fundamental literacy skills. Between the 2008-2009 and 2013-2014, the need for remedial assistance decreased from 37 percent to 31 percent for Winchester City, 16 percent to 14 percent for Shenandoah County, 15 percent to 13 percent for Warren County, and 12 percent to 10 percent for Clarke County. Frederick and Page counties remained constant at 17 percent and 18 percent respectively, when compared to from the previous reporting period.
- Increase in college participation. The Virginia Department of Education assisted with the creation of the Virginia Longitudinal Data System. This system tracks student success from K-12 through college. For the 2009 to 2012 reporting period, Frederick County college participation rates increased from 64 percent to 65 percent.

## 4. United Way ALICE Project, 2017

ALICE, an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, are households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), but less than the basic cost of living for the county. Combined, the number of poverty and ALICE households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs. The Economic Viability Dashboard evaluates community conditions for ALICE in three core areas. Each is an index with a scale of 1 (worse) to 100 (better).

- In 2015 for Virginia, 50 percent of the households were considered ALICE population and at poverty level.
- Economic conditions for Clarke County were 65 for housing, 43 for job opportunities, and 42 for community resources. Berryville, VA reported 51 percent of households were at the ALICE or poverty levels.
- Economic conditions for Frederick County were 61 for housing, 52 for job opportunities, and 56 for community resources. Middletown, VA reported 47 percent of their total households were either ALICE or poverty levels, Stephens City was close at 46 percent.

- Economic conditions for Page County were 52 for housing, 64 for job opportunities, and 62 for community resources. Stanley, VA reported 47 percent of their total households were either ALICE or poverty levels, Shenandoah, VA at 52 percent, and Luray, VA at 50 percent.
- Economic conditions for Rappahannock County were 50 for housing, 31 for job opportunities, and 53 for community resources. Chester Gap, VA reported 38 percent of their total households were either ALICE or poverty levels.
- Economic conditions for Shenandoah County were 51 for housing, 47 for job opportunities, and 59 for community resources. Mount Jackson, VA reported 55 percent of their total households were either ALICE or poverty levels, New Market, VA at 53 percent, and Basye, VA at 51 percent. Toms Brook, VA reported the lowest at 29 percent of their total population was considered ALICE or below the FPL.
- Economic conditions for Warren County were 65 for housing, 43 for job opportunities, and 49 for community resources. Front Royal, VA reported 49 percent of their total households were either ALICE or poverty levels.
- Economic conditions for Winchester City were 41 for housing, 53 for job opportunities, and 51 for community resources.

## 5. Page Alliance for Community Action (PACA), 2018

The Page Alliance for Community Action (PACA) conducted a 2018 Needs Assessment Update.<sup>38</sup>

Key findings relevant to this CHNA include:

- There were 17.2 percent of the Page County Population are considered to be in poverty. 15.5 percent are in deep poverty (2012-2016 reporting period). This percentage has increased from 11.9 compared to the previous report (2011-2015).
- Suicide rates in Page County exceeds the rate per 100,000 population in Virginia.
- In 2016, there were 63 meth cases reported for Page County, 47 prescription opioid cases, 17 benzodiazepine cases, and 2 heroin cases. Page County has higher drug use on average of 337.18 for Marijuana than Virginia state average of 276.44.
- Page County's rates for violent crime and robbery are lower than the state and national averages.
- In 2018, there were 8.8 percent of the community responded that they had thought a lot or often about suicide compared to 2016 at 5.8 percent.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Page Alliance for Community Action (PACA). (2018). Page County 2018 Needs Assessment Update.

# 6. Page Alliance for Community Action (PACA), Pride and Young Adult Survey, 2015-2017

The Page Alliance for Community Action (PACA), the "Page County Student Pride Survey," of the county's high school students which was compared to the Monitoring the Future national survey.<sup>39</sup>

Key findings relevant to this CHNA include:

- Page County 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders had a lower rate of tobacco use (6.9%) compared to 2009 at 23.20 percent. It is important to note that these numbers have likely gone up in the last year with the rise of e-cigarette use among youth.
- Page County 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders had a lower rate of alcohol use in 2017. There was a huge drop in alcohol use from 2009 at 27.2 percent compared to 2015 at 13.5 percent, however, an increase in 2017 at 16.6 percent.
- Page County 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders had a lower rate of marijuana use for 2017 at 7.6 percent compared to 2009 at 9.3 percent. Marijuana use has consistently dropped in the last few years for students.
- Page County 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders had a lower rate of prescription drug use for 2017 at 1.4 percent, compared to 2015 at 5 percent.

# 7. People Incorporated, 2018 Community Needs Assessment

People Incorporated in the Community Action Agency serving 13 counties and 3 cities in Virginia to include Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren counties, and the City of Winchester.

Key findings relevant to this CHNA include:

- Affordable housing costs continue to rise in the Washington DC metro area and families are relocating to the northern Shenandoah Valley (NSV), placing greater demands on the housing market.
- As the rates of overdose and drug abuse increase, NSV stakeholders are concerned with the
  availability and cost of mental health and substance abuse services for residents. The region
  has the fewest mental health providers per resident of any of the regions at 1, 714 residents
  per provider.
- A living wage for a family of four in the region would be \$15.75 for two, full-time adults with two children, and \$28.90 for one adult with two children. The retail and food service jobs occupied by many low-income persons do not pay nearly this wage. The need for more living wage jobs that are accessible to low-income individuals is seen in all regions.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Page Alliance for Community Action (PACA). (2018). Page County Student Pride Survey Results.

- Manufacturing remains the largest industry in the NSV with 20% of total employment.
- In the northern Shenandoah Valley, 29 percent of the population were considered ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), and 19 percent fell below the Federal Poverty Level.
- An almost complete lack of public transit is an issue in rural northern Shenandoah Valley.
- Housing vacancy rates have increased in the northern Shenandoah Valley from 11.8 percent to 12.8 percent.
- The median monthly rent in Rappahannock County is \$1,046, but the average monthly income for a renter household is \$2,610.
- In the northern Shenandoah Valley, 19 percent of low-income individuals moved residences in the last year as opposed to those living above the Federal Poverty Line at 11 percent.
- Obesity rates across the United States have a close relationship with poverty. According to data from the CDC, "low income children and adolescents are more likely to be obese than their higher income counterparts. In the northern Shenandoah Valley obesity rates for 2018 were at 29.5 percent.

## 8. Frederick County Department of Social Services, 2017

The Frederick Department of Social Services completed their "Frederick Department of Social Services FY17 Annual Report" to discuss the community's priorities and performance. The department uses its own secondary data as well as other publicly available data, including the U.S. Census.

Key findings relevant to this CHNA include:

- The number of applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program decreased slightly from 2016 to 2017. Applications received in 2016 were 2,112 for SNAP, and 498 for TANF. In 2017, 2,062 for SNAP, and 480 for TANF based upon applications received.
- Child care provides funding to enhance the quality and affordability of child care services available to families. Child care programs are child-centered, family-focused services that support the family goals and economic self-sufficiency and child development by providing substitute parental protection, guidance, and early childhood education. Child care assistance decreased from 2016 to 2017 from \$590,000 to \$566,000.
- Applications for energy assistance, including fuel assistance, crisis assistance, and cooling assistance, increased from \$226,000 in 2016 to \$231,000 in 2017.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Frederick Department of Social Services. (2017). Winchester Department of Social Services FY 2017

# 9. Blue Ridge Habitat for Humanity, Breaking New Ground Community Impact Report, 2016-2017

The Blue Ridge Habitat for Humanity (BRHFH) completed a "2016-2017 Community Impact Report" BRHFH's goal is to increase capacity to serve more individuals in the region, and significantly impact the housing deficit in the communities they serve. BRHFH's service area has expanded to include Clarke, Frederick, and Shenandoah counties, and the City of Winchester.

Key findings relevant to this CHNA include:

- In Shenandoah County, 37 percent of the county's population is housing cost burdened.
- 50 percent of the City of Winchester's population is asset limited, income constrained, and employed.
- Housing construction has a huge economic impact on the local community. On average, home construction creates 3.5 full-time jobs per home each year.

## 10. West Virginia Statewide Housing Needs Assessment, 2014

The West Virginia Housing Development Fund engaged Vogt Santer Insights to conduct a statewide housing needs assessment:<sup>42</sup> The assessment provides a comprehensive housing assessment that focuses on the current and anticipated housing need in each of the 55 counties. A detailed analysis of each county has been conducted to include demographic trends, economic and housing market performance, household income projections and anticipated market demand with the focus on affordable housing.

Because it presents some of the same housing concerns as this CHNA, many of its findings are comparable. Items of particular note include:

- Within the state, Jefferson County was one of the five mentioned counties to have the lowest unemployment rate of 4.8 percent as of December 2013.
- Jefferson County has one of the highest projected growth rates among rental household families under age 55, and showed a high growth rate among seniors (age 55 and older).
- Berkeley, Grant, Jefferson, and Hampshire counties had the highest projected growth among senior (age 55 and older) renter households with incomes between 41 percent and 60 percent over Area Median Household Income (AMHI) in the next five years. Hampshire County also showed the lowest projected growth among families under age 55 for rental households.

<sup>42</sup> West Virginia Community Action Partnership. (2012). Believe in West Virginia: Assessment of Needs Report. Retrieved, 2013 from: http://www.wvcommunityactionpartnership.org/pdfs/2012needsassesment.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Habitat for Humanity. (2018). 2018 Community Impact Report, Retrieved from: <a href="https://create.piktochart.com/output/24941385-shaa-final-1182017">https://create.piktochart.com/output/24941385-shaa-final-1182017</a>.

## PRIMARY DATA ASSESSMENT

Community input (primary data) was gathered through the design and administration of a community health survey and through key informant interviews. This section summarizes findings from the process.

## Community Survey Findings

The community health survey questionnaire was completed by 2,472 residents from the Winchester Medical Center community, 108 of these surveys were from the Hispanic population.

WMC's survey of community health consisted of questions about a range of health status and access issues, as well as respondent demographic characteristics. The survey was made available from January – March 2019 on Valley Health's web site and was widely publicized at the Valley Health Community Wellness Festival, Lord Fairfax Community College, and at a Mexican Consulate event on the Our Health, Inc. campus.

The survey was also available via e-mail distribution lists, computer kiosks throughout the region, partner organizations, mass mailing, newsletters, social media, and websites. The questionnaire was available in English and Spanish, and paper copies were available on request.

#### 1. Respondent Characteristics

Of the 2,472 surveys from WMC's community:

Almost 69 percent of respondents were female, and 51 percent were between the ages of 35 and 64. Eighty-nine percent were White, and three percent identified as Hispanic or Latino. The majority of respondents reported being in good, very good or excellent overall health. There were 62.7 percent of respondents that reported they were married, employed full time (53 percent), and having an undergraduate degree or higher (55 percent). The majority (98 percent) of respondents speak English in the home. One percent of respondents reported that they spoke multiple languages at home, and six percent reported speaking only Spanish at home.

**Exhibits 47 through 63** summarizes responses from residents of the WMC community.

Exhibit 47: Survey Respondents by County/City, 2019

County/City	Number of Respondents	Percent of Respondents
PSA	2116	85.60%
Clarke, VA	58	2.35%
Frederick, VA	700	28.32%
Hampshire, WV	163	6.59%
Hardy, WV	28	1.13%
Morgan, WV	96	3.88%
Page, VA	116	4.69%
Rappahannock, VA	14	0.57%
Shenandoah, VA	217	8.78%
Warren, VA	200	8.09%
Winchester City, VA	524	21.20%
SSA	215	8.70%
Berkeley, WV	132	5.34%
Grant, WV	13	0.53%
Jefferson, WV	27	1.09%
Mineral, WV	43	1.74%
Totals:	2331	94.30%
Outside of Market Region	141	5.70%
Grand Total	2472	100.00%

Frederick County had the highest percentage of respondents. Residents from the PSA accounted for 85.6 percent of respondents and increase from 2016 at 84.8 percent. The total number of Spanish surveys received was 108 (**Exhibit 47**).

Exhibit 48: Survey Respondents by Age, 2019

Response	Response Percent	Response Count	Spanish Survey Percent	Spanish Survey Response Count
15 – 24	5.6%	126	20.4%	22
25 - 34	11.6%	261	33.3%	36
35 – 44	15.5%	349	20.4%	22
45 – 54	19.1%	431	15.7%	17
55 – 64	19.1%	430	0.0%	0
65 – 74	15.9%	359	0.9%	1
75+	13.1%	295	0.0%	0
A	<b>Answered Question</b>	2251		98
	<b>Skipped Question</b>	113		10

The highest percentage of English-speaking respondents were aged 45-55 and 55-64. The highest percentage of Spanish-speaking 25-34 years of age. Approximately 13.1 percent of total respondents were 75+ years old (**Exhibit 48**).

Exhibit 49: Survey Respondents by Sex, 2019

Response	Response Percent	Response Count	Spanish Survey Percent	Spanish Survey Response Count
Female	72.5%	1713	52.8%	57
Male	21.3%	504	23.1%	25
	<b>Answered Question</b>	2217		82
	<b>Skipped Question</b>	147		26

Source: Valley Health Community Survey, 2019.

The highest percent of English surveys received were from female population at 72.5 percent; and 52.8 percent of the returned Spanish surveys were completed by females (**Exhibit 49**).

Exhibit 50: Survey Respondents by Ethnicity, 2019

Response	Response Percent	Response Count	Spanish Survey Percent	Spanish Survey Response Count
White	88.8%	2020	3.7%	4
Black or African American	4.9%	111	0.9%	1
Hispanic or Latino	2.2%	49	81.5%	88
Asian	0.8%	18	0.0%	0
Two or more races	2.6%	58	2.8%	3
Other (please specify)	0.8%	19	1.9%	2
Answered Question		2275		98
Skipped Question		89		10

The White population was the largest group to respond to the English survey at 88.8 percent. There was an increase of Black or African American participants this year at 20.1 percent compared to 2016 at 2.4 percent (**Exhibit 50**).

Exhibit 51: Survey Respondents by Marital Status, 2019

Response	Response Percent	Response Count	Spanish Survey Percent	Spanish Survey Response Count
Co-habiting	3.9%	90	11.1%	12
Divorced	9.5%	216	5.6%	6
Married	61.7%	1408	21.3%	23
Not married/single	15.0%	343	24.1%	26
Widowed	9.8%	224	0.9%	1
Answered Question		2281		78
Skip	83		40	

Source: Valley Health Community Survey, 2019.

A majority of the surveys received were from married or co-habiting individuals for both the English and Spanish survey respondents (**Exhibit 51**).

Exhibit 52: Survey Respondents by Education Attainment, 2019

Response	Response Percent	Response Count	Spanish Survey Percent	Spanish Survey Response Count
College degree or higher	54.4%	1234	9.3%	10
Did not complete high school(enter highest grade level completed below)	5.1%	115	47.2%	51
High school diploma or GED	19.6%	444	25.0%	27
Other	1.1%	26	0.0%	0
Some college	19.8%	449	1.9%	2
Answe	2268		90	
Skip	ped Question	63		18

Most of the English surveys received were from individuals who have earned a college degree or a high school diploma. Among the Spanish survey respondents 47.2 percent had not completed high school and 25.0 percent had earned a high school diploma or GED (**Exhibit 52**).

Exhibit 53: Survey Respondents by Income, 2019

Response	Response Percent	Response Count	Spanish Survey Percent	Spanish Survey Response Count
Less than \$15,000	8.6%	204	27.8%	30
\$15,000 - \$24,999	9.4%	223	24.1%	26
\$25,000 - \$34,999	7.1%	167	13.9%	15
\$35,000 - \$49,000	10.8%	255	11.1%	12
\$50,000 - \$74,999	19.7%	465	2.8%	3
\$75,000 - \$99,999	12.9%	305	1.9%	2
Over \$100,000	23.0%	543	1.9%	2
Answ	ered Question	2162		90
Ski	202		18	

Source: Valley Health Community Survey, 2019.

Individuals from all income levels were represented among the survey results. Although somewhat evenly distributed, the highest percentage of English survey respondents indicated income over 100,000 (23%), followed by those with income range \$50,000 – \$74,999 (19.7%). The highest number of respondents to the Spanish surveys indicated income levels of less than \$15,000 (27.8%) a decrease in percentage from 2016 at 36.4 percent (**Exhibit 53**).

Exhibit 54: Survey Respondents by Employment Status, 2019

Response	Response Percent	Response Count	Spanish Survey Percent	Spanish Survey Response Count
Full time	49.6%	1172	40.7%	44
Part time (one job)	7.8%	184	13.0%	14
Part time (more than one job)	2.1%	49	1.9%	2
Retired	25.0%	592	0.9%	1
Student	2.6%	61	1.9%	2
Unemployed	3.8%	90	13.0%	14
Other (please specify)	4.9%	116	2.8%	3
Answered Question		2264		80
Skip	100		28	

Of the English survey respondents, 49.6 percent reported that they had a full-time job. Over 40 percent of the Spanish survey respondents reported that they had a full-time job, and 13 percent stated they were unemployed (**Exhibit 54**).

Exhibit 55: Language Spoken in Home, 2019

Response	Response Percent	Response Count	Spanish Survey Percent	Spanish Survey Response Count
English	94.7%	2238	1.9%	2
Spanish	1.1%	27	82.4%	89
Other (please specify)	1.6%	14	1.2%	2
Answe	ered Question	2279		89
Skipped Question		85		17

Source: Valley Health Community Survey, 2019.

English and Spanish are most frequently spoken in the homes of the respective survey respondents (**Exhibit 55**).

Exhibit 56: Physical Activity - Children, 2019

Response	Response Percent	Response Count	Spanish Survey Percent	Spanish Survey Response Count
1-2 Days a Week	6.1%	144	18.5%	20
3-4 Days a Week	12.6%	298	21.3%	23
5-6 Days a Week	13.2%	311	7.4%	8
Every Day (7 days a week)	10.4%	245	8.3%	9
Less than 1 day a week	9.9%	235	11.1%	12
Answered Question		1233		72
Skipped Question		1131		36

Of the English survey respondents, 13.2 percent reported that their children had some form of physical activity five to six times of week, and over 20 percent of the Spanish survey respondents reported their children had some form of physical activity three to four times a week (**Exhibit 56**).

#### 2. Access Issues

**Exhibit 57: Locations Where Respondents Received Routine Healthcare** 

Response	Response Count	Spanish Survey Response Count
Traditional medical office (MD, APN, PA)	2147	37
Urgent care facility or store-based walk-in clinic	598	13
Free or low-cost clinic or health center	102	46
Local Health Department clinic	71	20
Provider of alternative medicine	122	5
Hospital emergency room	223	19
No routine medical care received	48	7
Other (please specify)	72	1

Source: Valley Health Community Survey, 2019.

Survey question 7 asked about access to care and where patients choose to go for routine care. **A** majority of the English survey respondents stated that they went to a traditional medical office for routine care, however, most of the Hispanic respondents reported that they went to a free or low-cost clinic or health center for care (**Exhibit 57**).

Exhibit 58A: Respondent Ability to Receive Needed Care, by Type of Care (English)

Response	Always	N/A	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	(blank)
Basic medical care	2001	7	13	42	267	
Dental care	1955	6	13	37	264	22
Mental health care	1866	6	13	38	260	11
Medical specialty care (cardiology, neurology, etc.)	1928	6	13	41	262	20
Medicine and medical supplies	1941	6	13	41	263	22
Pregnancy care	1855	6	13	40	257	17
Routine screenings (mammograms, laboratory testing, age/gender appropriate screenings)	1949	6	13	41	263	25

Source: Valley Health Community Survey, 2019.

**Exhibit 58A** suggests that most English survey respondents indicated that they "always" had the ability to access needed care. Basic medical, dental care, mental health, access to proper medicines, routine screenings, and pregnancy care were identified for WMC's community.

Exhibit 58B: Respondent Ability to Receive Needed Care, by Type of Care (Spanish)

Response	Always	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	(blank)
Basic medical care	30	6	9	47	0
Dental care	20	3	8	36	22
Mental health care	18	3	8	33	11
Medical specialty care (cardiology, neurology, etc.)	20	3	8	32	20
Medicine and medical supplies	19	3	8	30	22
Pregnancy care	18	3	6	32	17
Routine screenings (mammograms, laboratory testing, age/gender appropriate screenings)	30	6	9	47	25

Source: Valley Health Community Survey, 2019.

**Exhibit 58B** suggests that most Spanish survey respondents indicated that they "sometimes" had the ability to access needed care." Basic medical and pregnancy care were identified for WMC's community.

Exhibit 59A: Access Barriers to Receiving Needed Care, by Service Type (English)

Response	Can't afford it / too expensive	Can't get appointment	Inconvenient hours	Lack of medical providers	Lack of transportation	Language barrier	Other
Basic medical care	90	26	17	17	10	4	17
Dental care	81	17	15	13	8	3	15
Mental health care	80	19	16	15	8	3	14
Medical specialty care	79	18	16	15	7	3	13
Medicine and medical supplies	80	17	15	15	8	4	14
Routine screenings (mammograms, laboratory testing, age/gender appropriate screenings)	77	16	16	14	7	3	15

Basic medical care, dental care, mental health care, and access to proper medicines were the most frequently identified services.

**Exhibit 59A** summarizes reasons why respondents have been unable to access these services. Cost and lack of insurance were the most frequently identified access barriers. [Respondents also identified they were unable to get appointments, hours were not convenient for basic medical care]. Among those choosing "other," most responses cited either cost or a lack of need for services as the reason they did not access care.

Exhibit 59B: Access Barriers to Receiving Needed Care, by Service Type (Spanish)

Response	Can't afford it / too expensive	Can't get appointment	Inconvenient hours	Lack of medical providers	Lack of transportation	Language barrier	Other
Basic medical care	23	1	2	1	3	1	5
Dental care	18	1	2	1	1	1	3
Mental health care	15	1	1	1	1	1	3
Medical specialty care	13	1	1		1		3
Medicine and medical supplies	14	1	1	1	1		2
Prenatal Care	10	1		1	1		1
Routine screenings							
(mammograms, laboratory testing, age/gender appropriate screenings)	14		2	1	1	1	1

**Exhibit 59B** summarizes reasons why respondents have been unable to access these services. Cost of insurance was the most frequently identified access barrier for the Spanish survey respondents.

Exhibit 60: How do you pay for healthcare?

Response	Response Percent	Response Count	Spanish Survey Percent	Spanish Survey Response Count
Cash (no insurance)	6.0%	143	61.1%	66
Charity care	0.4%	9	1.9%	2
Medicaid	3.7%	87	7.4%	8
Medicare	18.3%	433	1.9%	2
Other (please specify)	4.0%	95	3.7%	4
Private health insurance (for example: Anthem, Blue Cross, HMO)	65.2%	1541	10.2%	11
Veterans' Administration	1.0%	24	0.9%	1
Ansv	vered Questions	1773		94
Ski	pped Questions	50		14

**Exhibit 60** shows that 65.2 percent of English survey respondents have private health insurance coverage and 18.3 percent have Medicare coverage. Those without health insurance were much more likely to use free or low-cost clinics and health centers or hospital emergency rooms for routine healthcare. The Spanish surveys indicated that 61.1 percent of that respondent population paid cash for their healthcare, that only 10.2 percent had private insurance.

## 3. Health Issues

**Exhibit 61A English Survey Respondents** 

Question: Which of the following do you believe are the three most important factors for a healthy community? Check only 3

Issue	Count	Percent Responded
Jobs and stable economy	1191	48.2%
Access to health care (e.g., family doctor)	1040	42.1%
Safe place to raise children	889	36.0%
Low crime/safe neighborhoods	700	28.3%
Healthy behaviors and lifestyles	572	23.1%
Excellent schools	569	23.0%
Affordable housing	541	21.9%
Strong family life	421	17.0%
Religious/spiritual values	405	16.4%
Clean environment	346	14.0%
Parks/recreation facilities	174	7.0%
Healthy race relations	158	6.4%
Low level of child abuse	110	4.4%
Low adult death/disease rates	81	3.3%
Arts and cultural events	61	2.5%
Low infant death rate	59	2.4%
Other (please specify)	52	2.1%

Source: Valley Health System, 2019

Over 40 percent of respondents indicated jobs, a stable economy, and access to care were among the most important factors for a healthy community. Affordable housing, excellent schools, healthy behaviors and lifestyles, low crime/safe neighborhoods, and safe place to raise children were identified by over 20 percent of respondents as among the most important factors (**Exhibit 61A**).

**Exhibit 61B Spanish Survey Respondents** 

Question: Which of the following do you believe are the three most important factors for a healthy community? Check only 3

Issue	Count	Percent Responded
Safe place to raise children	50	14.0%
Access to health care (e.g., family doctor)	44	12.3%
Jobs and stable economy	42	11.8%
Clean environment	35	9.8%
Low crime/safe neighborhoods	32	2.9%
Healthy behaviors and lifestyles	21	5.9%
Affordable housing	21	5.9%
Excellent schools	20	5.6%
Strong family life	20	5.6%
Healthy race relations	13	3.6%
Low level of child abuse	13	3.6%
Parks/recreation facilities	12	3.4%
Arts and cultural events	12	3.4%
Religious/spiritual values	11	3.1%
Low infant death rate	7	2.0%
Low adult death/disease rates	4	1.1%

Source: Valley Health System, 2019

Over 50 percent of respondents indicated that a safe place to raise children, access to care, jobs and a stable economy were among the most important factors for a healthy community. A clean environment, low crime/safe neighborhoods, healthy behaviors and lifestyles, and affordable housing were identified by over 30 percent of respondents as among the most important factors (**Exhibit 61B**).

**Exhibit 62A English Survey Respondents** 

Question: Which of the following do you believe are the three most significant health problems in our community? (Those problems which have the greatest impact on overall community health)? Check only 3

Issue	Count	Percent Responded
Being overweight	751	30.4%
Mental health (depression, bipolar, autism)	741	30.0%
Low income/financial issues	683	27.6%
Cancer	437	17.7%
Access to healthy food	299	12.1%
Diabetes	296	12.0%
Affordable housing	289	11.7%
Heart disease	282	11.4%
Tobacco use/smoking	265	10.7%
Not enough exercise	260	10.5%
Poor dietary choices	248	10.0%
Homelessness	247	10.0%
High blood pressure	189	7.6%
Domestic violence	137	5.5%
Childhood obesity	122	4.9%
Alzheimer's or dementia	119	4.8%
Suicide	101	4.1%
Vaping/juuling	100	4.0%
Dental health	95	3.8%
Other (please specify)	94	3.8%
Respiratory/lung disease	65	2.6%
Teenage pregnancy	50	2.0%
Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)	45	1.8%
Motor vehicle crash injuries	42	1.7%
Asthma	35	1.4%
Poor air quality	34	1.4%
Stroke	24	1.0%

Source: Valley Health System, 2019

Over 30 percent of respondents indicated being overweight, and mental health among the most significant health problems in the community. Low income, financial stability, cancer, access to healthy foods, diabetes, affordable housing, and heart disease were identified by over 11 percent of respondents as among the most significant health problems (**Exhibit 62A**).

**Exhibit 62B Spanish Survey Respondents** 

Question: Which of the following do you believe are the three most significant health problems in our community? (Those problems which have the greatest impact on overall community health)? Check only 3

Issue	Count	Percent Responded
Being overweight	40	12.5%
Diabetes	40	12.5%
Access to healthy food	24	7.5%
Cancer	22	6.9%
High blood pressure	15	4.7%
Childhood obesity	14	4.4%
Domestic Violence	14	4.4%
Not enough exercise	14	4.4%
Teen Pregnancy	14	4.4%
Dental health	13	4.0%
Substance Abuse	12	3.7%
Low income/financial issues	11	3.4%
Poor dietary choices	12	3.7%
Tobacco use/smoking	11	3.4%
Heart disease	9	2.8%
Respiratory/lung disease	9	2.8%
Affordable housing	8	2.5%
Asthma	6	1.9%
Homelessness	6	1.9%
Mental health (depression, bipolar, autism)	5	1.6%
Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)	5	1.6%
Stroke	5	1.6%
Alzheimer's or dementia	3	0.9%
Poor air quality	3	0.9%
Vaping/juuling	3	0.9%
Motor vehicle crash injuries	2	0.6%
Suicide Source: Velley Health System 2010	1	0.3%

Source: Valley Health System, 2019

Over 40 percent of Spanish survey respondents indicated being overweight, having diabetes, access to healthy foods, and cancer were the most significant health problems in the community. High blood pressure, childhood obesity, domestic violence, not enough exercise, and teen pregnancy were identified by over 15 percent of respondents as among the most significant health problems (**Exhibit 62B**).

#### 4. Health Behaviors

## **Exhibit 63A English Survey Respondents**

Question: Which of the following do you believe are the three most frequent risky behaviors in our community? (Those behaviors which have the greatest impact on overall community health). Check only 3

Issue	Count	Percent Responded
Drug abuse	375	15.2%
Alcohol abuse	237	9.6%
Poor eating habits	162	6.6%
Tobacco use/smoking	129	5.2%
Racism or other form of bigotry	98	4.0%
Lack of exercise	89	3.6%
Unsafe sex	69	2.8%
Dropping out of school	69	2.8%
Not getting recommended vaccines	38	1.5%
Vaping/juuling	36	1.5%
Not using birth control	23	0.9%
Not using seat belts/child safety seats	17	0.7%
Other (please specify)	13	0.5%

Source: Valley Health System, 2019

Over 15 percent of respondents indicated drug abuse was the most risky health behavior in the community. When asked to identify the top risky health behaviors in the community, English survey respondents most often indicated alcohol abuse, poor eating habits, tobacco use and smoking, racism or other form of bigotry, lack of exercise, and unsafe sex (**Exhibit 63**).

## **Exhibit 63B Spanish Survey Respondents**

Question: Which of the following do you believe are the three most frequent risky behaviors in our community? (Those behaviors which have the greatest impact on overall community health). Check only 3

Issue	Count	Percent Responded
Alcohol abuse	66	21.0%
Drug abuse	56	17.8%
Tobacco use/smoking	46	14.6%
Racism or other form of bigotry	35	11.1%
Lack of exercise	27	8.6%
Not getting recommended vaccines	25	7.9%
Not using seat belts/child safety seats	20	6.3%
Dropping out of school	16	5.1%
Unsafe sex	12	3.8%
Not using birth control	8	2.5%
Vaping/juuling	4	1.3%

Source: Valley Health System, 2019

The top risky health behaviors in the Spanish community indicated by the survey respondents are: drug abuse, alcohol abuse, tobacco use/smoking, racism or other form of bigotry, and lack of exercise. These are followed by not getting shots to prevent disease, not using seat belts/child safety seats, dropping out of school, and unsafe sex (**Exhibit 63B**).

# Summary of Key Stakeholder Interview Findings, 2019

Valley Health and Our Health, Inc. conducted both face-to-face informant interviews and telephone interviews during the months of March and April 2019. The interviews were designed to obtain input on health needs from persons who represent the broad interests of the community served by WMC, including those with special knowledge of or expertise in public health.

Fifty-six individual and group interviews were conducted, including: persons with special knowledge of or expertise in public health; health and other public departments or agencies with data or information relevant to the health needs of the community; and leaders, representatives and members of medically underserved, low-income, and minority populations, and of populations with chronic disease needs; and representatives of the education and business communities. An annotated list of individuals providing community input is included the following section of this report.

Interviews were conducted using a structured questionnaire. Informants were asked to discuss community health issues and encouraged to think broadly about the social, behavioral and other determinants of health. Interviewees were asked about issues related to health status, health care access and services, chronic health conditions, populations with special needs, and health disparities.

The frequency with which specific issues were mentioned and interviewees' perceptions of the severity (how serious or significant) and scope (how widespread) of each concern were assessed. The following health status issues and contributing factors were reported to be of greatest concern. The items in each list are presented in order of stated importance, although the differences in some cases are relatively minor.

The following issues were identified by external informants as those of greatest concern to the community health in the WMC community, and are presented in alphabetical order.

#### **Access to Health Care**

While mental health care and elderly care were mentioned previously, interviewees identified several other health care services that were difficult to access. Respondents identified extended hours, to add additional specialists to include pediatricians, and low-cost health care options for screenings and other services.

- 1. **Dental care.** A community resident's ability to receive proper dental care was a concern for many of those interviewed. Some community residents are traveling to West Virginia to receive services. Interviewees believed that a lack of dental insurance and affordability were the main causes for residents leaving the community for services.
- **2. Primary care.** Interviewees mentioned that primary care services can be difficult to access in the community, especially for underserved communities. This concern was magnified by a belief that many community residents used the emergency room as a primary care provider. Cost of care, lack of insurance, and navigating through the health care system were cited as causes of not accessing care.

**3. Specialty care providers.** Interviewees had mentioned a lack of specialty care services in the community, especially for children needing cancer or mental health services.

## **Factors Contributing to Health Status and Access to Care**

In addition to discussing health status issues and health conditions in the community, interview participants addressed the factors or conditions they believe most contribute to poor health status. Responses were similar to the 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment reports. An alphabetical list of the major contributing factors raised, some of them inter-related, are below:

- 1. Access to health care (physicians/specialists): Interview participants cited a wide range of difficulties regarding access to care, including availability of providers (physicians/specialists), cost and affordability of care, significant transportation barriers for low-income and elderly populations, and language or cultural barriers for some members of the community. Some interviewees mentioned that there are community residents that do not seek medical care due to their immigration status in the country.
- 2. Affordable Housing/Assisted Living: Interview participants frequently mentioned the need for affordable housing across the WMC community and assisted home care for senior citizens. Some interview participants highlighted the particular health risks experienced by older residents in the community. Seniors have lower incomes, transportation barriers, advanced chronic diseases, and social isolation that can negatively impact health status.
- **3.** Cancer: Cancer was mentioned frequently during the interview process. Some believe this is due to increased awareness of cancer services within the WMC community, however, others mentioned that it may be the result of more awareness and residents scheduling preventative screenings.
- **4. Chronic illness** (i.e. Cholesterol, Diabetes, and Heart Disease): Diabetes was the most frequently mentioned chronic disease in the interviews, and was often paired with discussion about obesity and being overweight. This was true for all ages, but these health issues were noted to be rising among children and youth. Commenting on related contributing factors, interview participants mentioned nutrition and diet, low physical activity and exercise levels, and food insecurity and hunger. Access to healthy foods was mentioned as a barrier, including that some do not have money to purchase fresh produce. There was widespread recognition of the toll that chronic illness has on health, its impact on the health care system, and the importance of not only treatment but also behavioral change in addressing the chronic disease.
- **5. Drug and substance abuse**: An array of substance abuse issues were identified across the WMC community as important to those interviewed. Substance abuse was portrayed as both growing and serious throughout the region. Heroin was mentioned most often; however, alcohol, marijuana, and methamphetamine use were also mentioned. Interviewees reported that pregnant women who use illicit drugs and possibly compromise the health of their babies is still of significant importance to the WMC community.

- **6. Education/Awareness:** Several interviewees mentioned that education and awareness about services were barriers to care. Factors linked generally to educational attainment and specifically to health education were noted by interview participants as impeding both the ability to effectively seek and manage health care, and to adopt and practice healthy behaviors. Many noted that the community is not aware of services available to them, and that finding services is not easily managed. It was also mentioned that those coming out of prison have limited access to resources.
- 7. Financial insecurities and poverty: It was frequently stated that issues related to income and financial resources limit access to care, contribute to poor diet and nutrition, and create stresses that negatively impact health.
- **8. Homelessness:** Homelessness is a risk factor for poor health, and creates stress and challenges to maintaining one's health and seeking or obtaining needed health care. Homelessness was frequently mentioned among the interviewees, and also noted that in order to have housing, basic needs would need to be met such as employment, food, and shelter.
- **9.** Lack of physical activity and exercise: Among health behaviors that contribute to or inhibit good health, a lack of physical activity and exercise was mentioned as a concern for all age groups. Interview participants recognized that reasons for limited activity and strategies to increase activity differ across the life span.
- 10. Mental and behavioral health: Mental and behavioral health was the second most frequently-mentioned health issue in the community. Interviewees reported that the community's mental health needs have risen, while mental health service capacity has not. They described a wide range of mental health issues, including bullying among youth, autism spectrum symptoms and diagnoses, depression among senior citizens, adult and family stress and coping difficulties, lack of affordable outpatient mental health professionals, and a lack of local inpatient treatment facilities, especially for children. Interviewees also noted frequent dual diagnoses of mental health and substance abuse problems, and that having an inpatient detox center/unit would be beneficial to the community.
- **11. Poor nutrition and diet**: Among healthy behaviors, dietary habits and nutrition were mentioned most frequently as major factors in obesity, diabetes, heart disease and related conditions, and chronic diseases. Interview participants mentioned these were due to a lack of access to affordable healthy foods for lower income families. It was mentioned some residents to not have a stable food source.
- **12. Smoking and tobacco**: Smoking and tobacco use was frequently mentioned in the context of concerns about drug and substance abuse. Smoking was viewed as a significant issue, although average smoking rates have declined, the long-lasting health effect has now become notably worse since the launch of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).

- **13. Transportation**: Several interviewees identified the lack of transportation options in the community as a problem. In some rural locations, the lack of transportation options was seen as a major barrier for residents to receive proper health care. This problem was identified as a particular need among low-income and elderly residents.
- **14. Unhealthy lifestyles**: Many interviewees identified unhealthy lifestyle behaviors around nutrition and lack of activity leads to poor health was reported as concerns. Diabetes, heart disease, and obesity were mentioned often across the WMC community.

### Individuals Providing Community Input

The CHNA took into account input from many people who represent the broad interests of the community served by the hospital. This was done via interviews with over 200+ individuals and six "community response sessions" that included 20 participants. These 200+ stakeholders included public health experts; individuals from health or other departments and agencies; leaders or representatives of medically underserved, low-income, and minority populations; and other individuals representing the broad interests of the community (**Exhibits 64-67**).

### 1. Public Health Experts

Individuals interviewed with special knowledge of, or expertise in, public health, some of whom also participated in a community response session, include those in **Exhibit 65**:

**Exhibit 64: Public Health Experts** 

Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Special Knowledge/Expertise or Nature of Leadership Role	Interview or Response Session
Chris Petsko	District Administrator	Lord Fairfax Health District	Expertise in the public health needs of Lord Fairfax Health district residents	Interview
Dr. Colin Greene	District Director	Lord Fairfax Health District	Expertise in the public health needs of Lord Fairfax Health district residents	Interview
Dr. Thomas Daugherty	Health Officer	Hampshire County Health Department	Expertise in the public health needs of Hampshire County residents	Interview
Leea Shirley	Public Health Nurse Supervisor	Virginia Department of Health Lord Fairfax Health District	Expertise in the public health needs of Lord Fairfax Health district residents	Interview
Stephanie Shoemacker	Local Health Administrator	Hampshire County Health Department	Expertise in the public health needs of Hampshire County residents	Interview

### 2. Health or Other Departments or Agencies

Several interviewees were from departments or agencies with current data or other information relevant to the health needs of the community (**Exhibit 65**). This list excludes the public health experts identified in **Exhibit 64**, who also meet this criterion.

**Exhibit 65: Individuals from Health or Other Departments or Agencies** 

Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Special Knowledge/Expertise or Nature of Leadership Role	Interview or Response Session
Brandon Jennings	Executive Director	Sinclair Health Clinic	Special knowledge regarding health needs of the indigent populations in the community	Interview
Cheryl Reames	Executive Director/Manager	Greater Winchester Area Parkinson's Support Group	Expertise in Parkinson's Disease and community resident	Both
Cosby Potter-Davis	Executive Director	Good Samaritan Free Clinic	Special knowledge regarding health needs of the indigent populations in the community for Berkeley County	Interview
Debbie Dart	Executive Director/Manager	Choices, Council on Domestic Violence	Special knowledge regarding domestic violence	Interview
Dennis Morris	Board of Supervisor	Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors	Shenandoah County	Interview
Donald K. Price	Executive Director	Access Independence, Inc.	Special knowledge regarding patients with disabilities	Interview
Dr. Barbara Walter	VP, Medical Affairs	Page Memorial Hospital	Page County	Interview
Dr. Greg Byrd	VP, Medical Affairs	Shenandoah Memorial Hospital	Shenandoah County	Interview
Dr. Iyad Sabbagh	Senior VP, Chief Physician Executive, and President, Valley Physician Enterprise	Valley Health	Frederick County	Interview
Dr. James Wiedower	Physician	Valley Physician Enterprise	Special knowledge regarding Bariatrics	Interview
Dr. Jeff Feit	VP, Population Health, Valley Health, Chief Operating Officer, Valley Physician Enterprises	Valley Health	Population Health	Interview
Dr. Madhur Solanki	Associate Medical Information Officer	Winchester Medical Center	City of Winchester	Interview
Dr. Nicolas Restrepo	VP, Medical Affairs	Winchester Medical Center	City of Winchester	Interview
Dr. Robert Meltvedt	VP, Medical Affairs, Warren Memorial Hospital	Warren Memorial Hospital	Warren County	Interview
Gay Rice	Director	Worth Waiting 4	Special knowledge of teen pregnancy	Interview

**Exhibit 65: Individuals from Health or Other Departments or Agencies (continued)** 

Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Special Knowledge/Expertise or Nature of Leadership Role	Interview or Response Session
John Nagley	Executive Director	AIDS Response Effort	Special knowledge regarding health needs of population in community with AIDS	Interview
Kim Shrum	Clinical Manager	Shenandoah Memorial Hospital	Special knowledge regarding health needs of indigent population in community	Interview
Leslie Hardesty	SA Program Coordinator	TLC	Special knowledge regarding seniors needs in Shenandoah county	Interview
Lisa Herbaugh	Program Coordinator	The Laurel Center	Special knowledge regarding domestic violence	Interview
Maria Lorenson	Development Director	Hospice of the Panhandle	Special knowledge end-of-life care	Interview
Mary Presley	Physical Therapy	Warren Memorial Hospital	Warren County	Interview
Megan Gordon	Program Director	Page Alliance Community Action	Page County	Interview
Michaela Zaraszczak	Executive Assistant	Access Independence, Inc.	Special knowledge regarding patients with disabilities	Interview
Natalie Cline	Marketing and Events Assistant	Berkeley County Chamber	Berkeley County	Interview
Nicole Foster	President	Front Royal Chamber of Commerce	Warren County	Interview
Pam Murphy	Executive Director	Shenandoah County Free Clinic	Special knowledge regarding health needs of indigent population in community	Interview
Rachel Carlson	Director, Advanced Practice Clinician Services	Valley Physician Enterprise	Clinician Services	Interview
Robin Stevens	Services Coordinator	Choices, Council on Domestic Violence	Special knowledge regarding domestic violence	Interview
Sharon Baroncelli	Executive Director	Shenandoah Chamber of Commerce	Shenandoah County	Interview
Sharon Stanfield	Eligibility Worker Supervisor	Frederick County Dept. of Social Services	Expertise in the social services	Interview
Stephanie Grubb	Coordinator Psychiatrics	Valley Health Behavioral Health	Special knowledge regarding behavioral health needs in community	Interview
Susan Sanders	Office Manager	Berkeley County Chamber	Berkeley County	Interview
Tammy Gasper	VP, Shenandoah Memorial Hospital; Southern Region Medical Staff Services & Clinical Program Development	Shenandoah Memorial Hospital	Shenandoah County	Interview
Teresa Rhodes	Executive Director/Manager	AbbaCare, Inc.	Special knowledge regarding teen pregnancy	Interview

### 3. Community Leaders and Representatives

The following individuals were interviewed because they are leaders or representatives of medically underserved, low-income, and/or minority populations (**Exhibit 66**). This list excludes the public health experts identified in **Exhibit 64**.

**Exhibit 66: Community Leaders and Representatives** 

Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Special Knowledge/Expertise or Nature of Leadership Role	Interview or Response Session
Abbey Remold	Manager, HR Business Partner	VHS Southern Region Warren Memorial Hospital	Special knowledge regarding health needs of indigent populations in the communities of Page, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties	Interview
Allen Sibert	TOVRC	Winchester City Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement	Interview
Amanda Behan	Lieutenant	Winchester Police Department	Law Enforcement	Interview
April McClain-Clower	Director	Shenandoah Memorial Hospital	Special knowledge regarding health needs of the Shenandoah County populations in the community	Interview
Bartley Hoffman	Director, Surgical Services	Shenandoah Memorial Hospital	Shenandoah County	Response Session
Becky Whetzel	Medical Transport Manager	Valley Medical Transport	Special knowledge in patient transportation	Interview
Benjamin Dolewski	Medical Practice Manager	Page Rural Health Center	Special knowledge regarding health needs of the indigent populations in the community	Both
Brandon Truman	Education and PI Manager	Valley Medical Transport	Special knowledge in patient transportation	Interview
Brian Sewtle	Capt. Mental Health CBI	Winchester Police Department	Law Enforcement	Interview
Carolyn Knowles	Operations Manager	Valley Medical Transport	Special knowledge in patient transportation	Interview
Cathy Weaver	Member, Community Advisory Committee	Community	Page County Community	Interview
Chaz Niang	Officer/CRT	Winchester Police Department	Law Enforcement	Interview
Chris Rucker	President, Valley Regional Enterprises; VP, Valley Health Ambulatory Services	Valley Health	Special knowledge regarding ambulatory health needs and transportation services	Interview

**Exhibit 66: Community Leaders and Representatives (continued)** 

Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Special Knowledge/Expertise or Nature of Leadership Role	Interview or Response Session
Christa Shifflett	Executive Director	Warren County Coalition	Warren County	Response Session
Christopher S. Hale	Med/Surg. Clinical Manager	Page Memorial Hospital	Special knowledge regarding health needs of the Page County populations	Interview
Claire McDonald	Executive Director	The Independent School of Winchester	Special knowledge in education	Interview
Courtney Miller	Wellness Services	Valley Health	Special knowledge regarding nutrition and wellness	Both
Crystal Larson	Administrator	Lynn Care Center	Special knowledge regarding health needs of long-term care patients	Interview
DeAnna Cheatham	Director	Warren County Social Services	Warren County	Interview
Diane Kerns	Chair, Community Advisory Committee	Community	Winchester Community	Interview
Doug Stanley	County Administrator	Local Government- Warren County	Warren County	Interview
Dr. David T. Sovine	Superintendent	Frederick County Public Schools	Special knowledge in education	Interview
Dr. Jason Van Heukelum	Superintendent	Winchester City Schools	Special knowledge in education	Interview
Dr. Mark Johnston	Superintendent	Shenandoah County Public Schools	Special knowledge in education	Interview
Dr. Shannon Grimsley	Superintendent	Rappahannock County Public Schools	Special knowledge in education	Interview
Dr. Wendy Gonzalez	Superintendent	Page County Public Schools	Special knowledge in education	Interview
Erich May	Superintendent	Morgan County Public Schools	Special knowledge in education	Interview
Ethel Showman	Member, Community Advisory Committee	Community	Shenandoah County Community	Interview
Faith Power	Member, Community Advisory Committee	Community	Winchester Community	Interview
Floyd Heater	VP, Valley Health Southern Region, President, Warren Memorial Hospital	Valley Health	Special knowledge regarding health needs of indigent populations in the communities of Page, Shenandoah, and Warren counties	Interview

**Exhibit 66: Community Leaders and Representatives (continued)** 

Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Special Knowledge/Expertise or Nature of Leadership Role	Interview or Response Session
Grady (Skip) Philips	President, Winchester Medical Center	Valley Health	Special knowledge regarding health needs of indigent populations in the community	Interview
Jake Meza	VHS Director, UC/OH/QC	Valley Regional Enterprise/ VHS	Special knowledge regarding health needs of indigent populations in the community	Interview
Jane Bauknecht	Executive Director	Adult Care Center of NSV, Inc.	Special knowledge regarding adult day care needs	Interview
Janice Boserman	PI/Quality	War Memorial Hospital	Morgan County	Interview
Jessica Watson	Director CDRC & WRC	Winchester Medical Center Chronic Disease Resource Center	Special knowledge regarding health needs of indigent patients	Interview
Jill Williams	Program Supervisor	Healthy Families Northern Shenandoah Valley	Experience providing parenting support to atrisk families in the community	Both
JoAnne Winschel	Social Worker	Shenandoah Memorial Hospital	Special knowledge regarding health needs of indigent population in community	Interview
John Piper	Chief of Police	Winchester Police Department	Law Enforcement	Interview
John Robben	Director	Valley Medical Transport	Special knowledge in patient transportation	Interview
John Van Wyck	Director of Student Services & Federal Programs	Page County Public Schools	Special knowledge in education	Interview
Julie Horak	Pharmacy Manager	War Memorial Hospital	Morgan County	Interview
Julie Larrick	Clinical Team Manager	Valley Health Home Health	Special knowledge regarding home health care	Interview
Julie Zigler	Executive Director	Division of Aging and Rehabilitative Services	Special knowledge regarding rehabilitative services	Interview
K.C. Bohrer	Sheriff	Morgan County Sheriff's Department	Law Enforcement	Interview
Kaili Flick	Operations Manager	Valley Medical Transport	Special knowledge in patient transportation	Interview
Karen Poff	Executive Director	Virginia Tech Extension	Special knowledge in education	Interview

**Exhibit 66: Community Leaders and Representatives (continued)** 

Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Special Knowledge/Expertise or Nature of Leadership Role	Interview or Response Session
Karen Schultz, PhD	Director & Professor, Center for Public Service and Scholarship	Shenandoah University	Special knowledge regarding health needs of the indigent populations in the community.	Response Session
Katy Pitcock	Co-Chair and Coordinator Community Prenatal and Language Access	Virginia Medical Interpreting Collaborative	Special knowledge of health needs of populations that have limited in English proficiency.	Community Health Survey
Keith Nixon	Officer/Drug Court	Winchester Police Department	Law Enforcement, Drug Court	Interview
Kelly Rice	Deputy Chief	Winchester Police Department	Law Enforcement	Interview
Kerry L. "Kahle" Magalis, II	Chief of Police	Front Royal	Law Enforcement	Interview
Kim Shrum	Clinical Manager	Shenandoah Memorial Hospital	Special knowledge regarding health needs of indigent population in community	Interview
L. Gregory Drescher	Superintendent	Warren County Public Schools	Special knowledge in education	Interview
Lauren Cummings	Executive Director	NSV Substance Abuse Coalition	Special knowledge regarding substance abuse need in community	Both
Linda Holtzapple	Executive Director	Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging	Special knowledge regarding senior populations	Interview
Lisa Hyde	Warrants Clerk	Winchester Police Department	Law Enforcement	Interview
Mark Lahman	Corporal Oldtown	Winchester Police Department	Law Enforcement	Interview
Mark Merrill	President and Chief Executive Officer	Valley Health	Special knowledge of health needs of populations	Both
Mike Ackerman	Sergeant/ CRT	Winchester Police Department	Law Enforcement	Interview
Misty Warren	Women's and Children's Coordinator	Valley Health	Expertise women's and children outreach	Interview
Nicky Fadley	Executive Director	Strength In Peers	Special knowledge of mental health needs in community	Interview
Patty Fields	Office Data Specialist	Hampshire Memorial Hospital	Hampshire County	Interview

**Exhibit 66: Community Leaders and Representatives (continued)** 

Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Special Knowledge/Expertise or Nature of Leadership Role	Interview or Response Session
Philip Graybeal	Chief Financial Officer	Page Memorial Hospital	Special knowledge regarding health needs of indigent populations in the communities of Page, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties	Interview
Portia Brown	Director of Quality and Regulatory Affairs	Page Memorial Hospital	Special knowledge regarding health needs of the Page County populations	Interview
Rachel Payne	Clinical Team Manager	Valley Health Home Health	Special knowledge regarding home health care	Interview
Samantha Greenfield	Placement Counselor	Division of Aging and Rehabilitative Services	Special knowledge regarding rehabilitative services	Interview
Sara Kuykendall	Dietician	Valley Health Wellness Services	Special knowledge regarding nutrition	Interview
Scott Mallery	Executive Director	Aging & Family Services	Special knowledge regarding senior populations	Interview
Sharen Gromling	Executive Director	Our Health, Inc.	Special knowledge regarding health needs of the indigent populations in the community.	Both
Sharon Rigney	Director Women's & Children	Winchester Medical Center	Special knowledge regarding health needs of women and children in the community.	Interview
Sonia M. Conrad	LPN Office Intake Specialist	Valley Health Home Health	Special knowledge regarding home health care	Interview
Stacey Heavner	Executive Director	Senior Community Service Employment Program	Special knowledge regarding senior populations	Interview
Stephanie Fisher	Clinical Manager	Valley Health Home Health	Special knowledge regarding home health care	Interview
Tabitha Keyser	Case Management	Page Memorial Hospital	Special knowledge regarding health needs of Page County indigent populations	Interview
Taryn Logan	Planning Director	City of Warren	Warren County	Interview
Tom Kluge	President, Hampshire Memorial Hospital and War Memorial Hospital	Valley Health	Special knowledge regarding health needs of indigent populations in the community for Hampshire and Morgan counties.	Interview

**Exhibit 66: Community Leaders and Representatives (continued)** 

Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Special Knowledge/Expertise or Nature of Leadership Role	Interview or Response Session
Thomas Noser	Imaging/Cardiopulmonary Manager	Page Memorial Hospital	Page County	Response Session
Tina Combs	President and Chief Executive Officer	Berkeley County Chamber	Berkeley County	Interview
Tracy Mitchell	Valley Health Director	Valley Health Wellness Services	Special knowledge regarding wellness services	Interview
Tracey Ramey	Education Department Coordinator	Warren Memorial Hospital	Special knowledge in education	Interview
Travis Clark	VP, Operations, Valley Health Southern Region	Valley Health	Special knowledge regarding health needs of Page, Shenandoah, and Warren County populations	Both
Trina Cox	Director	Hampshire Wellness	Special knowledge regarding wellness services	Interview
Victoria Johnson	Marketing Liaison	Valley Health Home Health	Special knowledge regarding home health care	Interview

### 5. Persons Representing the Broad Interests of the Community

Exhibit 67: Other Interviewees Representing the Broad Interests of the Community

Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Interview or Response Session
Alexis LaPorte	TOVRC	TWG Insurance-The Winchester Group Inc.	Interview
Andre Miller	VA Dept. of Veteran Services	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Anita Schill	Mayor's Office	City of Winchester	Response Session
Anne Norton	Volunteer	WMC Auxiliary	Interview
Aaron Grisdale	City of Winchester	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Avery Ramspeck	Volunteer	WMC Auxiliary	Interview
Beth Falu	TOVRC	Navy Federal Credit Union Contact Center	Interview
Bethany Searfoss	NSV Substance Abuse Coalition	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Beverly Pearce	Wyck, LLC	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Brandon Jennings	TOVRC	Sinclair Health Clinic	Interview
Breannan Lloy	TOVRC	Bank of Clarke County	Interview
Bonnie Paulsen	Volunteer	WMC Auxiliary	Interview
Carl Chapman	TOVRC	Welltown United Methodist Church	Interview
Carmen Richmond	TOVRC	Heart of the Home Design-Build	Interview
Carmen Silvious	The Kirland Image	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Cathy Philips	Education Chair	WMC Auxiliary	Interview
Charly Franks	Concern Hotline	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Cheryl Dellinger	NVD	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Chris Monroe	NWCSB	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Cindy Greenya	UWNSV	United Way	Interview
Coressa Hubbard	Workforce Virginia	Virginia	Response Session
Courtney Cox	TOVRC	United Bank	Interview
Cyndy Walsh	Shenandoah Education Foundation	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Danielle Cullers	Volunteers of America	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Danielle Tyler	Volunteer	WMC Auxiliary	Interview
David Smith	Mayor	Winchester City	Interview
Debbie Dart	Director	Choices, Page County	Response Session
Diane Lockhart	TOVRC	County of Frederick	Interview
Dick W. Meyer	Director	Emergency Management and Homeland Security	Interview
Doris Trant	Director	WMC Volunteer Services	Interview
Doug Norell	Valley Interfaith Council	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Ed Smith	TOVRC	Winchester Public Schools	Interview
Ericka Strosnyder	TOVRC	Lyle P. Strosnider, Inc.	Interview
Faith Carter	TOVRC	NW Works, Inc.	Interview
Frank Murphy	Community Representative	NAACP	Interview
Gay Rice	Director	Worth Waiting4	Both
Gwen Borders-Walker	Vice President	NAACP	Interview
Helen Ritchie	Volunteer	WMC Auxiliary	Interview
Heather Buonocore	Physical Therapist	FREE	Response Session

**Exhibit 67: Other Interviewees Representing the Broad Interests of the Community (continued)** 

Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Interview or Response Session
Heather Kovaly	TOVRC	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Interview
Ingrid Thompson	Shenandoah Paco Industries	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Jean Martin	Humane Society of Shenandoah County	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Jean Westfall	Community Representative	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Jennie Morrow	TOVRC	Morgan Stanley-Wealth Management - Winchester	Interview
Jennifer Hall	Director of Community Engagement	Valley Assistance Network	Response Session
Jenny Castor	Volunteer	WMC Auxiliary	Interview
Joanne Altenburg	Volunteer	WMC Auxiliary	Interview
Joanne Dietz	Braddock Street UMC	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Jody Wall	TOVRC	Director of Program Development of TOVRC	Interview
Joe Litterio	First Bank	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
John Copenhaver	Valley Interfaith Council	NAACP	Interview
Joseph Jablorish	Valley Assistance Network	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Judy Franz	Shenandoah County Search, Inc.	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Julian Berger	TOVRC	Loudon County Sheriff's Office	Interview
Kate Simpson	Community Representative	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Katherine Morrison	Community Foundation	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Keith Fleury	Housing and Real Estate Investments, LLC	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Kelli Dayrit	TOVRC	Lord Fairfax Community College	Interview
Kelli Williams	Lord Fairfax Community College	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Kelliann Harris	TOVRC	The Laurel Center	Interview
Kelly Bober	Childsafe Center	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Kim Herbstritt	NSV Community Foundation	United Way Housing Coalition	Both
Kevin Hay	TOVRC	Romney Presbyterian Church	Interview
Kimberly Wilt	Blue Ridge Habitat for Humanity	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
La Tasha Do'zia-Early	Executive Director, Youth Development Center	NAACP	Interview
Latasha Thompson	Community Representative	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Linda Caley	Volunteer	WMC Auxiliary	Interview
Lindsey Douglas	Big Brothers Big Sisters	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Lois Hitchcock	Volunteer	WMC Auxiliary	Interview
Lynn McKee	Response	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Response Session
Mary Anton	TOVRC	Handley Regional Library	Interview
Marshall Henson	NW Works	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Mary Dale Jackson	Community Representative	NAACP	Interview
Matt Peterson	Blue Ridge Habitat for Humanity	United Way Housing Coalition	Response Session
Melissa Miller Piselli	Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Michael Funk	Shenandoah County Foundation	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview

**Exhibit 67: Other Interviewees Representing the Broad Interests of the Community (continued)** 

Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Interview or Response Session
Michael Starling	TOVRC	Randolph-Macon Academy	Interview
Michael Wade	TOVRC	Valley Health	Interview
Nadine Pottinga	UWNSV	United Way	Both
Niki Wilson	Director of Development, Valley Health Foundation	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Nikki Morelli	AbbaCare	Berkeley, WV, Clarke, Frederick, Warren, and the City of Winchester	Response Session
Oscar Cerrito Mendoza	A.R.E.	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Pamela Lam-Allen	TOVRC	Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum	Interview
Pat Bowers	Volunteer	WMC Auxiliary	Interview
Patrick Barker	Frederick County EDA	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview
Patty Fadeley	Blue Ridge Hospice	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Pete Fravel	TOVRC	Habitat for Humanity	Interview
Rebekah Dehaven	Community Representative	NAACP	Interview
Rebekah Schennum	Shenandoah Valley Lutheran Ministries	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Richard Kennedy	TOVRC	Top of VA Regional Chamber	Interview
Robin Stevens	Services Coordinator	Choices, Page County	Response Session
Robert Hitchcock	Volunteer	WMC Auxiliary	Interview
Rodney Culbreath	Director, I'm Just Me Movement	NAACP	Interview
Rhonda VanDyke	TOVRC	Shenandoah University	Interview
Sarah Downs	Lord Fairfax Outreach	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Scott Terndrup	Coordinator	Shenandoah Area on Aging	Interview
Sherry Avery	Family Promise of Shenandoah County	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Sherry Ritenour	Thrivent Financial	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Shontya Washington	TOVRC	Frederick County Public Schools	Interview
Sue Dietz	Musterworks Chorus	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Tara Helsley	Community Representative	NAACP	Interview
Teri Merrill	Community Representative	NAACP	Interview
Thea Thomas	President	NAACP	Interview
Tim Youmans	Planning Director	Winchester City Planning Department	Interview
Traci Toth	Executive Director	Faith in Action	Interview
Tyson Gilpin	Community Representative	NAACP	Interview
Rev. Dave Cunsolo	Lead Pastor	Victory Church	Interview
Veronica Olko	Brian Injury Connections of Shenandoah Valley	Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Vickie Davies	Executive Director	St. Luke Community Clinic	Interview
Vivian Walker	Community Representative	NAACP/ Non-Profit Council of Shenandoah County	Interview
Zanata Fenn	A.R.E.	United Way Housing Coalition	Interview

# Appendix A – Community Interviews and Survey

1. Area Community Health Survey (English and Spanish)

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### 2019 Community Health Survey

abou be u prev Rem	ase take a few minutes to complete the survey below. The purpose of the survey is to get your opinions ut community health needs in Valley Health System's service area. The survey results and other information will used to identify the most pressing concerns that can be addressed through community action. If you have viously completed the 2019 Community Health Survey, please disregard this request.  The survey is to get your opinion is important! If you have any questions, please contact us at the address provided at the of the survey. Thank you for sharing your opinions.
	Which of the following do you believe are the three most important factors for a healthy community? (Those factors which most improve the quality of life in a community.) Please check only three:
	O Safe place to raise children O Jobs and stable economy O Clean environment O Affordable housing O Low crime/safe neighborhoods O Excellent schools O Healthy race relations O Low level of child abuse O Healthy behaviors and lifestyles O Low adult death/disease rates O Low adult death/disease O Low orime/safe neighborhoods O Access to health care (e.g., family doctor) O Clean environment O Arts and cultural events O Low adult death/disease rates O Low infant death rate O Other:
2.	Which of the following do you believe are <b>the three most significant health problems</b> in our community? (Those problems which have the greatest impact on overall community health) Please check only three:
	O Access to healthy food O Heart disease O Respiratory/lung disease O Asthma O High blood pressure O Sexually transmitted diseases O Alzheimer's or dementia O Homelessness (STDs) O Affordable housing O Low income/financial issues O Being overweight O Mental health (depression, bipolar, autism) O Suicide O Cancer bipolar, autism) O Suicide O Childhood obesity O Motor vehicle crash injuries O Dental health O Not enough exercise O Tobacco use/smoking O Diabetes O Poor air quality O Vaping/juuling O Domestic violence O Poor dietary choices
3.	Which of the following do you believe are the three most frequent risky behaviors in our community?  (Those behaviors which have the greatest impact on overall community health) Please check only three:  O Alcohol abuse O Not getting recommended O Not using birth control vaccines O Unsafe sex O Drug abuse O Racism or other form of bigotry O Not using seat belts/child safety seats
1	O Poor eating habits O Vaping/juuling O Other:
4.	How would you rate our community as a healthy community?  O Excellent O Very Good O Good O Fair O Poor
5.	How would you rate your own personal health?
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6.	When do you see a medical doctor or nurse?  Routinely for annual exam, check-up, and/or preventative care  When I and/or a family member is ill/injured/sick/not feeling well  Regular visits directed by a medical professional for the care of chronic disease (diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, etc.)  Rarely  Never
7.	Where or with whom do you and your family receive routine medical care? Please select all that apply.
	O Traditional medical office (MD, APN, PA) O Provider of alternative medicine O Urgent care facility or store-based walk-in clinic O Free or low-cost clinic or health center O Local Health Department clinic O Other:
8.	Are you and all of your family members able to get needed care?  Always Sometimes Rarety Never N/A
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Thank you for your responses. Please return completed surveys to the address below by February 28, 2019. If you would like more information about this community project, please contact us at 540-536-2504.

Mary Zufall, Business Development Manager Valley Health System 220 Campus Boulevard, Suite 402 Winchester, VA 22601



#### 2019 Encuesta de salud comunitaria

Tómese unos minutos para completar la encuesta a continuación. El propósito de la encuesta, es conocer sus opiniones sobre las necesidades de salud de la comunidad en el área de servicio de Valley Health System. Los resultados de la encuesta y otra información se utilizarán para identificar las inquietudes más inmediatas que se pueden abordar a través de la acción comunitaria. Si ya completó la encuesta de salud comunitaria de 2019, ignore esta solicitud.

Recuerde, su opinión es importante! Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con nosotros a la dirección que se proporciona al final de la encuesta. Gracias por compartir sus opiniones.

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Si desea obtener más información sobre este proyecto comunitario, comuníquese con nosotros al número de teléfono a continuación:

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#### 4. Target Population Interview Questions

### **Valley Health System**

## **Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)**

### **Interview Questions**

Interviewee Name:
Organization:
Title:
Date and Location Held:
Is Interviewee a Public Health Expert (Y/N)?:

Interviewer will begin the interview with:

- brief background on Valley Health's CHNA process and how results will be used;
- individual responses will be aggregated and will be kept confidential;
- how interviewees will be identified in the report; and
- the interview is strictly voluntary, and by agreeing to proceed interviewee is indicating consent.

#### **Questions:**

- 1. **Organizational Mission/Issues, Area and Population (if relevant).** If Interviewee is employed/affiliated with an organization: what is your organization's mission/what are its services; geographical area (town or county) or population group (uninsured, racial/ethnic minority, congregation) served? If yes, please elaborate.
- 2. In your opinion, what are the **biggest issues or concerns** facing the people served by your organization (or populations about which you have particular knowledge)? The biggest issues or concerns in your community? (If necessary: What are the **biggest health-related issues or concerns**?)
- 3. Over the past couple years, have these issues been **improving**, **staying the same or getting worse**? Why? How do you know? Please provide an example.
- 4. **Where** and for what **population groups** in the community are each of these issues most pronounced? (City/Town, County, road corridor, hospital service area, ...)
- 5. Please discuss the kinds of issues that people served by your organization (or population groups about which you have particular knowledge) encounter when attempting to access health or social services for themselves and/or their families.
  - Where (in what locations/areas) are these problems most pronounced?
  - For **what population groups** are these problems most pronounced (low-income, minorities, uninsured, and people with chronic disease)?

- 6. Do residents leave the local community to **access** certain services? If so, which residents and for what? What services are not readily accessible locally? Why do residents need to travel for care? Where do they go for care?
- 7. Please discuss the principal **factors that are contributing to (driving) poor health status** among people served by your organization (or population groups about which you have particular knowledge).
  - Where (in what locations/areas) are these problems most pronounced?
  - For **what population groups** are these problems most pronounced (low-income, minorities, uninsured, and people with chronic disease)?
- 8. What organizations (including coalitions and informal groups) are working to address these health care access and health status problems? What community assets could play a role in addressing these needs?
- 9. What specific initiative(s) would you recommend be implemented to address the most pressing access or health status problems in the community (or for population groups about which you have particular knowledge)?

### **Appendix B – Actions Taken Since The 2016 CHNA**

This appendix discusses community health improvement actions taken by Valley Health - Winchester Medical Center since its last CHNA reports were published, and based on the subsequently developed Implementation Strategies. The information is included in the 2019 CHNA reports to respond to final IRC 501(r) regulations, published by the IRS in December 2014.

### **Priority Strategic Initiatives**

- 1. Access to Primary and Preventative Care.
  - a. Utilize United Way's 211 directory in Virginia and West Virginia, updating hospital and affiliate service provider contact information within the online directory to facilitate access to Valley Health services. Standardize referrals of vulnerable populations and/or high-risk patients between the hospital and local free medical clinics, including the Free Medical Clinic of the Northern Shenandoah Valley, Good Samaritan Free Clinic, St. Luke Community Clinic, Page County Free Clinic, and the Shenandoah County Free Clinic. By using a caseworker within the emergency room, this standardized process will help those in need obtain access to primary and preventative care more expeditiously, and reduce unneeded emergency department visits.
  - b. Provide financial support to Faith in Action, an organization that provides transportation to and from healthcare services. This financial support will serve to sustain transportation services for low-income persons to access needed medical care and social services.
  - c. Create a consortium of for-profit and not-for-profit entities within Lord Fairfax Health District for the purpose of facilitating public access to health care through additional grant opportunities for transportation funding.
  - d. Provide information on the locations of, and eligibility requirements for, follow-up health services to vulnerable populations receiving health screenings via Valley Health's Mobile Health Coach, and continue to deploy the Mobile Health Coach to provide screenings and follow-up referral to the community free of charge. Examples of screenings include blood pressure checks and cholesterol screenings.
  - e. Continue the work of the Preventable Hospital Admissions Task Force to improve access to outpatient services for community residents and reduce avoidable emergency department admissions.
  - f. Provide financial support to the Free Medical Clinic of Northern Shenandoah Valley, Inc., Shenandoah Community Health Clinic, St. Luke's Free Clinic, and Good Samaritan Free Clinic, organizations that provide medical care to low-income families and the uninsured in Winchester City, Frederick County, and Clarke County. This financial support will help sustain the organization's mission, assist those in need with obtaining access to primary and preventative care, and reduce unneeded emergency department visits.
  - g. Provide financial assistance to the local Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Shenandoah Valley Medical Systems, to improve access to primary and mental health services.

- h. Subsidize recruitment efforts in identified health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) to increase the number of healthcare professionals in identified specialties and professions.
- i. Subsidize the Shenandoah Valley Family Practice Residency program to train and retain family practice physicians in the community.
- j. Provide financial and in-kind support of training programs for physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistant, nurse practitioner nursing, and certified nursing assistants to attract and retain healthcare professionals in these key disciplines.
- k. Provide financial assistance through both free and discounted care for health care services, consistent with Valley Health's financial assistance policy. This policy is intended in part to reduce financial considerations as a barrier to primary and preventative care, thereby managing health in the most cost effective manner.
- 1. In addition to offering charity assistance to eligible individuals and families, assist patients in determining eligibility for federal, state, or local entitlement programs and in enrolling in Medicaid. WMC assists patients with obtaining available benefits, including completion of necessary paperwork online.

#### 2. Mental and Behavioral Health

- a. Provide financial support to the Concern Hotline, an organization that provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to residents in the Northern Shenandoah Valley. This important resource provides an access point to those with a mental health need, and a clearinghouse for referrals to other appropriate community resources.
- b. Continue to provide services through a psychosocial club, Camp Re-Creation, for persons with mental health conditions who are at risk for readmission in Frederick County and Winchester City. This camp started in the summer of 2013 and intends to provide summer, fall, and spring classes.
- c. Provide access to mental and behavioral healthcare through telemedicine services that reduce geographic barriers to care. This program places the expertise of trained mental health professionals at the bedside of mental health patients in crisis, in locales where this expertise would not otherwise be available.
- d. Provide financial support to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Winchester, an organization working to improve mental health in Winchester City. This advocacy organization serves as a both a critical link to the needs of the mental health community, and a coordinator of support programs that assist mental health patients and their families.
- e. Continue to provide scholarships at Valley Health's wellness and fitness centers for patients with mental illness or substance abuse diagnoses with an accompanying referral from their physician regarding the need for exercise.
- f. Continue to provide funding for the Behavioral Health Unit and related services located at Winchester Medical Center for adult acute care patient for services. This facility serves as the only acute inpatient behavioral health facility in the community.
- g. Subsidize outpatient mental health services, a structured program serving the adult mental health population within the community, which is an important part

- of the continuum of care for those discharged from acute care and for other community members not requiring inpatient mental health services.
- h. Provide financial assistance to the local Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Shenandoah Valley Medical Systems, to improve access to services. This support allows expansion of the clinic to provide increased access for mental health patients.
- i. Collaborate with The Laurel Center for forensic nursing services to include referrals, counseling, and litigation support serving victims of domestic and sexual violence.

#### 3. Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Obesity-Related Chronic Diseases

- a. Enhance awareness of and education related to obesity and youth risk behaviors using the 9-5-2-1-0 initiative, a program that encourages healthy choices related to sleep, consumption of fruits and vegetables, recreational screen time, physical activity, and sodas and sugary drinks. 9-5-2-1-0 materials and publications will be utilized in preschool and elementary schools, promoted to WIC program participants, and distributed by the Health Coach mobile unit at health fairs and other external events.
- b. Continue participation in the youth risk behaviors subgroup and the Youth Resource Alliance, a network of youth-focused individuals, organizations, and resources serving youth in the Lord Fairfax Health District.
- c. Using information on specific risk behaviors of youth identified in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted in the Lord Fairfax Health District, develop strategies to address healthy behaviors, such as the Girls on the Run program which encourages physical activity in third to eighth grade girls.
- d. Continue deploying Valley Health's Mobile Health Coach to provide screenings and referrals to the community free of charge. Screenings include blood pressure checks and cholesterol screenings.
- e. Provide community educational and screening events targeting low-income and underinsured individuals, to increase awareness and detection of colorectal, breast (Every Women's Life) and lung cancer; and diabetes.
- f. Promote awareness and detection of cardiovascular disease by providing education and screenings at community events such as the Community Wellness Festival and county fairs, as well as education programs coordinated by Valley Health Heart & Vascular. Additionally, Valley Health's Heart Attack Risk Program provides free screenings across the region.
- g. Sponsor the Apple Blossom 10K race and partner with other local municipal parks and recreation departments to provide other 5K and fun runs. Races help promote physical fitness for the community.
- h. Establish the Chronic Disease Transition Center to provide assistance and services to patients with chronic diseases. This program provides education and disease management services for patients otherwise without access to a primary care physician or health education resources.
- i. Deliver the Diabetes Management Program, an American Diabetes Association (ADA) accredited program that provides educational classes in both group and

individual settings to cover specific content areas defined by the ADA and outlined in the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME). Included are follow-up education, nutritional education, insulin initiation/adjustment, insulin pump therapy, pregnancy and diabetes, and other services such as continuous glucose monitoring and diabetes prevention education.

#### 4. Substance Abuse and Tobacco Smoking

- a. Provide financial support to Edgehill Recovery Center/New Life, an organization focusing on healthy living and recovery from substance abuse.
- b. Assist with the detection and treatment of substance abuse screening in prenatal care through the Perinatal Substance Abuse/District Child Protective Services. Licensed practitioners, as a routine component of prenatal care, establish and implement a medical history protocol to screen all pregnant patients for substance use to determine the need for further evaluation.
- c. Provide access to education to each patient upon discharge through the Tobacco Cessation Program. WMC also provides a free Tobacco Cessation Information session for the community to learn more about tobacco use and potential risks of cancer, successful ways of quitting, and to become aware of local and national resources.
- d. Provide financial and in-kind support for the Northern Shenandoah Valley Substance Abuse Coalition, a coalition of law enforcement, health care, substance abuse treatment and youth advocacy organizations, working together to address substance abuse and addiction in the Winchester region.
- e. Provide treatment and stabilization services in our region both through services at WMC and in collaboration with community and regional substance abuse and mental health providers.

### 5. Maternal and Child Health/Teen Pregnancy

- a. Provide mammogram screenings for uninsured community members year-round on Mondays at a reduced cost, and during the month of October offered every day.
- b. Continue to provide financial and in-kind support to the ChildSafe Center-CAC to assist children that have been abused. Advocate for a collaborative, child-focused approach to the investigation, prosecution and treatment of child abuse by providing a safe, child-friendly facility, a multidisciplinary team response to abuse allegations, and professional support, education and advocacy services.

### 6. Financial Hardship and Basic Needs Insecurity

- a. Provide support to area United Way programs addressing financial insecurity through their partnerships with local non-profit organizations.
- b. Provide housing for families that have a loved one admitted to the hospital through the Hurst House, a hotel-like atmosphere with an added personal touch. It is offered to those that need to be close to their loved ones and who live an extended distance from the hospital. The services are free of charge to patient families.

- c. Provide prescriptions through financial support to those that cannot afford them through the Shenandoah Valley Compassionate Pharmacy program, aimed at providing medications to those that would otherwise forego medications.
- d. Provide COPD Inhalers to those that cannot afford them through the Shenandoah Compassionate Pharmacy Program.

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