



# Beaverhead County Public Health Strategic Plan 2017-2020

**Vision:** Fostering Healthy Generations...  
Healthy you  
Healthy me  
Healthy us

**Mission:**

The Beaverhead County Public Health Department is committed to strengthening our community by assessing community needs, promoting physical and mental health, preventing disease, and preparedness planning through community collaboration.

**Values:**

**Innovation**

-seek, explore and invent new ways to serve our community through disease prevention and health promotion

**Collaboration**

-partner with various community organizations as a means to strengthen our ability to meet the needs of our community

**Integrity**

-doing the right thing based on wisdom, knowledge, truth and respect

**Diversity**

-respecting the value and uniqueness of each human being

**Quality**

-always striving for excellence



## **Identifying Community Needs and Key Partners:**

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Beaverhead County Public Health Department (BCPHD) hosted a strategic planning meeting aimed at identifying ways to strengthening public health services in Beaverhead County communities. Stakeholders and members of the Beaverhead County Board of Health spent the afternoon in Dillon, MT discussing ideas and goals for improving the health of individuals and families in the area over the next three years. Additionally, special focus was placed on reinforcing partnerships between the BCPHD and other vital public entities such as the local hospital, university, and emergency services. Bringing together these system partners provided a broader insight on community level public health issues and solidified the vision, mission, and values of the BCPHD.

## **Partners identified to support or provide leadership in local public health strategies:**

- **University of Montana Western**
- **Barrett Hospital and Healthcare**
- **Beaverhead County Courts and Judges**
- **Local Elementary Teachers and Staff**
- **Local Legislators and Policy Makers; Dillon Mayor and Beaverhead County Commissioner**
- **Local Law Enforcement Agencies**
- **Beaverhead County Emergency and Preparedness Services**
- **Local Businesses**
- **Mental Health Providers and Counselors**
- **Montana Department of Public Health and Human Service – Addictive and Mental Disorders**
- **Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services – Injury Prevention**
- **Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services – Prevention Resources**

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**PRIORITY AREA:** Promote Mental Health Awareness in Beaverhead County

**GOAL:** Beaverhead County Public Health (BCPH) will implement policies that support community members in achieving good mental.

**OBJECTIVE #1:** By January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 BCPH will research, develop, and implement a mental health screening policy into its clinic services.

**BACKGROUND ON STRATEGY**

Source:

Policy Change (Y/N):

**ACTION PLAN**

| Activity  | Target Date              | Resources Required             | Lead Person/ Organization | Anticipated Product or Result          | Progress Notes |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------|
| Conduct staff meeting to discuss behavioral health screening and its importance to public health clients. | August 2017              | PHQ 2<br>Other screening tools | Sue                       | Minutes                                |                |
| Develop BCPH behavioral health screening policy with selected screening tool.                             | October 2017             | Sample Policies                | Sue                       | Draft Policy                           |                |
| Conduct staff meeting to review policy and make revisions.  | October<br>November 2017 | None                           | Sue                       | Final Policy                           |                |
| Implement screening policy and tool.  | January 2018             | None                           | Sue                       | Policy and screening tool implemented. |                |

**OBJECTIVE #2:** By January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 BCPH will be an active member of LAC.

**BACKGROUND ON STRATEGY**

Source:

Policy Change (Y/N):

**ACTION PLAN**

| Activity  | Target Date | Resources Required | Lead Person/ Organization | Anticipated Product or Result                | Progress Notes |
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| Attend monthly Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC) Meetings. | Ongoing     | None               | Sue                       | Attendance at meetings reflected in minutes. |                |

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| Be an active member of the newly formed Mental Health Crisis Committee.                | June 2017 | None | Sue | Attendance at meetings reflected in minutes. |  |
| If Sue is unable to attend LAC meetings, a PH representative will attend in her place. | Now       | None | Sue | Attendance at meetings reflected in minutes. |  |

**OBJECTIVE #3: By July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 BCHP will provide its staff with at least one training on providing mental health services.**

**BACKGROUND ON STRATEGY**

Source:

Policy Change (Y/N):

**ACTION PLAN**

| Activity   | Target Date  | Resources Required     | Lead Person/ Organization | Anticipated Product or Result   | Progress Notes |
|--|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------|
| Research face to face or online opportunities for behavioral health training applicable for public health. | July 2017    | LAC<br>DPHHS<br>MCPHEP | Sue                       | Identification of at least one behavioral health training opportunity.                                |                |
| Conduct staff meeting to identify training opportunity the staff would like to attend.                     | October 2017 | None                   | Sue                       | Identification of at least one behavioral health training opportunity the staff wants to participate. |                |
| All staff attend selected training.  | June 2018    | None                   | Sue                       | Staff will provide a short report during a staff meeting within 1 month of attending training.        |                |

**PRIORITY AREA: Improve Emergency Preparedness Services in Beaverhead County**

**GOAL: Beaverhead County Public Health (BCHP) will increase opportunities for emergency preparedness communications and partnerships.**

**OBJECTIVE #1: By July 1, 2018 BCPH will meet with state and local emergency preparedness partners to create a strategy for improved communication.**

**BACKGROUND ON STRATEGY**

Source: DPHHS PHEP Section

Policy Change (Y/N):

**ACTION PLAN**

| Activity | Target Date | Resources Required | Lead Person/ Organization | Anticipated Product or Result | Progress Notes |
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**OBJECTIVE #2: By July 1, 2018 BCPH will implement a policy to ensure that Public Health and Emergency Preparedness deliverables are being met for Beaverhead county.**

**BACKGROUND ON STRATEGY**

Source: DPHHS 2018 Preparedness Deliverables

Policy Change (Y/N):

**ACTION PLAN**

| Activity  | Target Date    | Resources Required  | Lead Person/ Organization | Anticipated Product or Result       | Progress Notes |
|---|----------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Research MT public health departmental policies that target deliverables. | September 2017 | Resource list of Public health Departments<br>Sample policies<br>Sample templates | Sue                       | Sample policies<br>Sample templates |                |
| Develop draft policy with timeline template.                              | December 2017  | None  | Sue                       | Draft policy and template           |                |
| Conduct staff meeting to review draft policy and make updates.            | January 2018   | None  | Sue                       | Final policy                        |                |
| Implement policy.   | June 2018      | None  | Sue                       | Policy is implemented.              |                |