

that community input was lacking from the “Caldwell Healthy Condition Assessment,” and more data from the community would be needed to move forward.

Extension created a one-page, written survey called the “Caldwell Health Community Survey.” Six 4-H Teen Health Advocates, along with Extension faculty, solicited community input at the Canyon County fair over four days. Teens approached fair attendees and asked them to complete the survey (English and Spanish versions). The survey listed six health concerns, and asked participants to rank from highest to lowest priority. The health concerns listed were:

- Access to health care
- Addressing mental health
- Addressing problems in small neighborhoods
- Addressing concerns affecting minorities
- Improving food access
- Changing housing options

The survey had an open-ended question to list what the community would like to see to improve the health of Caldwell residents. The survey asked basic demographic questions to ensure an adequate representation of Caldwell residents. Respondents were also made aware of the development of a health coalition and asked if they would like to participate.

Program Outcomes

The survey was completed by 158 total participants. 75 percent of participants identified as White/Caucasian. 13 percent of participants identified as LatinX or Hispanic. In addition, age demographics were equally distributed.

The overall ranking of the health concerns is listed from highest priority to lowest priority based on overall participant responses:

- Access to health care

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Access to health care was the number one priority overall. It was the number priority when responses were filtered by race/ethnicity and age as well, indicating a commonality between all demographic groups.

However, when results were filtered without self-identified White/Caucasian responses, the number six overall priority (addressing concerns affecting minorities) moved drastically up to the second priority for those who self-identified other than White/Caucasian.

Addressing mental health was either the second or third priority for all races, ethnicities, or age groups. In addition, mental health was identified by 4-H healthy living advocates at their March 2018 training as the number one health priority in Caldwell.

These survey results have the potential to direct future Extension programs and Caldwell Health Coalition efforts that will have positive impact in the community and that are community-led and desired. Also, the two 4-H teen advocates will continue their involvement with the coalition and will recruit more teens to participate. One teen attended the National Harvest Session in Fall 2018 to help share Caldwell’s 2018 efforts, and youth will continue to take on these leadership roles.

The Future

Caldwell Health Coalition will use community survey results as they work to identify the health priority to address first. The coalition will use data with consideration of city demographic statistics (36.5 percent of Caldwell’s population is Hispanic or Latino). The coalition has invited community members who provided contact information on the survey to participate in monthly coalition meetings.