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LOCAL HEALTH AGENCIES COLLABORATE TO IDENTIFY BUTTE COUNTY'S TOP COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS

OROVILLE, CA – Butte County Public Health (BCPH) has released the 2019-2022 Community Health Assessment (CHA), a collaborative effort between Adventist Health Feather River Hospital, Enloe Medical Center, Orchard Hospital and BCPH. The report highlights the top health needs of the county and offers a snapshot of the current health status of residents. Many sources of data, including community input, were used in compiling the assessment.

Beginning in the spring of 2018, BCPH along with their CHA partners, started collecting primary and secondary local health data. The results of the data collected were reviewed to identify health improvement needs. The findings from the CHA will be used to develop and guide a three-year Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), slated to start early next year.

While collecting data for the CHA, the most destructive wildfire in California history, the Camp Fire, dramatically affected Butte County across many health care delivery systems. The full impacts of the fire will not be evident for some time and are not fully addressed in the CHA.

“While the CHA does not encapsulate most of the impacts to the community’s health due to the Camp Fire, it will serve as a valuable resource to help us draft a blueprint for the community as recovery and rebuilding efforts continue,” explained Danette York, MPH, Public Health Director.

Top needs identified for the county include access to care, mental health and substance abuse disorders, chronic disease and conditions, and adverse childhood experiences (ACE’s). Before the Camp Fire, these health needs were already a significant concern and are now more impacted as a result of the disaster. For example, data from the CHA suggests that after the Camp Fire, approximately one-third (34.1%) of Butte County residents do not have a personal doctor or health care provider, which is substantially above rates for California (24.5%) and the nation (22.5%).

The CHA full report (tinyurl.com/ButteCHA2019) and [executive summary](#) are available for the public to review.

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