Collectively as Penn State Health, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life through improved health, the professional preparation of those who will serve the health needs of others, and the discovery of knowledge that will benefit all.

We thank our community partners for their valuable contributions to the CHNA and welcome your continued collaboration to improve the health of all residents in the region.

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Process Overview
In 2018, Penn State Health formed a collective workgroup, including Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center, Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, and community key stakeholders to identify and address the needs of residents living in Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster and Lebanon counties.

A comprehensive Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) was conducted to collect and analyze primary and secondary data related to community health status, socio-economic measures, health disparities, and healthcare delivery.

The workgroup shared findings with community stakeholders and invited input to determine community health priorities.

Through facilitated dialogue with community stakeholders and health experts, Behavioral Health, Healthy Lifestyles, and Disease Management were determined as the most significant issues on which to focus system-wide health improvement efforts over the three-year cycle from 2019-2021.

Next Steps
With the completion of the CHNA, we will communicate the results, continue to expand our partnerships and collaborations, and develop an Implementation Plan to leverage our strengths and resources to best address health needs and improve the overall health and well-being of residents throughout the communities we serve.

A yearly report card will be published to show progress and to measure impact.