



Community Health Coalition

Mission: Work collaboratively with the community to improve health and the quality of life in QVHD.

Vision: A place where all people can be healthy.

In 2016, QVHD formed a coalition of community partners to look at health indicators for the district in order to identify strengths and weaknesses of the community and subsequently adopt strategies to address community health needs. The Community Health Coalition, comprised of individuals from district towns (Bethany, Hamden, North Haven & Woodbridge), representing town departments, community organizations and residents, worked together to develop a Community Health Assessment (CHA) which led to the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). A CHA “refers to an assessment that identified key health needs and issues through systematic, comprehensive data collection and analysis” (CDC, 2019). The CHA process led to the CHIP, “a long-term, systematic effort to address public health problems based on the results of community health assessment activities and the community health improvement process” (CDC, 2019).

The Community Health Coalition members share ownership of **all phases** of the process, “including assessment, planning, investment, implementation, and evaluation” (CDC, 2019).

At meetings (scheduled every other month), coalition members contribute by identifying community assets and sharing data, as well as monitoring progress on the CHIP. Coalition members play a vital role in the ongoing efforts to improve health and quality of life in QVHD.

QVHD is looking to expand the coalition and include new members. If you would like to join the coalition and be part of this ongoing initiative, please contact:

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