



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 13, 2022

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: **2021 Community Health Needs Assessment**

Yesterday, during your Budget Hearings, Dr. Terry Cullen referenced the imminent dissemination of the 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment and how that document informs the actions of the Health Department and clinical partners across the region. (Attachment)

The Community Health Needs Assessment process brings together all the local hospitals, federally qualified community health centers, tribal organizations, and a range of community stakeholders. This exercise has occurred periodically since 2010 and is designed to identify community needs and articulate priorities for coordinated regional action through the Community Health Improvement Plan.

The priorities identified by the 2021 CHNA process identified are the following: Mental Health; Substance Use Disorder; Access to Care; and Social Determinants of Health. It is notable that the first three have been consistently articulated in each CHNA since 2015.

The Health Department and its partners will be working with individual and organizational stakeholders across the community to further refine these priority areas to identify evidence-based strategies and approaches to address these complex areas of critical need.

I have asked Dr. Cullen to provide hard copies to each of the Board offices. Additionally in keeping with the regional collaborative approach of this endeavor, I have asked her to share this document with the city and town managers so they can disseminate to elected official in their jurisdictions.

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Attachment

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