

Clallam County Community Health Forum

Creating Healthy Communities

Data to Build Decisions On

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Creating a Healthy Community Model for Action



Figure adapted from "Health Action" Rochester Health Commission, NY

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- Purpose: To provide an overview of *Access to Health Services in Clallam County* by combining information from various data sources

“If you cannot measure it, you cannot improve it.”

- Lord Kelvin (1895)



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Data Users Survey – Summer 2003

- Preparation for Community Health Forum
 - Determine types of health data currently used
 - Potential data sources people would like to use
- Results
 - Demographic data sources are used most often
 - Data users would like to use access to health care, sub-county, and health insurance data if available
 - Health data is being used most often for program planning



Access to Health Services Presentations

- Demographic and Socioeconomic Indicators
 - Sub-county data by incorporated area
- Local Capacity for Health Services & Health Care Coverage
- Community Values Regarding Access to Health Services
- An In-Depth Assessment of Health in the West End



Access to Health Services *Limitations*

- Availability of data
 - Local, state, and national data sources
 - Single point in time vs. ongoing collection of data
 - Sub-county data
- Reliability of data
 - Some data presented today is preliminary
 - Difficult to generalize from preliminary data
 - Surveys – small sample size

