



<b><u>SELECTED</u> Priorities of Focus</b>	<b><u>NON-SELECTED</u> Priorities</b>	<b>Brief Explanation why you are not choosing priorities listed in column 2</b>
1. Cancer 2. Access 3. Cardiovascular Disease 4. Substance Abuse 5. Social Determinates of Health	Mental Health	DECH will address youth mental health needs under social determinates of health.



**Selected Priorities of Focus:**

***Priority #1: Cancer***

**A. Briefly describe actions the member organization intends to take to address the health need and the anticipated impact of these actions:**

We will collaborate with and support area agencies who work to improve access to care for cancer patients such as Sarah's House, Beth Wright Center, and Healthy Acadia. We will provide free screenings for two cancer concerns and provide education around two cancer concerns. We will continue to explore ways to increase services through our infusion clinic and will continue to explore ways to increase services through telemedicine. Down East Community Hospital will explore the prospect of sharing an Oncologist with Calais Community Hospital.

**B. Identify programs/resources you will commit to address the health need:**

Staff time, supplies, Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Benefit funds.

**C. Describe any planned collaboration (strategic community partnerships) with other facilities or organizations to address the priority health need:**

Beth C. Wright, Sarah's House, Healthy Acadia, Calais Community Hospital

**D. Population of focus: Adults and Children**

***Priority #2: Access***

**A. Briefly describe actions the member organization intends to take to address the health need and the anticipated impact of these actions:**

We will actively recruit providers for the Machias area to improve access to care and will actively explore ways to increase services through telemedicine. We will collaborate with area agencies that are also looking to improve access and improve health outcomes. We will work with area food pantries to provide glucose & cholesterol screenings and annual vaccinations.



**B. Identify programs/resources you will commit to address the health need:**

Recruitment, Staff, Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Benefit Funds

**C. Describe any planned collaboration (strategic community partnerships) with other facilities or organizations to address the priority health need:**

Public Health, Area Health Agencies, Indian Health Services, Local Food Pantries

**D. Population of focus:** Adults and Children

*Priority #3: Cardiovascular Disease (coronary heart disease, heart attacks, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, Diabetes)*

**A. Briefly describe actions the member organization intends to take to address the health need and the anticipated impact of these actions:**

We will address the correctable causes of cardiovascular disease, such as an unhealthy diet, lack of exercise, obesity, diabetes and smoking through education, sponsorship and collaboration with other agencies. We will work with local agencies to provide free glucose and cholesterol screenings to area food pantries. We will partner with, promote and sponsor area agencies that are providing access to exercise, education, and healthy eating. We will continue to explore ways to increase services through telemedicine. We will continue to provide and explore ways to expand our Clinical Care Coordinator services to manage high risk patients.

**B. Identify programs/resources you will commit to address the health need:**

Staff, Supplies, Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Benefit funds

**C. Describe any planned collaboration (strategic community partnerships) with other facilities or organizations to address the priority health need:**

Public Health, Area Schools, Down East Youth Soccer Association, Little League, Local Food Pantries

**D. Population of focus:** Adults and Children



*Priority #4: Substance Abuse*

**A. Briefly describe actions the member organization intends to take to address the health need and the anticipated impact of these actions:**

We will continue our MAT program at Arnold Memorial Medical Center. We will sponsor and work with Arise Addiction Recovery, Safe Harbor Recovery Home for Women and Children and other local agencies that have existing programs that provide counseling and therapy. We will work with organizations that provide events that focus on prevention for children like Down East Team Leadership Camp. We will collaborate with local businesses and agencies to bring awareness campaigns and events to local area schools to address depression and substance use.

**B. Identify programs/resources you will commit to address the health need:**

Staff, Supplies, Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Benefit funds

**C. Describe any planned collaboration (strategic community partnerships) with other facilities or organizations to address the priority health need:** Area Health Agencies, Community Action Groups, Arise Addiction Recovery, Safe Harbor Recovery Home, Local Area Businesses, Local Schools

**D. Population of focus:** Adults & Children

*Priority #5: Social Determinates of Health*

**A. Briefly describe actions the member organization intends to take to address the health need and the anticipated impact of these actions:**



We will develop strategic and financial plans to include food insecurity efforts to provide food security screenings at patient visits as well as entering screening information into the Electronic Health Record of the patient. We will partner with area food pantries and local schools to help address food insecurity and to provide health screenings. DECH will collaborate with local businesses and agencies to bring awareness campaigns and events to local area schools to address depression and substance use.

**B. Identify programs/resources you will commit to address the health need:**

Staff Time, Supplies, Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Benefit funds

**C. Describe any planned collaboration (strategic community partnerships) with other facilities or organizations to address the priority health need:**

Local Food Pantries, Public Health, Local Schools, Area Health Agencies

**D. Population of focus: Adults & Children**