

Snapshot of Morgan County Healthcare Horizon Council Project

The Morgan County Healthcare Horizon Council will be developed. With a continual focus on and commitment to the needs of consumers, ***the Horizon Council will create and implement a plan for an integrated healthcare system that better serves the people of Morgan County.***

The Horizon Council will meet this goal through three key activities –

1. **Learn more about where we are.** Engaging and educating the Morgan County community through a series of four meetings, using the Rural Health Works community engagement process. The meetings will be held at MCC, and will result in the development of four products – a health services directory, survey results from a telephone survey, data and information, and an economic impact report, which will be posted on the County website.
2. **Explore where we could go.** Hosting educational sessions to learn about the healthcare challenges facing Morgan County and successful models of integration, collaboration, and networking. The Council will host a series of presentations on current healthcare challenges and healthcare integration, collaboration, and networking. Experts will be invited who can educate the Council and community members regarding successful models of integration in the public and private health sectors, legal and regulatory issues that should be considered, and the risks and opportunities inherent in collaborative ventures.
3. **Determine where we are going.** Hosting facilitated discussions and conducting feasibility studies to create a plan for a more integrated healthcare system to better serve the people of Morgan County. This plan will build upon the resources already available, reduce duplication, fill the gaps, and position Morgan County healthcare facilities and providers to take advantage of new healthcare resources and opportunities that become available with new local, state, and national investments in healthcare access and reform.

Outcome ➔ Implementation Plan for Better Integration

Armed with this additional information, the Council will create an implementation plan for a better integrated health system for Morgan County. The plan will include a time frame, major milestones, expected outcomes, and short-term and long-range funding strategies. The funding strategy will likely include a second application to The Colorado Health Foundation, but also local sources will also be secured.

Proposed measurable results:

- Increase the number of people in Morgan County who receive integrated care.
- Increase the number of currently underserved Morgan County residents who regularly receive primary, mental, and oral health care.
- Increase number of medical professionals who serve Morgan County.

**Morgan County Healthcare Horizon Council
Grant Workplan**

Activity	Sep- Nov	Dec- Feb	Mar- May	Jun- Aug
Morgan County Healthcare Horizon Council created.				
Rural Health Works – <i>Where we are.</i>				
Contract secured with the Center for Rural Health Works.				
Calendar of meetings developed; outreach plan implemented.				
Rural Health Works meetings at Morgan Community College.				
Evaluation of process conducted – attendance, satisfaction, confidence in health system, etc.				
Collaboration Exploration – <i>Where we could go.</i>				
Presenters identified and secured.				
Meetings of public interest posted on county website.				
Feasibility and Direction – <i>Where we are going.</i>				
Feasibility studies conducted.				
Additional, focused community input acquired.				
Integrated healthcare plan - complete with funding strategy - created and presented to community.				
Processes and outcomes continually evaluated and tracked.				