

Community Health Assessment Survey

Burgeo/ Ramea Area

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Introduction

A Community Health Assessment (CHA) is a dynamic and on-going process undertaken to identify the strengths and needs of a community, and to establish its health and wellness priorities. CHAs provide information about local areas as well as contribute to a broader understanding of health and wellness in Newfoundland and Labrador. Western Health uses CHAs to help prioritize, plan and act on unmet community needs to improve the health of residents of the Western region.

The CHA process involves:

- Gathering information about health and wellness (facts and opinions)
- Collecting information about health and community resources (assets)
- Evaluating the information to determine strengths, needs, and the community's priorities
- Building partnerships and strategizing together to address health and wellness needs using assets and resources within the community.

In keeping with provincial direction, Western Health followed the *Community Health Assessment Guidelines*- a draft provincial framework for conducting CHAs. In the past, CHAs in Newfoundland and Labrador were conducted according to the unique policies and practices of each regional health authority (RHA). In a partnered effort to standardize the CHA process, the RHAs, the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information (NLCHI), and the Department of Health and Community Services (HCS) have agreed on CHA guidelines. This includes common indicators, methodology, data sources, and 39 unique and defined geographic regions across the province.

Methodology

The Western Health CHA survey was used to collect quantitative and qualitative data from residents of the region about where they find health-related information, where they go for care, satisfaction with health care services, community concerns, satisfaction with health and wellness resources, and health behaviors. The survey was available for completion between May 1 and June 30, 2019 and the target audience was individuals residing in the Western region, aged 18 and older.

A robust communication plan was developed to disseminate survey information and promote uptake. To encourage survey completion, Western Health's community partners were provided the survey information and asked to share within their networks and on social media. In addition, Western Health tweeted the survey link multiple times, a public service announcement was issued, the survey link was posted on the Western Health website, and Community Health staff distributed survey information at various events and community programs across the region. To promote uptake among Western Health staff, an article was included in the @Western Health newsletter, an email was sent to all staff, and the survey information was posted on the internal intranet site. A survey information poster was also developed and posted across the region in waiting rooms, community organizations, public areas, and Western Health facilities. To ensure all residents were able to complete the survey, both paper and electronic versions of the survey were provided.

Survey goal response rates were calculated based on each of Western Health's seven Primary Health Care (PHC) area's population, and a sample size based on an 85% confidence level was determined. A survey implementation team was established, and the team met weekly to review the response rates for the region and each PHC area. The implementation team worked together to ensure all PHC areas met the target response rates and address any survey concerns.

Following the survey completion deadline, the survey data was compiled from the Get Feedback survey program and transferred it to Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) data file. SPSS was then used to analyze the data frequencies by PHC area and the overall region. The following results section highlights the main themes and areas of interest for the Burgeo PHC Area as identified by the CHA survey. Burgeo is located on the south coast of Newfoundland and can be reached by Route 480 more commonly known as the "Caribou Trail". This road connects to the Trans-Canada Highway and takes

approximately two hours to drive. Burgeo and area has a history of being believed to be discovered by the Portuguese. It has been a part of the fishing industry for the most of its existence till the moratorium in the early 1990's. Consequently, the communities have survived the economic consequences with promotion of the tourism in the area. The town of Burgeo is a small town that services smaller outlying areas such as Ramea, Francois, and Grey River that are only accessible by boat or helicopter. Unless otherwise noted, data tables do not include missing data. To view full detailed results refer to Appendix A. A copy of the CHA survey can be found in Appendix B.

Results

Demographics

A total of 55 surveys were completed throughout the Burgeo PHC Area which includes communities of Burgeo, Ramea, Grey River and Francois.

The following is a profile of survey respondents from the Burgeo PHC Area. The majority of survey respondents were from the Burgeo area (83.6%):

- ▶ Lived in their community for more than 20 years (88.7%)
- \blacktriangleright Were in the 76+ age group (37.2%)
- ➢ Identify as female (66.7%)
- Reported their highest level of education completed a technical, vocational, or a community college program (32.7%)
- ➢ Were retired from paid work (47.3%)
- Reported a household income between \$30,000 and \$49,999 (33.3%)

Primary Health Care (Family Doctor, Nurse Practitioner and Routine Care)

The first section of the CHA survey focused on questions related to access to PHC and level of satisfaction with the quality of services received. According to the survey results, when respondents are looking for health-related information, the majority:

- 1. Search the internet (61.8%)
- 2. Call a hospital/clinic (43.6%)
- 3. Ask a family doctor (58.2%)

Respondents were asked if they currently have a family doctor or nurse practitioner and their level of satisfaction with their provider. Results indicate:

- ▶ 85.2% have a family doctor or nurse practitioner. Of the 85.2%,
 - 58.7% reported being satisfied or very satisfied with their family doctor or nurse practitioner

- 15.2% reported being dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with their family doctor or nurse practitioner and indicated the following reasons:
 - You do not have trust and confidence in your Health Care Provider (10.9%)
 - \circ Wait list for an appointment is too long (7.3%)
 - Facility and/or equipment quality is poor (1.8%)
 - \circ Health Care Provider does not give a chance to ask questions (1.8%)
 - Health Care Provider does not treat you with respect (1.8%)
- > 14.8% do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner

The last time respondents needed care for a minor health problem (e.g., fever or unexplained rash), the majority went to:

- 1. Family doctor/nurse practitioner (69.8%)
- 2. Walk-in clinic (7.5%)
- 3. I do not have a place to get care for a minor health problem (7.5%)
- 4. Hospital emergency (5.7%)

When asked if they were able to get same or next day care for a minor health problem, 64.8% reported yes, and 35.2% reported no.

Health Care

The health care system includes physical and mental health care services provided by Western Health and private health care providers (e.g., pharmacy, family practice/dental/vision clinics). Survey respondents were asked about access to the health care system and satisfaction with the quality of services received. According to survey results, the majority of respondents (69.8%) were very satisfied or satisfied with the health care services they have used in the past 12 months, while 9.4% of respondents were dissatisfied. The respondents that indicated they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the health care services they used in the past 12 months were asked to indicate the reasons why, and to indicate which services they were unable to access. The following are the top three reasons and the most common services respondents were dissatisfied with:

1. Wait list for an appointment was too long (0.5%)

Services:

- 1.1 family doctor
- **1.2 Specialists**
- 1.3 Procedures (ex: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI))
- 2. Cost of service (0.2%)

Services:

- 2.1 Missed appointment with private nurse practitioner and having to pay fee
- 2.2 Paying for private nurse practitioner
- 3. Hours of service were inconvenient (0.2%)

Services:

- 3.1 Nurse practitioner
- 3.2 Work schedule and couldn't get an appointment

When asked about accessing health care services, the majority of participants (82.2%) indicated they were able to access a required health service, while 17.8% of respondents indicated they were not able to access a services when they were required. The 17.8% of respondents that indicated they were not able to access a required health service were asked to indicate reasons why there weren't able to access a required health service, and to indicate which services they were unable to access. The following are the top three reasons respondents were unable to access a required health services they were unable to access.

1. Wait time for service was too long (100%)

Services:

1.1 Procedures (Ex: colonoscopy, endoscopy)

1.2 Specialist

- 1.3 Developmental Health Services
- 2. Too far to travel (62.5%)

Services:

2.1 Services in St. John's

- 2.2 Ear, Nose, Throat Specialist (ENT)
- 2.3 Equipment in St. John's (nonspecific)

3. Unable to access the services during scheduled time/ hours of service (37.5%)

Services:

- 1.1 Difficult for accessing services during working hours
- 1.2 Decreased after hours clinic
- 1.3 Mental Health treatment is only during school hours for children

Community Health and Wellness

Survey respondents were asked questions about the health and wellness of their community as well as their satisfaction with the resources and services available within their community. Respondents were provided a list of various areas/issues and were asked to indicate which ones they were most concerned about in their community. The most commonly selected areas/issues were:

- 1. Cost of living (50.9%)
- 2. Road Quality (45.5%)
- 3. Addictions (38.2%)
- 4. Mental Health (38.2%)
- 5. Chronic Disease (36.4%)

Of the issues/areas that respondents selected, they were then asked to rank their top three areas/issues they are most concerned about. The top three ranked answers were:

- 1. Cost of living (27.3%)
- 2. Addictions, Bullying, and Mental Health of residents (16.4%)
- 3. Chronic disease (14.5%)

There are many different groups and resources that aim to improve the health and wellness of a community. These include Western Health, private health clinics, churches, schools, town councils, resource centers, Community Advisory Committees, and other community groups. Respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the resources available to help deal with the health and wellness challenges in their communities. The majority of respondents (22.2%) who answered this question, were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with the resources available, while 51.1% were satisfied or very satisfied, and 26.7% were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. Respondents who indicated they were

either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied were asked to explain which aspects of the health and wellness resources they are dissatisfied with. The following were the most common responses:

- 1. Wait times in the emergency department
- 2. Lack of and wait time for mental health services
- 3. Lack of resources pertaining to physicians, staff and programs
- 4. Access to primary care physicians

Health Status

The following section of the CHA survey asked questions to determine the health of respondents who completed the survey. The majority of respondents reported that their physical health was excellent or very good/good (10.9% and 80.5% respectively). The majority of respondents also reported that their mental health was excellent or very good/good (21.7% and 69.5% respectively).

Survey respondents were asked what they feel they should do to improve their physical and/or mental health and what are the barriers to making the change. The following are the top three responses and the most common barriers to making the change:

- 1. Start/increase exercise, sports or physical activity (95%)
 - a. Lack of will power/self-discipline (36.4%)
 - b. Not enough willpower (21.8%) and I am too busy (21.8%)
 - c. Community resources are not effective (7.3%) and Disability (7.3%)
- 2. Eat healthier/eat more fruits and vegetables (88%)
 - a. Lack of will power /self-discipline (21.8%)
 - b. Too costly (20%)
 - c. Not enough resources in the community (9.1%)
- 3. Reduce stress (83%)
 - a. Unsure how to make this improvement (16.4%)
 - b. Not enough resources in the community (7.3%)
 - c. Lack of will power/self-discipline (5.5%)

Health Care Planning

Western Health is currently in the process of developing its Strategic Plan for 2020-2023. The plan will outline the main priorities and focus areas for Western Health over the next three years. To seek public feedback on potential priorities of the strategic plan, the CHA survey asked respondents to report the one thing Western Health could do to make a difference in their care. The most common responses were:

- 1. Easier access and improved wait times for specialists
- 2. Increased services in local area
- 3. Hire more staff

Concluding Remarks

To conclude the survey, respondents were asked if there was anything else they would like to add. The most common responses were:

• Great job so far

Successes and Limitations

The CHA survey implementation team experienced success in promotion and uptake of the survey with a 107% increase in survey completion from the previous CHA survey cycle implemented in 2016. In addition, each PHC area met their target response rate. This was the first time a provincially standardized survey tool was used.

Despite these successes, there were some limitations to note. While the implementation team made efforts to promote the survey to all residents, the characteristics of the survey participants was not found to be representative of the population of the region for all characteristics (ex. Income level, education, etc.). For example, the majority of respondents both in the region (80%) and in the Burgeo area (65.6%) identified as female. To mitigate this in the future, specific strategies should be included in the survey communication plan to target survey completion among male residents as well. Initial feedback on the survey from the public indicated the survey was too long, especially if it was completed in the paper format. Other feedback suggested that some of the questions were structured and worded in a way that was confusing and unclear to respondents. To avoid this in the future, the survey could be developed in partnership with the public (e.g. Advisors) to create more reader-friendly questions.

Conclusion

The CHA survey is an important step in determining the needs and resources of residents in the Western region. The survey included qualitative and quantitative questions, providing residents with an opportunity to express their views of the health and community services offered in the region. Overall for the Burgeo PHC Area findings from the survey indicated that residents have concerns about cost of living, addictions, bullying, mental health of residents and chronic disease. Themes identified from the comments indicated respondents were also concerned about easier access and improved wait times for specialists, increased services in local area and hire more staff. The survey also demonstrated positive feedback including a high percentage of respondents that indicated they have a family physician or nurse practitioner, and they were satisfied with their health care provider and the health care services they used within the past 12 months.

Data obtained from the CHA for the region and each PHC area will support planning at the local PHC area level as well as organizational strategic, branch, and program planning. Survey results will be used by service providers/programs, community advisory committees and primary health care teams to determine key priorities and to inform planning. Results will also be shared with relevant community partners to inform their planning and service delivery processes.

Appendix A: Full Survey Results

Question 1. If you needed to find health-related information for yourself or someone else today,
how would you get that information (select all that apply)?

Information Source	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Ask a family doctor	58.2	32
Ask a nurse practitioner	18.2	10
Ask a pharmacist	38.2	21
Ask a social worker	7.3	4
Call a hospital/clinic	43.6	24
Ask a community or public health nurse	29.1	16
Search the internet (e.g. WebMD, Google search)	61.8	34
Western Health website	5.5	3
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)	7.3	4
Use 811 HealthLine	12.7	7
Contact a not-for-profit agency (e.g., Cancer Society, Mental Health Association) or a community or church group	9.1	5
Ask a friend or family member	30.9	17
Other	Most common responses • n/a	:

Question 2. Do you currently have a regular family doctor or nurse practitioner?

Response	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Yes	85.2	46
No	14.8	8

Question 3. Overall, how satisfied are you with your family doctor/nurse practitioner?

Level of Satisfaction	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Very satisfied	13.0	6
Satisfied	45.7	21
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	26.1	12
Dissatisfied	8.7	4
Very dissatisfied	6.5	3

Reason	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Wait list for an appointment is too long	7.3	4
Wait time in clinic/facility is too long	0	0
Too far to travel	0	0
Hours of service are inconvenient	0	0
Communication barrier	0	0
Facility and/or equipment quality is poor	1.8	1
Health care provider (s) do not give you a chance to ask questions	1.8	1
You do not have trust and confidence in your health care provider (s)	10.9	6
Health care provider (s) do not treat you with respect	1.8	1
Health care provider (s) do not explain things in a way that is easy to understand	0	0
Health care provider (s) do not involve you in decisions about your care	0	0
Other	Most common responses:	
	Appointments are	rushed

Question 4. Why are you dissatisfied with your family doctor/nurse practitioner (select all that apply)?

Question 5. The last time you needed care for a minor health problem (e.g., fever or unexplained rash), where did you go?

Location	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Family doctor/nurse practitioner	69.8	37
Walk-in clinic	7.5	4
Hospital emergency department	5.7	3
Pharmacist	0	0
Healthline 811	1.9	1
I do not have a place to get care for a minor health problem	7.5	4
Other	Most common responses:	
	• Did not seek treatment	
	Licensed Practical	Nurse (LPN)

Question 6. The last time you needed care for a minor health problem (e.g., fever or unexplained rash), were you able to get same day or next day care?

Response	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Yes	64.8	35
No	35.2	19

Question 7. Overall, how satisfied were you with the health care services that you used during the past 12 months?

Level of Satisfaction	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Very satisfied	11.3	6
Satisfied	58.5	31
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	15.1	8
Dissatisfied	9.4	5
Very dissatisfied	0	0
I have not used any health care services	5.7	3

Question 8. Why were you dissatisfied with the health care services that you used during the past 12 months (select all that apply)? For each reason selected, please list the services you were dissatisfied with.

Reason	% (n)	Services
Wait list for an appointment was too long	0.5 (7)	Family doctor (3) Specialist (2) Procedures (e.g. Magnetic Resonance Imaging MRI) (1)
Wait time in the clinic/facility was too long	0.1 (1)	Emergency Room (1)
Too far to travel	0.1 (1)	None
Hours of service were inconvenient	0.2 (2)	Nurse Practitioner (1)
Cost of service	0.2 (2)	Nurse Practitioner (1) Missed Appointment Fee (1)
Communication barrier (24)	0.1 (1)	None

Reason	% (n)	Services
Facility and/or equipment quality was poor	0.1 (1)	Hospital (1)
Health care provider(s) did not give you a chance to ask questions	0.1 (1)	None
You did not have trust and confidence in your health care provider(s)	0.1 (1)	None
Health care provider(s) did not treat you with respect	0.1 (1)	None
Health care provider(s) did not explain things in a way that was easy to understand (20)	0.1 (1)	None
Health care provider(s) did not involve you in decisions about your care (18)	0.1 (1)	None
□ Other reason not listed above (please specify):		Services: Emergency Room

Question 9. Sometimes we require health care services but are unable to access them. Have you required any health care services that you were unable to access during the past 12 months?

Response	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Yes	17.8	8
No	82.2	37

Question 10. Why were you unable to access services that you required during the past 12 months (select all that apply)? For each reason selected, please list the services you required but were unable to access.

Reason	% (n)	Services
 Wait time for service was too long 	100(8)	Family doctor (1) Specialist (1) Procedures (2) Speech Language (1)

Reason	% (n)	Services
Cost of service	50 (2)	Specialist (3)
Transportation issues	12.5 (1)	None
Too far to travel	62.5 (5)	Specialist (4)
Unable to leave house due to health problems	12.5 (1)	Community Supports
Unable to access the services during scheduled time/hours of service	37.5 (3)	Mental Health (1)
Unable to get referral	37.5 (3)	Specialist (1) Procedures (1)
Could not contact service	12.5 (1)	None
Communication barrier	25 (2)	Family doctor/Specialist (1)
Did not know service was available	12.5 (1)	None
Service not available	25 (2)	Specialist (2)
Other reason not listed ab specify):	ove (please	Electroencephalogram (EEG) (1) Child Psychiatrist (1)

Issue/Area	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
I am not concerned about the health and wellness of	7.2	4
my community	7.3	4
Addictions (e.g., alcohol and/or drug abuse,	38.2	21
gambling, etc.)	38.2	21
Bullying	27.3	15
Childcare (including affordability, lack of	27.3	15
accessibility)	21.5	15
Chronic diseases (e.g., prevalence of diabetes, high	36.4	20
blood pressure, cancer, etc.)	30.4	20
Crime and violence	14.5	8
Cost of living	50.9	28
Clean water supply	14.5	8
Distracted driving of any vehicle (e.g. texting or		
talking on cell phone while driving car, motorcycle,	34.5	19
ATV, snowmobile, etc.)		
Drug/alcohol impaired driving of any vehicle (e.g.	30.9	17
car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)	50.7	17
Education system	20.0	11
Emergency services	25.5	14
Environmental issues (e.g., contaminants in the air,	5.5	3
water and soil)	5.5	
Food security (access to sufficient, affordable,	21.8	12
nutritious food)		
Homelessness (including couch surfing)	5.5	3
Housing conditions	9.1	5
Illiteracy	7.3	4
Mental health of community residents	38.2	21
Outmigration	12.7	7
Physical health of community residents	21.8	12
Poverty	9.1	5
Public transportation (including affordability, lack	12.7	7
of accessibility)		7
Recreational programs/spaces	20.0	11
Resources for people with disabilities (e.g.,	14.5	8
accessible buildings)		
Road quality	45.5	25
Seniors' resources/programs	16.4	9
Sexual health (including unplanned pregnancy,	10.9	6
Sexually Transmitted Infections)		
Social isolation and lack of community involvement	9.1	5

Question 11. Please select the areas/issues that you are most concerned about in your community (select all that apply).

Issue/Area	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Suicide	21.8	12
Tobacco use/smoking	14.5	8
Unemployment	25.5	14
Violence in the home (e.g., child abuse/neglect, domestic)	10.9	6
Working conditions (e.g., risks for injury on the job)	0	0
Other- most common responses:	n/a	n/a

Question 12. Of the issues you selected in question 11, please select up to 3 areas/issues that you are most concerned about in your community.

Issue/Area	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
1. Cost of Living	27.3	15
2. Addictions, Bullying, Mental Health of Residents (tied)	16.4	9
3. Chronic Disease	14.5	8

Question 13. Overall, how satisfied are you with the resources available to help deal with the health and wellness challenges in your community?

Level of Satisfaction	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Very satisfied	8.9	4
Satisfied	42.2	19
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	22.2	10
Dissatisfied	11.1	5
Very dissatisfied	15.6	7

Question 14. What aspects of the health and wellness resources are you dissatisfied with?

Overall themes:

- 1. Wait times in the emergency department
- 2. Lack of and wait time for Mental Health services
- 3. Lack of resources pertaining to physicians, staff and programs
- 4. Access to primary care physicians

Rating	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Excellent	10.9	5
Very good	34.8	16
Good	45.7	21
Fair	8.7	4
Poor	0	0

Question 15. In general, would you say your physical health is...?

Question 16. In general, would you say your mental health is...?

Rating	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Excellent	21.7	10
Very good	39.1	18
Good	30.4	14
Fair	6.5	3
Poor	2.2	1

		Barrier to Making Change % (n)										
Health Behavior	Not applicable to me	Unsure how to make this improvement	Not enough resources in the community	Community resources are not effective	I am too busy	I am too stressed	Addiction	Too costly	Disability	Transportation problems	Lack of will power/ self-discipline	Other
Start/ increase exercise, sports or physical activity	9.1 (5)	703 (4)	21.8 (12)	7.3 (4)	21.8 (12)	3.6 (2)	0 (0)	1.8 (1)	7.3 (4)	3.6 (4)	36.4 (20)	
Eat healthier/ eat more fruits and vegetables	21.8 (12)	1.8 (1)	9.1 (5)	5.5 (3)	3.6 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	20 (11)	0 (0)	1.8 (1)	21.8 (12)	
Drink less alcohol	61.8 (34)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1.8 (1)	1.8 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1.8 (1)	*see below for most common responses
Reduce smoking (not including cannabis)	63.6 (35)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1.8 (1)	3.6 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	5.5 (3)	
Reduce vaping (not including cannabis)	67.3 (37)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	

Question 17. What do you feel you should do to improve your physical and/or mental health (select all that apply)? For each health behavior selected, please tell us what is stopping you from making this change.

		-		-	Bai	rier to Maki	ng Change %	(n)	-	-		
Health Behavior	Not applicable to me	Unsure how to make this improvement	Not enough resources in the community	Community resources are not effective	I am too busy	I am too stressed	Addiction	Too costly	Disability	Transportation problems	Lack of will power/ self-discipline	Other
Reduce cannabis use (in any form)	67.3 (37)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1.8 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1.8 (1)	
Reduce illegal drug use	67.3 (37)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Reduce prescription drug misuse	67.3 (37)	1.8 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	*see below for most common responses
Gamble less	69.1 (38)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Reduce stress	30.9(17)	16.4 (9)	7.3 (4)	0 (0)	10.9 (6)	10.9 (6)	0 (0)	1.8 (1)	1.8 (1)	0 (0)	5.5 (3)	

					Bai	rier to Maki	ng Change %	(n)				
Health Behavior	Not applicable to me	Unsure how to make this improvement	Not enough resources in the community	Community resources are not effective	I am too busy	I am too stressed	Addiction	Too costly	Disability	Transportation problems	Lack of will power/ self-discipline	Other
Reduce screen time	32.7 (18)	7.3 (4)	1.8 (1)	1.8 (1)	1.8 (1)	1.8 (1)	1.8 (1)	0 (0)	1.8 (1)	0 (0)	18.2 (10)	
Get flu shot	56.4 (31)	1.8 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3.6 (2)	
Seek physical or mental health treatment	45.5 (25)	7.3 (4)	9.1 (5)	5.5 (3)	5.5 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1.8 (1)	1.8 (1)	0 (0)	3.6 (2)	*see below for
Connect more with family, friends or community	38.2 (21)	3.6 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	14.5 (8)	3.6 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3.6 (2)	5.5 (3)	most common responses
Other	*see below for most common responses											

*" Other" most common responses to barriers to making behavior change:

Start/increase exercise, sports, or physical activity

• n/a

Eat healthier/eat more fruits and vegetables

• n/a

Drink less alcohol

• n/a

Reduce smoking (not including cannabis)

• n/a

Reduce vaping (not including cannabis)

• n/a

Reduce cannabis use (in any form)

• n/a Reduce illegal drug use

• n/a Reduce prescription drug misuse

• n/a Gamble less

• n/a Reduce stress

• Family dynamics and relationships

• Finances-high cost of living Reduce screen time

Reduce screen time

• Employment requires the use of screens

Get flu shot

• n/a

Seek physical or mental health treatment

• n/a

Connect more with family, friends or community

• n/a

Other health behaviors that would improve physical and/or mental health and most common reported barriers to making change:

Seek physical health treatment

- Timely access to health services including doctors and specialists
- Lack of specialists in community/area

Question 18. What is the one thing Western Health can do to make a difference in your care?

Overall themes:

- 1. Easier access and improved wait times for specialists
- 2. Increased services in local area
- 3. Hire more staff

Question 19. Respondents by PHC area

PHC Area	Percentage (%)	# Responses
Burgeo/Ramea	100	55

Question 20: Identified respondent communities

Burgeo and Ramea

Question 21. Respondent years lived in community

Years	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Less than 2 years	5.7	3
2-5 years	0	0
6-10 years	0	0
11-20 years	5.7	3
More than 20 years	88.7	47

Question 22. Respondent age groups

Age Group	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
18-25	2.0	1
26-35	7.8	4
36-45	9.8	5
46-55	19.6	10
56-65	21.6	11
66-75	2.0	1
76+	37.2	19

Question 23. Respondent reported gender

Gender	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Male	33.3	18
Female	65.5	36
Transgender male	0	0
Transgender female	0	0
Non-binary	0	0
Prefer not to say	0	0

Question 24. Respondent highest level of educated completed

Education	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Did not complete high school	3.6	2
Completed high school	30.9	17
Started university or college	1.8	1
Completed a technical, vocational, or community college	32.7	18
program		
Completed a bachelor's degree	20.0	11
Completed a graduate or professional degree	10.9	6

Employment Status	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Employed full time	34.5	19
Employed part time	3.6	2
Seasonal worker	5.5	3
Commuting/rotational worker	0	0
Student	3.6	2
Unemployed and looking for work	0	0
Unable to work due to a long-term sickness or disability	1.8	1

Looking after my home/family	3.6	2
Retired from paid work	47.3	26

Question 26. Respondent household income

Income	Percentage (%)	Frequency (n)
Under \$15,000	9.1	3
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	27.3	9
Between \$30,000 and \$49,999	33.3	11
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999	0	0
Between \$75,000 and \$99,999	12.1	4
Between \$100,000 and \$150,000	9.1	3
Over \$150,000	9.1	3

Question 27. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Overall themes:

Great job so far

Appendix B: Western Health Community Health Assessment Survey

Western Health Community Health Assessment Survey

Western Health is seeking your input. Your participation in our **2019 Community Health Assessment Survey** will provide us with valuable information that will help us understand and focus on the health-related needs of our communities. This information will also be used to inform future health-care planning.

- This survey is for people living in the Western Health region who are **18 years or older**.
- This survey will take about **10-15 minutes** to complete.
- This survey is **voluntary**.
- Your **privacy is very important**. Your answers will be **anonymous** and **confidential**. Survey responses will be analyzed and reported at the regional or primary health care service area level. It will be impossible to identify individuals.
- Please only complete the survey **once**.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mariel Parcon, Regional Manager Research and Evaluation at <u>marielparcon@westernhealth.nl.ca</u> or (709) 784-6806.

Primary Health Care

The following questions ask about your <u>access</u> to primary health care (family doctor, nurse practitioner, and routine care) and your satisfaction with the <u>quality of services</u> received.

- 1. If you needed to find health-related information for yourself or someone else today, how would you get that information (select all that apply)?
 - □ Ask a family doctor
 - □ Ask a nurse practitioner
 - □ Ask a pharmacist
 - □ Ask a social worker
 - □ Call a hospital/clinic
 - □ Ask a community or public health nurse
 - □ Search the internet (e.g., WebMD, Google search)
 - □ Western Health website
 - □ Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)

- □ Use 811 HealthLine
- □ Contact a not-for-profit agency (e.g., Cancer Society, Mental Health Association) or a community or church group
- □ Ask a friend or family member
- Other (please specify): ______
- 2. Do you currently have a regular family doctor or nurse practitioner?
 - □ Yes
 - □ No (SKIP TO QUESTION 5)
- 3. Overall, how satisfied are you with your family doctor/nurse practitioner?
 - □ Very satisfied (SKIP TO QUESTION 5)
 - □ Satisfied (SKIP TO QUESTION 5)
 - □ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (SKIP TO QUESTION 5)
 - □ Dissatisfied
 - □ Very dissatisfied
- 4. Why are you dissatisfied with your family doctor/nurse practitioner (select all that apply)?
 - □ Wait list for an appointment is too long
 - □ Wait time in the clinic/facility is too long
 - □ Too far to travel
 - □ Hours of service are inconvenient
 - □ Communication barrier
 - □ Facility and/or equipment quality is poor
 - □ Health-care provider(s) do not give you a chance to ask questions
 - □ You do not have trust and confidence in your health-care provider(s)
 - □ Health-care provider(s) do not treat you with respect
 - □ Health-care provider(s) do not explain things in a way that is easy to understand
 - □ Health-care provider(s) do not involve you in decisions about your care
 - Other (please specify): ______

- 5. The last time you needed care for a minor health problem (e.g., fever or unexplained rash), where did you go?
 - □ Family doctor/nurse practitioner
 - □ Walk-in clinic
 - □ Hospital emergency department
 - □ Pharmacist
 - □ HEALTHLINE 811
 - □ I do not have a place to get care for a minor health problem
 - Other (please specify):
- 6. The last time you needed care for a minor health problem (e.g., fever or unexplained rash), were you able to get same day or next day care?
 - □ Yes
 - □ No

Health Care

The health care system includes physical and mental health care services provided by Western Health and private health care providers (e.g., pharmacy, family practice/dental/vision clinics). The following questions ask about your <u>access</u> to the health care system and your satisfaction with the <u>quality of services</u> received.

- 7. <u>Overall</u>, how satisfied were you with the health-care services that you used during the past 12 months?
 - □ Very satisfied (SKIP TO QUESTION 9)
 - □ Satisfied (SKIP TO QUESTION 9)
 - □ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (SKIP TO QUESTION 9)
 - □ Dissatisfied
 - □ Very dissatisfied
 - □ I have not used any health care services (SKIP TO QUESTION 9)
- 8. Why were you <u>dissatisfied</u> with the health care services that you used during the past 12 months (select all that apply)? For <u>each reason selected</u>, please list the services you were dissatisfied with.

Reason	Services
□ Wait list for an appointment	
was too long	
Wait time in the	
clinic/facility was too long	
Too far to travel	
□ Hours of service were	
inconvenient	
□ Cost of service	
Communication barrier	
Facility and/or equipment	
quality was poor	
□ Health care provider(s) did	
not give you a chance to ask questions	
You did not have trust and	
confidence in your health care provider(s)	
Health care provider(s) did	
not treat you with respect	
□ Health care provider(s) did	
not explain things in a way	
that was easy to understand	
□ Health care provider(s) did	
not involve you in decisions about your care	
Other reason not listed	
above (please specify):	

- 9. Sometimes we <u>require</u> health care services but are unable to access them. Have you <u>required</u> any health-care service that you were unable to access during the past 12 months?
 - 🗆 Yes
 - □ No (SKIP TO QUESTION 11)
- 10. Why were you unable to access services that you <u>required</u> during the past 12 months (select all that apply)? For <u>each reason selected</u>, please list the services you required but were unable to access.

Reason	Services
 Wait time for service was too long 	
□ Cost of service	
Transportation issues	
Too far to travel	
 Unable to leave to house due to health problems 	
 Unable to access the services during scheduled time/hours of service 	
Unable to get a referral	
Could not contact the service	
Communication barrier	

Reason	Services
 Did not know the service was available 	
Service not available	
 Other reason not listed above (please specify): 	

Community Health and Wellness

The following questions ask about the <u>health and wellness</u> of your community, as well as your satisfaction with the <u>resources and services available within your community.</u>

11. Please select the areas/issues that you are <u>concerned about</u> in your community (select all that apply).

- I am not concerned about the health and wellness of my community (SKIP TO QUESTION 13)
- □ Addictions (e.g., alcohol and/or drug abuse, gambling, etc.)
- □ Bullying
- □ Childcare (including affordability, lack of accessibility)
- □ Chronic diseases (e.g., prevalence of diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, etc.)
- $\hfill\square$ Crime and violence
- $\hfill\square$ Cost of living
- □ Clean water supply
- □ Distracted driving of any vehicle (e.g. texting or talking on cell phone while driving car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)
- □ Drug/alcohol impaired driving of any vehicle (e.g. car, motorcycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc.)
- □ Education system
- □ Emergency services
- □ Environmental issues (e.g., contaminants in the air, water and soil)
- □ Food security (access to sufficient, affordable, nutritious food)

- □ Homelessness (including couch surfing)
- □ Housing conditions
- □ Illiteracy
- □ Mental health of community residents
- □ Outmigration
- □ Physical health of community residents
- □ Poverty
- □ Public transportation (including affordability, lack of accessibility)
- □ Recreational programs/spaces
- □ Resources for people with disabilities (e.g., accessible buildings)
- □ Road quality
- □ Seniors' resources/programs
- □ Sexual health (including unplanned pregnancy, Sexually Transmitted Infections)
- $\hfill\square$ Social isolation and lack of community involvement
- \Box Suicide
- □ Tobacco use/smoking
- □ Unemployment
- □ Violence in the home (e.g., child abuse/neglect, domestic)
- □ Working conditions (e.g., risks for injury on the job)
- Other (please specify): ______
- 12. Of the issues you selected in question 11, please select up to <u>3 areas/issues</u> that you are MOST concerned about in your community.

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There are many different groups and resources that aim to improve the health and wellness of a community. These include Western Health, private health clinics, churches, schools, town councils, resource centers, Community Advisory Committees, and other community groups.

13. Overall, how satisfied are you with the <u>resources available</u> to help deal with the health and wellness challenges in your community?

- □ Very satisfied (SKIP TO QUESTION 15)
- □ Satisfied (SKIP TO QUESTION 15)
- □ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (SKIP TO QUESTION 15)
- □ Dissatisfied
- □ Very dissatisfied

14. What aspects of the health and wellness resources are you dissatisfied with?

Health Status

This section will help us describe the **health of the population who completed the survey**.

15. In general, would you say your physical health is...?

- □ Excellent
- □ Very good
- □ Good
- 🗆 Fair
- □ Poor

16. In general, would you say your mental health is...?

- □ Excellent
- □ Very good
- \Box Good
- 🗆 Fair
- □ Poor
- 17. What do you feel you should do to improve your physical and/or mental health (select all that apply)? For <u>each health behavior selected</u>, please tell us what is stopping you from making this change.

Health Behavior	What is stopping you from making this change?
 I do not think there is anything else I should do 	
□ Start/increase exercise,	Unsure how to make this improvement
sports or physical activity	Not enough resources available in the community
	Community resources are not effective
	 I am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work schedule)
	I am too stressed
	Too costly/financial constraints
	Disability/health condition
	Transportation problems
	Lack of will power/self-discipline
	Other (please specify):
 Eat healthier/eat more fruits and vegetables 	Unsure how to make this improvement
	Not enough resources available in the community

Health Behavior	What is stopping you from making this change?	
	Community resources are not effective	
	 I am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work schedule) 	
	I am too stressed	
	Too costly/financial constraints	
	Disability/health condition	
	Transportation problems	
	Lack of will power/self-discipline	
	Other (please specify):	
Drink less alcohol	Unsure how to make this improvement	
	Not enough resources available in the community	
	 Community resources are not effective 	
	 I am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work schedule) 	
	I am too stressed	
	Too costly/financial constraints	
	Disability/health condition	
	Transportation problems	
	Lack of will power/self-discipline	
	 Other (please specify): 	
Reduce smoking (not	Unsure how to make this improvement	
including cannabis)	 Not enough resources available in the community 	
	 Community resources are not effective 	

Health Behavior	Wh	nat is stopping you from making this change?
		am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work chedule)
		am too stressed
	□ A	ddiction
		oo costly/financial constraints
	D	isability/health condition
		ransportation problems
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Reduce vaping (not	U D	nsure how to make this improvement
including cannabis)	□ N	ot enough resources available in the community
		ommunity resources are not effective
		am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work chedule)
		am too stressed
	□ A	ddiction
		oo costly/financial constraints
	D	isability/health condition
		ransportation problems
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	□ 0	ther (please specify):
□ Reduce cannabis use (of	□ U	nsure how to make this improvement
any form)	□ N	ot enough resources available in the community
		ommunity resources are not effective
		am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work chedule)

Health Behavior	What is stopping you from making this change?
	I am too stressed
	Too costly/financial constraints
	Disability/health condition
	Transportation problems
	Lack of will power/self-discipline
	Other (please specify):
Reduce illegal drug use	Unsure how to make this improvement
(e.g., cocaine, ecstasy, etc.)	 Not enough resources available in the community
	Community resources are not effective
	 I am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work schedule)
	I am too stressed
	□ Addiction
	Disability/health condition
	Transportation problems
	Lack of will power/self-discipline
	Other (please specify):
Reduce prescription drug	 Unsure how to make this improvement
misuse (e.g. opioids)	 Not enough resources available in the community
	Community resources are not effective
	 I am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work schedule)
	I am too stressed

Health Behavior	What is stopping you from making this change?
	□ Addiction
	Too costly/financial constraints
	Disability/health condition
	Transportation problems
	□ Lack of will power/self-discipline
	Other (please specify):
Gamble less	Unsure how to make this improvement
	Not enough resources available in the community
	Community resources are not effective
	 I am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work schedule)
	I am too stressed
	□ Addiction
	Too costly/financial constraints
	Disability/health condition
	Transportation problems
	□ Lack of will power/self-discipline
	Other (please specify):
Reduce stress	Unsure how to make this improvement
	Not enough resources available in the community
	Community resources are not effective
	 I am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work schedule)
	I am too stressed
	□ Addiction

Health Behavior	What is stopping you from making this change?	
	Too costly/financial constraints	
	Disability/health condition	
	Transportation problems	
	Lack of will power/self-discipline	
	Other (please specify):	
Reduce screen time	Unsure how to make this improvement	
(computer, cell phone, TV)	Not enough resources available in the community	
	 Community resources are not effective 	
	 I am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work 	
	schedule)	
	I am too stressed	
	Too costly/financial constraints	
	Disability/health condition	
	Transportation problems	
	Lack of will power/self-discipline	
	 Other (please specify): 	
Get the flu shot (influenza)	Unsure how to make this improvement	
immunization)	 Not enough resources available in the community 	
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	Community resources are not effective	
	 I am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work schedule) 	
	I am too stressed	
	Too costly/financial constraints	

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Health Behavior	What is stopping you from making this change?
	Transportation problems
	Lack of will power/self-discipline
	Other (please specify):
 Connect more with family, 	Unsure how to make this improvement
friends or community	 Not enough resources available in the community
	 Community resources are not effective
	 I am too busy (e.g., family responsibilities, work schedule)
	I am too stressed
	□ Addiction
	Too costly/financial constraints
	Disability/health condition
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	□ Addiction
	Too costly/financial constraints
	Disability/health condition
	Transportation problems

Health Behavior	What is stopping you from making this change?
	Lack of will power/self-discipline
	Other (please specify):

Health Care Planning

Western Health is in the process of developing its **Strategic Plan for 2020-2023**. The plan will outline the **main priorities and focus areas for Western Health** over the next three years.

18. What is the one thing Western Health can do to make a difference in your care?

Community

The Western Health region is divided into 7 primary health-care service areas. These areas are indicated on the map below.



19. In which of the following areas do you live?

- □ Burgeo/Ramea Area
- □ Port aux Basques Area
- □ Stephenville/Bay St. George Area
- □ Corner Brook/Bay of Islands Area
- □ Deer Lake/White Bay Area
- Bonne Bay Area
- □ Port Saunders Area

20. What is the name of your community?

21. How long have you lived in your current community?

- □ Less than 2 years
- □ 2 5 years
- □ 6 10 years
- □ 11 20 years
 - □ More than 20 years

Demographics

This section will help us **describe the population who completed the survey**. You can skip any question you do not wish to answer.

22. What year were you born?

____ ___

23. What gender do you most identify with?

- \Box Male
- □ Female
- □ Transgender male
- □ Transgender female

- □ Gender Variant/Non-conforming
- □ Non-Binary
- $\hfill\square$ Not listed
- □ Prefer not to say

24. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- □ Did not complete secondary school or high school
- □ Completed secondary school or high school
- □ Started university or college education but did not complete it
- □ Completed a technical, vocational or community college program
- □ Completed a bachelor's degree
- □ Completed a graduate or professional degree

25. Which of the following describes your employment status?

- □ Employed full time (including self-employed or on a work training program)
- □ Employed part time (including self-employed or on a work training program)
- □ Seasonal worker
- □ Commuting/rotational worker
- □ Student
- □ Unemployed and looking for work
- □ Unemployed and not looking for work
- □ Unable to work due to a long-term sickness or disability
- □ Looking after my home/family
 - □ Retired from paid work

26. What is your household income?

- □ Under \$15,000
- □ Between \$15,000 and \$29,999
- □ Between \$30,000 and \$49,999

- □ Between \$50,000 and \$74,999
- □ Between \$75,000 and \$99,999
- □ Between \$100,000 and \$150,000
- □ Over \$150,000

27. Is there anything else that you would like to add?