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2016 Community Health Needs Survey Underway, Calling All Residents for Input

North Country — The Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) process is underway throughout Coos and Northern Grafton counties. All community members are encouraged to participate in the survey, which is open to residents of the North Country, including Berlin, Colebrook, Lancaster, Littleton, and all surrounding towns. The survey asks people to report their experiences and opinions on different aspects of health and well-being in their community and will take about 10 minutes to complete.

The Community Health Needs Assessment is conducted by the North Country Health Consortium (NCHC) in collaboration with the North Country Healthcare system: Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Littleton Regional Healthcare, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, and Weeks Medical Center.

“The Community Health Needs Assessment relies on the voices of the people who live here to understand the circumstances that affect health,” says Nancy Frank, NCHC Executive Director. “Because survey results are used to inform and strengthen the programs, services, and care that collectively make North Country communities healthy, it is so important to hear from as many people as possible, so the needs of the whole community are represented.”

The purpose of the CHNA is to gather information about the overall status, concerns, unmet needs, and suggestions for improvement in regards to health in the North Country communities. Results from the CHNA survey will help North Country hospitals and health and human services leaders understand and identify the areas of opportunity for their organizations that represent the most pressing health needs of the communities that they serve.

If you live in the North Country, we urge you to participate. The opportunity to complete the Community Health Needs Assessment survey will close at the end of August. You can access the survey online with this link: <http://bit.ly/CommunityNeeds2016>. Paper versions of the survey will also be available at your local North Country hospital, select locations throughout your community, or by contacting Diana Gibbs at North Country Health Consortium: (603) 259-3700, ext. 222.

NCHC is a rural health network based in Littleton that collaborates with health and human service providers serving northern New Hampshire. To learn more about the Community Health Needs Assessment or NCHC programs and services in your community, visit www.nchcnh.org or call (603) 259-3700.

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