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Data Dashboard Promotes a Thriving Weld County, Offers Community Engagement and More

Weld County, Colorado – Today, the North Colorado Health Alliance, North Range Behavioral Health, and the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment, launched the first community-based data dashboard for health indicators. “This dashboard is a unique tool in our collaborative partnership between many community-based organizations throughout Weld County,” said Mark Wallace, MD, Executive Director of the Health Department. “This interactive tool helps anyone see where we are coming from and where we want to go, in terms of improving population-based health.” The dashboard contains five goal areas: 1) Healthy eating, 2) Active living, 3) Healthy mind and spirit, 4) Access to care, and, 5) Education and livelihood. Each goal area is accompanied with an interactive strategy map, showing the key initiatives for reaching the goal.

Since implementation and deployment of the dashboard, partners have developed a higher level of engagement and enthusiasm for health promotion. “This process has helped us organize and communicate very complex information,” said Vincent Atchity, Chief Operating Officer, North Colorado Health Alliance. “The result is a shared measurement system that shows how community-based efforts are aligned with evidence-based strategies.”

The dashboard platform will continue to evolve as various indicators are added. “Some areas of the platform are still in development,” said Tamara McCoy, Administrative Director, North Range Behavioral Health. “We are working on the final stages of the healthy mind and spirit goal areas and will soon publish these new sections to the dashboard platform.”

The data dashboard was funded from a grant provided by the Board of County Commissioners to enable the monitoring of various health indicators across Weld County. To see the data dashboard, please visit: www.maketodaycount.org/ or www.weldhealth.org

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