Summary of Services Provided by Health Council of West Central Florida, Inc.

FY 2025-26

The Health Council of West Central Florida, Inc.(HCWCF) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization and one of Florida's eleven (11) statutorily designated (F.S. 408.033), local health planning councils. Founded in 1982, we serve Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee and Polk counties. Our Board of Directors are appointed by the County Commissions in each county we serve.

Our Board undertook a new strategic planning cycle over a six month period this year as follows:

Our new vision is: "Healthy, informed, and thriving communities across the region"

Our new mission is: "To advance community health in West Central Florida through trusted data, planning, and regional collaboration."

Our values statements:

- Integrity: We provide unbiased, evidence-based information that communities and partners can trust.
- Community Voice: We elevate the lived experience of residents and community partners in our planning, data, and recommendations.
- Collaboration: We work alongside partners across sectors to improve health outcomes and share regional understanding.
- Access: We identify and illuminate health conditions to support fair access to health and opportunity across all communities.
- Stewardship: We use resources responsibly and focus our efforts on high-impact activities that align with our mission.

Priority Areas:

1. Financial Stability & Organizational Capacity
2. Regional Data Leadership
3. Community Voice & Cross-Sector Collaboration

Services provided:

Developed four modules for a new Health Services magnet school covering

- History of Public Health and Public Health Careers
- Social and Economic Drivers of Healthy Communities
- Community Health Planning Process
- Where to find data for your community

Developed a Regional Health Report (attached) and available on our website.

Worked with multi-sector collaborative on possible approaches to respond to Rural Health Transformation funding opportunities.

Host a website (All4HealthFL :: Homepage) for community members, organizations, and grant writers to access data dashboards, community events, connect to care, reports, promising practices, and funding opportunities in collaboration with six not-for-profit hospital systems in our region, with plans to increase the number of counties served by this site.

Worked in conjunction with the Florida Office on Rural Health, Rural Health Networks and all eleven Health Councils to develop a statewide Rual Health plan.

Collected nursing home utilization data on behalf of Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) for use in the Certificate of Need (CON) program.