

Community Forum Highlights

Mineral County September 19, 2023

The Community Forums promote bi-directional communication that aids with community-identified health issues and matches those communities with researchers who can partner for community-engaged solutions.

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

- Hopeful, not hopeless
- The community is a big team that takes care of one another
- Family-friendly environment with a lot of outdoor activities
- Strong community partnerships and compassion
- A lot of faith-based and community organizations that offer assistance to communities

COMMUNITY HEALTH PRIORITIES

- Transportation
- Health literacy
- Connecting with existing resources
- Cost
- Food shortages
- Access to care





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IMPRESSIONS ON RESEARCH

- Research recruitment
- No opportunities to participate in research offered, other than surveys
- Need to make sure everyone in the community is included
- Make it easy for communities and describe the benefits in detail
- Researchers not utilizing local resources and contacts for best strategies for conducting research in the community

BARRIERS TO CLINICAL TRIALS

- Recruiting research without a local champion
- Uncertainty of the "end game" or lasting impact of the project
- Transportation
- Reaching the community members spread throughout the county







