WHAT IS THE HEALTH DISTRICT?

• Special public tax district governed by a publicly elected board of directors

• Created by voters in 1960 to serve the unmet health needs of our community
WHAT IS A SPECIAL DISTRICT?

2022 Colorado Code
Title 32 - Special Districts
Article 19 - Health Assurance and Health Service Districts
§ 32-19-101. Legislative Declaration

Universal Citation: CO Code § 32-19-101 (2022)

The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that access to health-care services is an increasing problem in Colorado and that some Coloradans do not have access to a primary care provider. It is the intent of the general assembly to ease the strain on Coloradan's health-care needs by allowing a special district to be created to provide health-care services and facilities.
COUNTY HOSPITAL OF FUTURE—Tentative proposals for additions to improve the facilities of the Larimer County Hospital are outlined in this sketch prepared for the County Commissioners by Robert W. Ditton, architect. At the left is shown the proposed north wing, and at right an administrative wing which would be built in front of the present building. Each wing would be 40 by 50 feet, built of brick and steel in a style corresponding to that of the present building. The north wing would house surgery and obstetrics departments and rooms for additional beds. The front wing would provide space for the new crowded hospital offices. The sketch serves as a general guide for the hospital fund campaign of the Larimer County Hospital Improvement Association.

2nd Group Starts Push for Hospital

Under direction of L. T. Johnson, president of the Larimer County Hospital Improvement Association, the second phase of the hospital "bonding" campaign was launched yesterday morning.

The "bonding" campaign, estimated to include $1,000,000 in funds, was at the goal on December 31. At the end of December, the bond sale was $30,000 below the goal.

A campaign office has been opened in the basement of the Northern Hotel. Staffed by Miss Alice Dickson, the Larimer County Hospital Improvement Association is conducting the campaign.

The campaign is under the direction of L. T. Johnson, president, and Wayne Ballad, vice-president. The campaign is to raise $1,000,000 for the hospital. The funds will be used to pay the cost of the new hospital building, which is expected to total $600,000 to $800,000.

Health District
OF NORTHERN Larimer COUNTY
March 1960  Judge issues order creating Poudre Valley Hospital District
September 1960  County agrees to sell hospital to hospital district
October 1960  2.0 mill levy established, raising more than $100,000 annually

CC - Board of County Commissioners

Denver, Colorado, October 4, 1961

Mr. G. W. Ballah
Secretary or Attorney

The application of the Poudre Valley Hospital District for an increased levy
is hereby approved and a levy not to exceed 2 Mills or Dollars upon
the valuation of 1961 authorized.

ATTEST:

Paul J. Perine
Secretary

COLORADO TAX COMMISSION

By Frank Gelling
Commissioner

(SEAL)

NOTE: This order should be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the time
it makes its levy.
Health District boundaries encompass the northern two-thirds of Larimer County:

Fort Collins
Laporte
Timnath
Wellington
Livermore
Red Feather Lakes
1962  Hospital renamed
      Poudre Valley Memorial Hospital

1963  Formal dedication held

1964  District purchases hospital, land and assets for $300,000
Bond sales fund expansions and improvements
1994

Poudre Health Services District

1995

2002

Health District
Of Northern Larimer County
Hospital district switches mission to education

BY KEVIN VAUGHAN
The Coloradoan

The Poudre Valley Hospital District enters 1995 in a bit of a quandary. It no longer operates a hospital, and its board of directors doesn't expect to decide until summer how to spend the property taxes it collects.

“I think there's tons of confusion about us still,” said Carol Plock, hospital district director. The district was formed in the late 1950s to operate Poudre Valley Hospital. But when faced with a state law that prevents public organizations from entering businesses partnerships with private companies, the board created a nonprofit corporation, Poudre Valley Health Care Inc., to operate the hospital. That allows the hospital to enter into the kinds of business agreements that most health-care experts believe will be vital to survival.

Board members in the district now are turning their attention to a new challenge: “to create a healthier community.” It will do that with about $2.1 million in property taxes it will collect in 1995; taxes collected this year went to the hospital. The first step in the process of deciding how to spend that money is an assessment of the community's health, both what's needed and what's available. The survey is under way and should be done by mid-July.

From there, the board will begin using the money it collects to improve health. That could be through programs it starts, through partnerships with other groups or through financial support of existing projects. It could be wide-ranging, targeting programs to get people to quit smoking, to cut drunk driving or to curb domestic violence.

“There is no question in any of our minds that our community has some improvement that needs to be done in order to maintain and improve the health of the community,” Plock said.

PVH District aims to ease path to care

Board endorses goals

BY KEVIN VAUGHAN
The Coloradoan

The Poudre Valley Hospital District is considering a major initiative to improve access to health care and to reduce health care costs.

These efforts are part of a multi-faceted plan that might beget the board's decision of what to do with the money that it receives from the property taxes collected by Poudre Valley Hospital.

At the regular board meeting, the board formally endorsed the plan, which also includes the expansion of health insurance coverage, the establishment of the hospital's community association to help businesses and other community organizations to access health care.

The plan would also be to bring in other partners to pool resources and coordinate the board's efforts.

One of the important aspects of the plan is the plan's commitment to improve access to care, which involves partnerships with community groups and other partners to ensure that the community has the resources it needs to access health care.

The district would be looking at the various ways to pool resources and coordinate the board's efforts.

Whereas the board has said it wants to do more, it's not quite sure how to do it yet. The district hopes to move forward with this plan in the coming months.
Health district assumes control of mobile care van

Unit expands its services

By Rochel Mason

The Health Van expanded its services and opened during the month of March. The current Health Van, a mobile clinic housed in a bus, offers various services, including medical, dental, and social services.

For the past three years, the health district has provided health care services to those who are homeless or who live in areas where health care facilities are scarce. The mobile van allows for increased access to health care services in those areas.

The Health Van offers services such as:
- Primary care
- Behavioral health
- Oral health
- Substance abuse
- Mental health

The van is staffed with health care professionals who provide quality services to those in need.

Director stepping down

By Rochel Mason

Health Services District Director Cindy Hildebrand submitted her resignation earlier this month, effective October 1, 2023. The district is now seeking a new director to lead the Health Services District.

Hildebrand has been with the district for five years and has been a key figure in the district's growth and development.

The search for a new director has already begun, and the district is looking for an individual who can continue the district's mission to improve the health of the community.

The district has seen significant growth in recent years, and the search for a new director is a crucial step in ensuring the district continues to thrive.

Director Hildebrand said, "This has been a difficult decision, but I am confident that the district will continue to thrive under new leadership. I am excited to see what the future holds for the Health Services District."
30 YEARS OF CARING

Health District
OF NORTHERN LARIMER COUNTY
1994 ~ 2024
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Molly Gutilla
President

Julie Kunce
Field
Vice President

John McKay
Secretary

Joseph Prows
Treasurer

Erin Hottenstein
Assistant Treasurer
MISSION
The mission of the Health District is to enhance the health of our community.

VISION
District residents will live long and well. Our community will excel in health assessment, access, health promotion, and policy development.
Good data and community input is the basis for every Health District program.

- Conducts internal program evaluation by collecting information about Health District program activities and outcomes.

- Conducts research, including a Triennial Community Health Assessment, to understand our community’s greatest health needs.

- Engages community partners to disseminate findings in order to contribute to various research projects and community health improvement initiatives.
COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Community Impact Team (CIT) works with community partners to create systems-level solutions to timely and emerging prioritized health issues in our community:

- Mental Health and Substance Use Alliance of Larimer County
- Naloxone education and distribution, with 626 kits distributed in 2023
- Completed 2023 Youth Behavioral Health Assessment to help inform 2024-2028 Larimer County Behavioral Health Community Master Plan
- Changing Minds Campaign
- Other community collaborations
INTEGRATED CARE

- Behavioral health services provided at **UCHealth Family Medicine Center** and **Salud Family Health Center**.
- Medical providers consult with a psychiatrist and Behavioral Health Clinical Therapists to address patients’ behavioral health needs.
- Behavioral health providers participate in training Family Practice residents at Family Medicine Center.
- In 2023, provided over **4,288** services to **1,161** patients.

**Eligibility and Fees**
- Services are available to patients at Family Medicine Center and Salud Family Health Center.
- Some service availability is dependent on insurance.

**Locations**
- **Family Medicine Center**
  1025 Pennock Place
  970.495.8800
- **Salud Family Health Center**
  1635 Blue Spruce Drive
  970.494.4040

**Contact**
970.495.8963
MENTAL HEALTH CONNECTIONS: ADULT SERVICES

- Supports adults in navigating the network of behavioral health services in Larimer County.
- No-cost initial screening, assessment and referral services.
- Brief therapy is available on a sliding-fee basis.
- Does not provide crisis services.
- In 2023, served 2,864 clients.

Eligibility and Fees
- Serves Larimer County residents.
- Some services are free.
- Sliding scale fees available to Health District residents.
- Client assistance may be available for those who qualify.

Location and Contact
425 W. Mulberry St., Suite 101
970.221.5551
MENTAL HEALTH CONNECTIONS:
CHILD, ADOLESCENT, AND YOUNG ADULT CONNECTIONS

- Supports families in navigating the network of behavioral health services in Larimer County.
- No-cost initial screening, assessment and referral services.
- Services for youth with behavioral health or substance use concerns include:
  - Early identification
  - Assessment
  - Psychiatric medication evaluation
  - Brief psychiatric/therapy services
  - Psychological testing services
- Does not provide crisis services.
- In 2023, CAYAC provided services for 2,094 youth.

Eligibility and Fees
- Larimer County youth (0-K12) and their families.
- Screening, assessment and referral services are offered at no cost.
- For brief services, sliding scale fees are available to Health District residents.
- Client assistance may be available for those who qualify.

Location and Contact
425 W. Mulberry St., Suite 112
970.221.3308

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LARIMER HEALTH CONNECT

- Helps with navigating health insurance process:
  - Plan enrollment
  - Applying for financial assistance
  - Increasing health insurance literacy
- Trained, bilingual staff provide fair, impartial information and assistance.
- Affordable coverage includes:
  - Connect for Health Colorado Marketplace
  - Health First Colorado (Medicaid)
  - Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)
  - Medicare
- In 2023, assisted 1,908 clients.

Eligibility and Fees
- Serves Larimer County residents.
- No cost for services.

Location and Contact
970.472.0444
144 N. Mason St., Unit 7
120 Bristlecone Dr.
Eligibility and Fees

• Serves Health District residents.
• No cost for services.
• Sliding scale for vouchers.

Location and Contact

970.472.0444
144 N. Mason St., Unit 7
120 Bristlecone Dr.

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

• Helps eligible Health District residents afford the cost of their medications.
• Assistance through:
  • Discount cards
  • Manufacturer patient assistant programs
  • Vouchers
• In 2023, the program served 54 people and disbursed 209 vouchers with a total value of $14,266.90.
HEART HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM

- Free or low-cost screening for those who haven’t had a cholesterol test in past year.
- 20-minute appointment with a nurse includes:
  - Total lipid profile
  - Fasting blood glucose
  - Blood pressure check
  - Diabetes and heart disease risk assessments
- Focus on under-resourced populations, including:
  - Spanish-speaking communities
  - Residents in permanent supportive housing
  - People experiencing homelessness
- In 2023, served 537 adult clients.

Eligibility and Fees
- No cost for Health District residents.
- $15 for clients outside of district boundaries.
- Appointment required for services.

Contact
970.224.5209
Eligibility and Fees

- Health District residents who meet income guidelines up to 400% FPL.
- Qualifying older adults (60 and older) across Larimer County.
- Accepts Health First Colorado (Medicaid), CHP+, and those with no dental insurance.
- Sliding scale fees available to those who qualify.

Location and Contact

- 202 Bristlecone Drive
- 970.416.5331 or 970.224.5209

Affordable, comprehensive dental care for adults, children, and older adults.
By appointment. Emergency care available daily.
The General Anesthesia Program (GAP) provides care under general anesthesia to adults with disabilities with operating room space, time, and staffing generously provided by UCHealth Poudre Valley Hospital.
In 2023, treated 2,282 patients in 8,478 visits.
Policy staff have a primary mandate to **monitor**, **prioritize**, and **influence** legislation and other policy.

Current policy agenda aligns with the Board’s three priorities of behavioral health care, oral health, and access to care through coverage.

We also prioritize policy issues that may have a direct impact on the operations of the Health District, such as special district or human resource policies.
Thank you!

Questions?
UCHealth Overview

Colorado-owned and operated, non-profit health system and an independent and separate 501 (c)(3) from University of Colorado

Mission
We improve lives.
In big ways through learning, healing and discovery.
In small, personal ways through human connection.
But in all ways, we improve lives.

Vision
From health care to health.

Values
Patients First
Integrity
Excellence
More than

33K employees

15K babies delivered

2.7M unique patients

7M outpatient, urgent care and emergency room visits

108K surgeries

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973 new patients per day

155K inpatient admissions and observation visits

6K affiliated or employed providers
UCHealth is Recognized as a Leader in Quality

2022 U.S. News National Specialties Rankings:
University of Colorado Hospital: Five specialties ranked.

HEALTH CARE’S MOST WIRED ADVANCED
(1 OUT OF 27 NATIONALLY)

TOP 10 IN QUALITY PERFORMANCE

Magnet Designation, American Nurses Credentialing Center
Medical Center of the Rockies, Poudre Valley Hospital, Memorial Hospital Central, Memorial Hospital North, and University of Colorado Hospital have all been awarded multiple Magnet designations for nursing excellence.

#1 in CO: University of Colorado Hospital
#2 in CO: Medical Center of the Rockies
#4 in CO: Memorial Hospital
#5 in CO: Poudre Valley Hospital

Only organization to ever achieve back-to-back #1 overall quality ranking from the University Health System Consortium

2008 Baldridge National Quality Award, the nation’s highest honor for innovation and performance excellence

- ANCC Magnet Recognition Program®
- The Best and Brightest Companies to Work For
- Certified Great Place to Work
- CHIME®s Level 10 Most Wired recognition
- HIMSS Stage 7 Certification
- Top Workplaces by The Denver Post
- Lown Institute: Nation’s No. 2 Most Socially Responsible Health System
UCHealth provides significant benefits to our communities

UCHealth invests in the community through uncompensated care, research, education, partnerships and health programs

$1.1B in total community benefit

$378M more provided in community benefit beyond our tax exemption

Largest provider of Medicaid services in Colorado

Region’s largest and most comprehensive investment in behavioral health

Committed to lowering costs and increasing access to affordable, high-quality care

1 Evaluation provided by Plante Moran
FY 2022 community benefit figures based on Schedule H reporting
Our areas of focus in our local community

Priorities identified in Community Health Needs Assessment 2023 – 2025

Access to care
Behavioral health
Chronic diseases

>115 community partners and organizations engaged directly or through collaboratives during the development of our CHNAs

FY 2022 community benefit (Northern Colorado)

$312M total community benefit

$107M uncompensated care for uninsured and underinsured
and, this is WHO we are. We are ONE.
You make extraordinary possible.
UCHealth Family Medicine Center – Fort Collins (FMC)

- A department of PVH that includes FMC, FMC Walk-in Clinic, and Fort Collins Family Medicine Residency Program
- Full service outpatient primary care clinic, an urgent care, and inpatient services at PVH
- Accepts most commercial insurance and Medicaid (65%) and Medicare (20%)
- 44 providers (12 Faculty Physicians, 8 Nurse Practitioners, 24 Resident Physicians)
- Graduate 8 new family physicians each year, many of whom stay in our community

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<td>FMC Outpatient Clinic: 43,000</td>
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<td>Inpatient Service at PVH: 7,000 (including around 500 deliveries)</td>
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Special Projects and Services

- Multidisciplinary pain management
- Medication Assisted Addiction Treatment (at FMC and in partnership with NCHN)
- Sports medicine consultations
- Osteopathic Manipulation Treatment
- Geriatric consultations, nursing home care, and home visits
- Poudre Valley Prenatal Program
- Level 3 NCQA Patient Centered Medical Home
- Integrated Behavioral Health services in partnership with Health District and Summitstone
- Food Pantry serving >2700 clients/month and distributing >30,000 lbs of food/month
Partnership with Health District of Northern Larimer County

Integrated Behavioral Health Services

- Program inception April 2005
- Provides a team of therapists, a clinical care coordinator, a half-time psychiatrist, leadership, and administrative support to FMC
- Goal staffing approx. 6 FTE (current staffing 4.5 FTE (6 people) with 1.5 FTE open)
- Services (all services include direct patient care and education for resident physicians):
  - Counseling services
  - Psychiatric evaluations and treatment plans
  - ADHD evaluations
  - Resident education (during clinic, in didactic lectures, and on rotations)
  - Crisis assessments and response
  - Care management and support for patients with opioid addiction
  - Education, medical care, and case management for patients with chronic pain managed with opioids
Partnership with Health District of Northern Larimer County

This unique model allows us to work in flexible ways to meet the needs of a vulnerable patient population and teach emerging family physicians outside of the traditional demands for billable patient encounters.

Outcomes

- Publications on pain management (in collaboration with CSU OT Dept)
- Cutting edge pain management group visits for up to 500 patients/month focused on education and function rather than meds
- Leadership within the UCHealth Pain Management Clinical Excellence Group (CEG) for all of the UCHealth system
- Partnership with Northern Colorado Health Network to provide medication addiction treatment during their needle exchange program
- Narcan distribution program
- Partnership with CO-SLAW regional addiction treatment collaborative
- Needle disposal unit installation

Impact

- 250 Psychiatry consultations/yr
- 2500 Pain clinic visits/yr
- 1500 Addiction visits/yr
- 1575 Counseling visits/yr
- 40 Resident rotation weeks/yr
Partnership with Health District of Northern Larimer County

Other HDNLC Services benefitting UCHealth Family Medicine Center staff and patients

- Quit Tobacco Program
- Cardiovascular nurses
- Prescription Assistance Program
- Community Health Assessment team
- Family Dental Clinic
- CAYAC (patient referrals and resident rotations)
- Connections
- Larimer Health Connect