

# JRHA CHA Qualitative Feedback for Visioning Process

## COMMENTS ON CURRENT POSITIVE EXPERIENCES OF JACKSON + JOSEPHINE COUNTIES

*Comments have been shortened to highlight what participants saw as strengths and assets of our current community.*

### COMMUNITY/RELATIONSHIPS/PEOPLE

1. It's a tight knit community. People really care and come together and make things happen.
2. We're all artistically creative and innovative in creating solutions to our problems.
3. ...there's this creative community here.
4. ...small-town feel.
5. Community minded people.
6. Small enough community, if there's a project you can make it happen
7. People are friendly
8. Sense of community...people come together.
9. ...I find these communities caring about all things. People honestly care about the things that happen to the people who live here. Very involved in community.
10. I find that community is kinder than most. People smile just to smile.
11. Strong community. Community is really important. People have taken tremendous responsibility for the land...
12. People just say hi to you even if they don't know you. People are actually nice here.

### ACTIVITIES/NATURAL ASSETS

1. There's a lot of community engagement or family engagement...
2. There's a spectrum of activities...events can be for everyone and anyone, even if you can't afford things.
3. The mountains are an asset. The views, the sights, the sunsets. It's very scenic.
4. Beautiful, scenic. Nice benefit of the seasons.
5. There's a big concentration of cultural activities...a lot of support for theatre, art, film, etc.
6. Pristine, county is pristine, a lot of wilderness areas. Illinois river- you can jump in and drink it, 3 or 4 rivers.
7. Climate and area, the wilderness areas, beautiful
8. I love the environment...No matter where you look it's beautiful.

9. We can garden all year round. Climate is so conducive, and environment is pristine...
10. It's a great place if you want to be very close to nature
11. The air is clean. The land is clean.
12. There are a lot of family events and functions...always something going on.
13. There are lots of groups and programs

## INFRASTRUCTURE/AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

1. I work a lot in human services and appreciate the collaborative nature of working with agencies.
2. Quite a bit of diversity here. Business people and artists...Lots of home businesses; people doing entrepreneur things from their home; Farmers market things.
3. Health care is good. Access is way better now
4. SOU is more and more engaged with the community. Rogue community college just got funding. Adding facilities and majors specifically around health care and other skill sets.
5. Strong wraparound of nonprofits. All of the nonprofits work collaboratively and not duplicate services.

## QUALITY OF LIFE

1. 15 minutes away from a big city but you have a quality of life.
2. socioeconomic diversity, theological diversity.
3. I can walk through an alley and see the ground, not trash
4. Slower, respectful pace of life.
5. The farmers market is great – I know where the food is coming from and that it's good.
6. Rural - quality of life here is great. Great place to raise a family.

*Comments have been reframed, modified, shortened, combined to highlight visions for the future as articulated by respondents.*

## **EDUCATION/EARLY CHILDHOOD/FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

1. School districts are fully funded and have the resources they need to support staff, students, and families.
2. Schools have the behavioral health support they need
3. Parents are engaged in their children's education. Schools and teachers partner with parents, offering mentorship.
4. Parenting education is destigmatized. Parents feel supported and have easy access to parenting education.
5. Families are connecting with each other, feeling a sense of belonging, so they can help each other more.
6. Supportive services available to all families preventing/reducing emergency interventions
7. Young people feel hope and a place in this world.
8. Kids are healthy and feel safe
9. Schools are an easy place to be healthy because there are more health actions in our schools.
10. High quality preschool is available for all
11. Affordable, high quality child care is available for parents around the clock, accommodating shift work and treatment needs of families.
12. School-based health centers are in every school with embedded Behavioral specialists with full reproductive health access
13. School staff are more diverse

## **HOUSING**

1. Creative thinking increases affordable housing
2. Developers partner with nonprofits and people to develop affordable housing, elder housing, workforce housing.
3. Health care industry is financially involved in housing with multiple partners working collaboratively to increase access to affordable housing

## **AGING IN PLACE/DISABILITY SERVICES**

1. Community is deaf-friendly and senior-friendly.
2. Community has support for aging members and their families

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

1. System pays to deal with social determinants of health, embraces and provides trauma informed care
2. New ideas about transportation stop isolation
3. A statewide database identifies all services available
4. Collective impact changes and improves community, ideas shared widely.
5. Prevention and education are fully funded and availability of services are abundant

## **WORKFORCE**

1. Technical education in STEM
2. Transportation to jobs is readily available, affordable, and accessible to all
3. Economic development gives people back their personal pride/they can afford groceries, doctors, cars.
4. Growth and opportunity are available for our citizens; e.g., higher paid jobs in trade positions and specialists.

## **COMMUNITY/SELF SUFFICIENCY**

1. Community members feel connected, reducing social isolation.
2. Fewer homeless people because we offer supportive services to help. Services are responsive instead of reactive.
3. Community receives real data from TV and in newspaper and campaigns, reducing/eliminating misconceptions
4. Community is connected to support goals of health, mental health, positive behaviors of health, respect.
5. People in positions of power (decision makers, leadership, staff) are reflective of community and empowered to develop solutions to community issues.
6. Elected officials reduce partisanship and work to support the entire community they serve.
7. Local and state policy support healthy environments, making it easier for residents to make healthy choices

8. County leadership is a champion for community health
9. Community shares a vision for addressing root causes first to improve overall health and quality of life.
10. Community is supportive of those in need, embraces diversity, equity, and equality.
11. Blue Zone philosophy is widely accepted: people engaging in their health and well-being. Walking, eating better, seeing their primary care physician, etc.
12. People out of poverty.
13. People are safe and feel safe.
14. People have means to be self-sufficient.
15. Individuals, families and communities have the tools, supports and resources necessary to handle adversity
16. People are thriving vs. surviving and understand “others”

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**

1. Mental health providers accept Medicare, LPCs are approved to take Medicare.
2. More facilities for mental health
3. Health care system works together to develop mental health capacity and improve access
4. High quality interpretation services are readily available and being used within the health care system
5. Health care providers receive robust and ongoing training on health literacy including cultural competency. HR policies have been improved to reflect this.
6. Partner organizations work together to improve community health
7. Partner organizations collaborate instead of compete
8. Organizations trust each other and organizational data is shared openly so community health is benchmarked, resources are allocated more efficiently, and overall health can be continuously improved.
9. Preventive services are readily accessible and used by all.
10. Overall support for lower income population in our community, in health care and other services (e.g., drug and alcohol treatment)
11. Coverage for preventive mental health intervention improves mental health of the population

12. A system of care that aligns community benefit money and community strategies to address housing development, substance use and mental health.
13. Health care systems (hospitals, CCOs, private insurers, medical centers, etc.) and individual providers offer education and treatment, fully integrating mental and behavioral health. Leadership is supportive and engaged in these efforts.
14. The system of mental health support is seamless and warm hand offs are accessible to everyone in the community if and when they needed it.
15. A mobile mental health clinic helps build trust and connect people to services
16. Residential treatment programs, transitional housing programs for people struggling with behavioral health are readily available
17. Behavioral health specialists are embedded in every health care setting
18. Health care workforce is much more diverse: from top tier medical providers all the way through. Language, culture, etc.
19. Drug use prevention and treatment is available and accessible, including smoking cessation.
20. Health care and mental health options are barrier free and available to everyone. Say “I need help” you are seen that day.