

## *Ferry County Public Hospital Roadmap Set for 2016*

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With the adoption of the 2015-2018 strategic plan, comes great focus on addressing population health matters. In January, through funding by the Critical Access Hospital Network, a group of consultants will come to our community to assist with forming the necessary consortium of community leaders to address population health needs. In July, a group of key community members met at FCPHD and began the journey to address the social, clinical, and behavioral health care needs of the community. Some of the initiatives identified through the July meeting were:

- The need to address behavioral health issues.

- How to work collaboratively to create a healthier community.
- With a median age of 49 and 17% of the population over the age of 61, where is it best to holistically address the healthcare and support systems for our population.
- Key opportunities are home health, hospice, behavioral health, housing, healthy eating, and better health living.

The strategic initiatives are aligned with the FCPHD mission statement: “To strengthen the health and well-being of community through partnership and trust”.

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