

2024 Comprehensive Plan Update Chapter Summary – Health and Human Services

STAFF NOTES:

- New chapter for 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update.
- Not a required chapter per RCW 36.70A (Growth Management Act).
- Drafted with input from Director of Housing, Health, and Human Services Department.
- Included in this packet is a "clean copy" of the chapter allowing for ease of reading. Since this is a new chapter, there is no strikethrough/underline version.

BACKGROUND:

Overall Chapter:

This chapter covers the topics of Human Services, Healthy Living, and Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency.

Plan Context:

Poulsbo has made a commitment to providing services and assistance to those considered more vulnerable and/or at risk of poor health outcomes, displacement, or involvement in emergency systems including low-income youth and adults, isolated older adults, people struggling with mental health disorders and chronic health conditions, and people struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. In 2020, the Housing, Health, and Human Services (HHH) Department was added as a way to strengthen the City's social safety net and improve services to residents. This new chapter serves as a landing place for the work already underway, as well as a framework for making future decisions regarding health and human services.