

Health Care & Public Health Goal

- 3. Goal: Randolph residents have access to affordable, accessible, and culturally competent preventive care and medical treatment.**
 - 3.1. Recommendation:** Facilitate development of a Federally Qualified Health Center.^a Build awareness and local support for the health center through workshops, informational materials, and coalition building efforts with community partners.
 - 3.2. Recommendation:** Towards improving access to non-emergency medical care and health-supporting services for older adults and those that do not drive, partner with Blue Hills Regional Coordinating Council on the regional assessment of current transportation barriers and participate in piloting solutions, currently underway.
 - 3.3. Recommendation:** Continue and build on the Public Health Department's capacities and functions. Increase capacity through expanding funding and health department staff capable of enforcing health and other codes, providing inspectional services, and providing population and community health services. Sustain ongoing work in Environmental Health, Community Health, and Public Health Emergency Preparedness, and expand community health functions of the department to include facilitating the implementation of the Randolph Community Wellness Plan.
 - 3.4. Recommendation:** Coordinate resources and provision of student and family health services (i.e. immunizations and flu vaccinations) and social services between Randolph Health Department, Randolph Public Schools (including School Nurses, and the Family Resource Center and Registration Office), and area health centers.
 - 3.5. Recommendation:** In all Town- and School- provided health and social services, ensure appropriate linguistic and culturally competent supports. Refer to the national standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) for guidance.
 - 3.6. Recommendation:** Toward providing community support to individuals in Randolph with mental health issues, continue to support Mental Health First Aid training for Randolph Police and explore participation by the Randolph Police, Fire, Health, Veterans Services and other Departments in a program such as the One Mind Campaign, which uses coordinated training, partnerships, and response protocols to support individuals in mental health crisis.

^a Federally Qualified Health Centers are community-based health care providers that receive funds from the HRSA Health Center Program to provide primary care services in underserved areas. They must meet a stringent set of requirements, including providing care on a sliding fee scale based on ability to pay and operating under a governing board that includes patients.