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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Thurston County Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Chris Hawkins, Education & Prevention Manager Thurston County PHSS  
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**DATE:** July 1, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Comprehensive Plan Update: Chapter 11 – Health & Human Services Follow Up

### **Follow Up From 6-17-2020 Planning Commission Meeting**

Staff have made some revisions to Chapter 11 – Health and Human Services based off of commissioner discussion from the June 17, 2020 meeting. A list of revisions based off that meeting are below and will be reflected in the next public draft of the chapter.

- 1. Commissioner Comment:** Adjust Health Rankings Model image (p. 11-6 clean version), or add in additional information to the footnote.

Staff have revised the language in the footnote for this image based on this comment to read:

*\* Model takes as given various significant factors in the health of a community, such as the availability of antibiotics, clean drinking water and sanitary wastewater disposal, immunizations, etc. The County Health Rankings Model also does not include the full set of factors in each area. For instance, other substances besides alcohol and tobacco impact the health of the population. Further, it is particular levels or forms of the health behaviors listed here that raise or lower the risk of disease or early death.*

- 2. Commissioner Comment:** Add in goals/policies on education. People need to know how to cook in order to have proper nutrition.

Staff have added in new policy language under Goal 2. Goal 2 is to “Improve nutrition by promotion healthy and accessible food options for all local residents”. A new policy has been added to support educational programs around nutrition. The WSU Thurston County Extension currently has some educational programs (i.e., SNAP-Ed Program).

**New Policy 7, Under Goal 2: The County should support education programs that teach youth and adults skills and behaviors to eat healthfully.**

- 3. Commissioner Comment:** The chapter should encourage larger farms rather than exclusively focusing on smaller farms. The Comprehensive Plan addresses the rural county and rural agriculture, not just urban agriculture and small farms.

Large operations and rural agriculture are a big component of Chapter 3 (Natural Resources) and Chapter 8 (Economic) in the current Comprehensive Plan. Staff have added in an additional policy under Goal 2 that relates to market access and farm-to-table for rural agriculture.

**New Policy 8, Under Goal 2: The County should support programs that increase market access for rural agriculture, such as Community Supported Agriculture, farm-to-table projects, etc.**