

Community Health Network of the San Juans

June 2026 Network Update

What We're Celebrating!

June marked the Network's first in-person and virtual all-islands gathering since the April convening, bringing together partners from across San Juan, Orcas, and Lopez for a shared check-in on progress across all three workgroups. The gathering reflected what the Network has been building toward: real cross-island conversation, grounded in concrete work that is already moving.

The June 16th hybrid gathering drew participants from all three islands simultaneously — meeting in-person on each island before joining together via Zoom. Workgroup members shared updates on focus areas, early partnerships, and next steps, and the gathering provided an opportunity to strengthen connections across organizations and sectors that don't always have a regular venue for coordination.

We are also celebrating a major milestone: the Orcas Island Health Care District and Orcas Fire & Rescue have approved a joint agreement to launch a Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) pilot on Orcas Island. MIH programs bring licensed health professionals directly to people in their homes or community settings, connecting those with chronic conditions or limited access to routine care with the right level of support before a crisis occurs. The Orcas program will look for opportunities to collaborate with San Juan Island's Community Paramedicine program and with the Lopez Island MIH effort as it develops — building toward a coordinated, county-wide approach to community-based care.

Insurance Access & Navigation Workgroup

Participants: Justin Paulsen (San Juan County Council), Rachel Lucy (PeaceHealth), Lindsay Jennings (Orcas Island Community Foundation), Amy Harley (San Juan County Health Officer), Yubi Schollmeyer (Joyce Sobel Family Resource Center), Patty Codd (Island Hospital), Iris Graville (Lopez Island Health Care District)

In June, the workgroup focused on bringing in health systems voices and contributions from other service providers across the county to strengthen the landscape document — a county-wide map of payer mix, services, clinic models, and referral pathways across all three islands. The workgroup prioritized grounding it in the direct knowledge of clinical and community partners, and drew on available state and national data sources on insurance coverage — though it's worth noting that reliable data on current coverage shifts is limited, as the effects of people dropping or losing coverage are still emerging and difficult to capture in real time.

In July, the workgroup will review the landscape document in its current state and begin selecting project focus areas. The workgroup is also looking at how to work across the Network

to identify shared health metrics — such as well-child checks, diabetes management, and Medicare annual wellness visits — as meaningful, measurable indicators of impact that connect to what local health systems are already tracking.

Transportation & Mobile Health Services Workgroup

Participants: Kyra Dyer (Orcas Community Resource Center), Alison Sanders (Coalition for Orcas Youth / Orcas Island Health Care District), Debbie Haagenson (Island Rides), Richard Uri (San Juan County Human Services), Rene Denman (Steps), Tyler Cornell (San Juan County Senior Services), Tess White (Steps), Kristen Rezabek (SJC Health and Community Services), Melissa Martin (SJI Community Foundation)

The workgroup continued advancing its three defined work areas, with the flight membership public education effort producing its first tangible deliverable: a public-facing one-page guide to medevac membership programs in San Juan County. The guide is designed for broad community distribution and will be paired with a dedicated webpage through Orcas Fire & EMS that centralizes sign-up links for all three medevac companies. Distribution planning across the islands is underway.

Work also continued on mapping off-island transportation resources and identifying gaps in inter-regional connectivity — particularly for residents traveling to mainland care — and on beginning to assess appetite among health systems for expanded visiting and mobile health services.

Care Coordination Workgroup

Participants: Melissa Martin (San Juan Island Community Foundation), Heidi Bruce (SJC Senior Services), Edee Scriven (Lopez Island Hospital District), Katherine Bryant Ingman (Catherine Washburn Medical Association), Theresa Loya (Peace Island Medical Center), Adam Bigby (Lopez Fire/EMS), Nathan Butler (San Juan Hospital District #1); CHW-focused meetings also included representatives from the Lopez Island, Orcas Island, and San Juan Island family resource centers

Both island Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) efforts continued advancing in June. On Orcas, the interlocal agreement between the Orcas Island Health Care District and Orcas Fire & Rescue was finalized! — This a key structural milestone for the Orcas MIH pilot. On Lopez, the community needs assessment survey is advancing in preparation for a Lopez MIH pilot, pending final approval.

CHW coordination work continued on multiple fronts. Trillium conducted interviews with Community Health Workers from each of the three island resource centers, as well as a San Juan County CHW, to gather their in-the-field knowledge of what they are seeing as community needs. This directly addresses a workgroup goal of aligning CHW training and services with evolving community need. Diabetes support and Medicaid enrollment navigation support emerged as important areas of CHW work across the islands.

Cross-island planning also continued around sustainable CHW funding strategy, a shared countywide training structure, and Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement readiness. The three family resource centers remain central to this work, with a coordinated timeline extending through fall 2026.

Behavioral Health Access — Incoming Fourth Workgroup

The Network is bringing Behavioral Health Access on as a fourth workgroup, which will meet for the first time in July. Behavioral health has been consistently named as a critical priority across community input sessions, the Community Health Assessment, and workgroup conversations — and the Network is now positioned to support a dedicated workgroup focused on access to behavioral health services across the islands. More details on structure, focus areas, and participants to come.

In Summary: What Moved Forward in June — Process Wins

- **First all-islands hybrid gathering:** Network partners from all three islands convened simultaneously in June, sharing updates across workgroups and strengthening cross-island relationships.
- **Health systems voices brought into landscape mapping (Insurance Access):** The workgroup expanded the landscape document by actively recruiting clinical and service provider input — moving toward a picture grounded in direct systems knowledge.
- **First public-facing deliverable (Transportation):** A draft one-pager on medevac membership programs is complete and has gone through initial rounds of feedback with the workgroup. Next steps are streamlining how community members find this information online and in public settings, and getting updated materials into the hands of community partners across the islands.
- **CHW field knowledge gathered (Care Coordination):** Interviews with CHWs from all three islands surfaced community needs — including diabetes support and Medicaid enrollment navigation — that will shape training and service alignment going forward.
- **MIH advancing on both Orcas and Lopez (Care Coordination):** The Orcas interlocal agreement is near finalization; the Lopez needs assessment is progressing toward a pilot launch.
- **Behavioral health added as fourth workgroup:** The Network is expanding its scope to formally address behavioral health access, with a first meeting scheduled for July.

Save the Date

San Juan County Community Health Network — Fall Convening

September 17, 2026 | 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Lopez Island Community Center

Join us for the Community Health Network's fall gathering — a cross-sector, in-person convening bringing together health systems, community organizations, and partners from across all three islands. We'll share progress from the Network's workgroups, review what

we've learned since spring, and work together to sharpen priorities for the months ahead. Light refreshments provided.

Get Involved

The Community Health Network is a community effort — your voices and knowledge are essential to the work. If you are interested in following along, attending a workgroup meeting, or getting more involved, reach out to:

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