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Thank you for your interest in the Tompkins County Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). In the following pages you will find a description of the current health of our community as identified by a large and varied group of our community partners. Information was collected from many sources including directly through a survey of our community members. An analysis of important health indicators and community resources and gaps completes the picture. As a community, we were able to prioritize the issues of *Preventing Substance Abuse and Promoting Mental Health* as well as *Preventing Chronic Disease*. The CHIP is built around continuing ongoing efforts in these areas and suggests new ideas to help our community continue to improve its overall health.

I want to thank all of our partners that came together to make this possible and I encourage everyone in our community to continue to be engaged in this process as we work to implement the strategies in our CHIP.

Your Partner for A Health Community

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