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Three Dimensional perspectives from a rural Community Needs Assessment

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This presentation will focus on the various perspectives related to the community needs assessment for a rural population. Attendees will review the viewpoints from those who participated in the study that includes the professor, the graduate students who facilitated the CNA, and the community representatives who were in attendance. The session will seek to analyze the significant contributions of a community needs assessment for a rural population, taking into consideration the community's desire to be heard. These perspectives will be reviewed in light of the responses to the three basic questions utilized during the CNA: 1) What does mental health mean to you? 2) What are the biggest mental health issue/needs you see facing this community/county? and 3) What solutions would you suggest that would meet the mental health needs of your community?

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