

**Community Focus Statement F:** Improve the delivery of essential services to the community.

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**Action Statement F.2:** Collaborate with the Morongo Basin communities on a regional plan to improve health care services and facilities in the area, emphasizing accessible, state-of-the-art care.

**Benchmark:** Joshua Tree community members' access to health care services is enhanced.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** Variable depending on projects proposed.



Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Mobile Clinic. Photo source: Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

The Joshua Tree community should partner with other Morongo Basin communities and work together to coordinate on a regional plan to improve health care services and facilities in the area, emphasizing accessible, state-of-the-art care. The communities should gather to identify specific health care needs and to investigate potential solutions. The effort may include creating health programs targeted at eradicating a specific disease or a focus on providing additional health services to marginalized groups. Grant funding from the state and federal governments could assist in financing improved health care services.

One solution could be a partnership with the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. The hospital operates a Mobile Medical Clinic that offers a variety of health care services in underserved neighborhoods and remote areas of San Bernardino County. The mobile clinic is 40 feet long and features two fully functional private exam rooms and a health consultation and education area. If needed, Joshua Tree could coordinate with the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center to secure the Mobile Medical Clinic on regularly scheduled days.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Create a health care coalition with representatives from the Morongo Basin communities.	Champion	Years 1 – 3	Morongo Basin Healthcare District <a href="http://www.mbhdistrict.org/">http://www.mbhdistrict.org/</a>
2. Identify specific health problems in the Morongo Basin, as well as potential solutions.	Morongo Basin Health Care Coalition	Years 1 – 3	Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality <a href="https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/index.html">https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/index.html</a>
3. Coordinate with regional medical facilities to continue developing solutions to community health issues.	Morongo Basin Health Care Coalition	Years 1 – 3	Grantwatch.com <a href="https://www.grantwatch.com/cat/14/health-and-medical-grants.html">https://www.grantwatch.com/cat/14/health-and-medical-grants.html</a>
4. Secure funding for improved facilities or health programs in the Morongo Basin.	Morongo Basin Health Care Coalition	Years 1 – 3	Arrowhead Regional Medical Center <a href="https://www.arrowheadmedcenter.org/">https://www.arrowheadmedcenter.org/</a>
5. Revisit programs annually to ensure current health needs are addressed.	Morongo Basin Health Care Coalition	Years 1 – 3	