

CHW FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES VISION STATEMENT

CHW recognizes that food production and distribution systems have wide ranging impacts on the quality of ecosystems and their communities, and so;

CHW recognizes that healthy food is defined not only by nutritional quality, but equally by a food system which is economically viable, environmentally sustainable and which supports human dignity and justice, and so;

CHW aspires to develop a healthy food system.

- We will work within our system to develop policies, procedures, supply contracts and education for staff, patients, and suppliers.
- As a healthcare system, we understand our role in health promotion and will effectively communicate, and model healthy food choices and programs in our system and local and national communities.
- We will work to promote and source from producers and processors which uphold the dignity of family, farmers, workers and their communities and support sustainable and humane agriculture systems.
- We will encourage labeling that tells where a food is from and how it was produced.
- We will work within our system and with our suppliers and distributors to maximize locally sourced foods, free of unnecessary hormones, pesticides, antibiotics and protective of biodiversity.
- We will work with our suppliers to promote sustainable food transportation systems and will source, when appropriate, local foods and those, which minimize inherent transportation impacts.
- We will ensure that food waste is minimized and beneficially reused, and support the use of food packaging and products which are ecologically protective of our environment.

Together these will promote health and protect quality of life.



CWH recognizes that implementation requires step-wise progress and the challenges of an ecological approach. This approach requires an understanding of the vision statement, while seeking to also understand the interconnections between its parts. It recognizes that nothing exists in isolation; and that everything is part of a larger system and includes:

- Vending
- Dairy
- Catering
- Education and Communication
- Model Programs
- Food Waste
- Dishware
- Produce
- Meat and Poultry
- Local Sourcing

CHW Food & Nutrition Council:

Annually, the CHW Food & Nutrition Council will adopt strategic goals consistent with the Food & Nutrition Services Vision Statement. These goals will be communicated to all CHW Food & Nutrition Managers. The Council will monitor the progress that each facility makes towards the annual goals and include the results in the annual council report.