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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-1150

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Inspection**A** For the **2009** calendar year, or tax year beginning **OCT 1, 2009** and ending **SEP 30, 2010**

B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization GREATER LOWELL HEALTH ALLIANCE OF CHNA 10, INC.		D Employer identification number 27-0408037
		Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite		E Telephone number 978-937-6000
		295 VARNUM AVE.		F Group Exemption Number ▶
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 LOWELL, MA 01854		

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

I Website: ▶ **WWW.GREATERLOWELLHEALTHALLIANCE.ORG****J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**G** Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual
Other (specify) ▶**H** Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**K** Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.**L** Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **40,605.****Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	40,605.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐		
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe ▶)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	40,605.	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	13,530.
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	3,248.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and mail expense	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	411.
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶)	16	5,492.
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	22,681.
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	17,924.
	Net Assets	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19
20		Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
21		Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	52,702.

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	37,393.	57,020.
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe ▶ CONTRIBUTION RECEIVABLE)	0.	108,505.
25 Total assets	37,393.	165,525.
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 2)	2,615.	112,823.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	34,778.	52,702.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	X
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	N/A
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch. N	36	X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0.		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a	X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	N/A
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	N/A
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	N/A
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0.; section 4912 ▶ 0.; section 4955 ▶ 0.		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	X
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0.		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0.		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ MA		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ PATRICIA CRANE Telephone no. ▶ 978-937-6000 Located at ▶ 295 VARNUM AVE., LOWELL, MA ZIP + 4 ▶ 01854		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	42b	X
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	42c	X
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A		
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	X
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	X

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Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?
- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

	Yes	No
46		☒
47		☒
48		☒
49a		☒
49b		

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

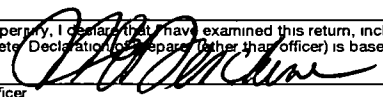
f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

- 51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

NONE

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.		
	Signature of officer 	Date 8-14-12	
	NORMAND DESCHENE, PRESIDENT Type or print name and title		
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature 	Date 8/10/12	Check if self-employed ☐
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) CBIZ TOFIAS 500 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MA 02116	Preparer's identifying number (See instr.) P00030126	EIN 617-761-0600

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

☒ Yes ☐ No

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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Name of the organization GREATER LOWELL HEALTH ALLIANCE OF
CHNA 10, INC.

Employer identification number
27-0408037

Part I	Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.
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1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)

10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III - Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III - Other

e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f ☐ If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?

(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

[illegible]**Total**

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

GREATER LOWELL HEALTH ALLIANCE OF

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009 CHNA 10, INC.

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")				37,555.	40,605.	78,160.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3				37,555.	40,605.	78,160.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						76,597.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						1,563.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4				37,555.	40,605.	78,160.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						78,160.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	

13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☒

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ☐		

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15		%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16		%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17		%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18		%
19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐			
b 33 1/3% support tests - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐			
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐			

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER EXPENSES	STATEMENT	1
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FOOD & FUNCTIONS	1,387.
SUPPLIES	1,190.
BOOKS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	288.
STAFF EDUCATION & PROGRAMS	665.
ADVERTISEMENT & PROMOTIONS	787.
INSURANCE	1,056.
TRAVEL	52.
LICENSES, PERMITS & TAXES	8.
FREIGHT CHARGES	59.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16	5,492.

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER LIABILITIES	STATEMENT	2
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DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
DUE TO LGH	2,615.	4,318.
PLEDGED CONTRIBUTIONS	0.	108,505.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 26	2,615.	112,823.

FORM 990-EZ	INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS	STATEMENT	3
	ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS		

- A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL
BENEFIT CONTRACT? [] YES [X] NO
- B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . [] YES [X] NO
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IN ORDER TO KEEP IN LINE WITH OUR MISSION, GLHA IDENTIFIES HEALTH ISSUES THAT POSE A THREAT TO THE WELL-BEING OF COMMUNITY RESIDENTS, IDENTIFIES AND EVALUATES OPPORTUNITIES WHERE HEALTHCARE SERVICES ARE NOT BEING PROVIDED AND DEVELOPS STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS. GLHA RESEARCHES AND ADOPTS EVIDENCE-BASED INITIATIVES TO HELP SPECIFIC POPULATIONS IN NEED IN THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDES LEADERSHIP IN CREATING EXPANDED PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY NETWORK OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.

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STATEMENT 5

OUR MISSION IS TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS HEALTHCARE ISSUES FACING THE GREATER LOWELL COMMUNITY. BY RAISING AWARENESS AND PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS, CIVIC AND BUSINESS LEADERS, AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, WE EMPOWER THEM TO MAKE DECISIONS AND TAKE ACTIONS THAT WILL LEAD TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE OVERALL HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

Healthy Weight

The mission of the Healthy Weight Task Force is to develop and improve partnerships that are committed to leading Lowell area residents to a healthier community. Cross-cultural and intergenerational collaborations will build on strengths of the community to improve active living and nutrition for healthy minds and healthy bodies for all.

Obesity is considered by many to be the single greatest health threat to Americans today, especially in our children. Hailed by the Lowell Sun as "a new soldier in the war on obesity", the Greater Lowell Health Alliance has launched the Healthy Weight Task Force to raise awareness in our communities about this serious health threat. We meet monthly to develop and implement a long-term campaign to fight obesity.

Obesity will not be solved overnight. The Alliance is committed to measurable, long-term improvement in the quality and health of the community through awareness and successful grass-roots programs. We encourage you to join us in working with your family, your business, and your community to take a healthy step in reducing the impact of obesity.

Maternal Child Health

The Maternal Child Health Task Force brings together key stakeholders in the Greater Lowell Area to address some of the most pressing health issues related to children and their families. We seek to increase services in Greater Lowell, examine current resources and work collaboratively to fill gaps.

Mental Health

The Mental Health Task Force was created with the intent of addressing the whole health of individuals and the community. We seek to bring together mental health providers to share resources, examine and develop best practices and identify service gaps that we can collaboratively address.

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs

The Greater Lowell Health Alliance launched the Tobacco Task Force to raise awareness in our communities about this deadly health situation. Our goal is to educate our community about the dangers of tobacco use, develop and implement a long-term campaign to raise awareness, and share resources to prevent and help people to stop smoking. In the summer of 2011 we transitioned from our primary focus of tobacco prevention and cessation to addressing multiple layers of substance abuse including alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

For further information on our Organization please visit our website:
<http://www.greaterlowellhealthalliance.org/>

Greater Lowell Gen Health Alliance CHNA 10, Inc. is a **100% volunteer organization** serving 351 cities and towns in 27 different networks throughout Massachusetts. The Organization provides the opportunity for many individuals the following areas:

New Mission Statement

To sustain a strategic alliance of community organizations that improves the overall health and wellness of those living in the Greater Lowell Region.

Various Task Forces



Cultural
Competency



Healthy
Weight



Maternal
Health



Child
Mental Health



Alcohol, Tobacco and
Other Drugs

In order to keep in line with our mission, each task force has been developed to fulfill the following objectives:

- Establish criteria for identifying health issues that pose significant threat to the well being of community residents.
 - Adapt current available disease data to include specifics relevant to the community to assess needs and measure improvement.
 - Identify/inventory individual health-related efforts of leading organizations.
 - Identify/evaluate opportunities where healthcare services are not being provided, and develop strategies to address high-priority needs
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- Research and adopt, when appropriate, best practice, evidence-based initiatives that have proven successful in altering behaviors of specific populations as related to documented incidence of specific diseases or other health-related issues in the community.
 - Develop integrated, collaborative action plans to increase and enhance both qualitative and quantitative measures of success.
 - Provide leadership in creating expanded partnerships within the community network of healthcare providers to achieve specific measures in meeting goals.
 - Identify, explore and expand opportunities for funding targeted initiatives.

Cultural Competency

The mission of the Cultural Competence task force is to increase the capacity of Greater Lowell health care and human service providers to achieve positive outcomes with all patients/clients. By bringing providers together with representatives of diverse/underserved community groups, we work to improve communication between providers and patients/clients, share promising strategies and tools, learn about each other's experiences, and develop joint projects to educate both providers and patients/clients.