

Desiree Sweeney
Chief Executive Officer
NEW Health

Desiree Sweeney has been with NEW Health for more nearly fifteen years, leading the organization's mission to promote health and wellness in rural northeast Washington State by providing integrated, open-access healthcare for all. She currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of NEW Health, a community health center serving 16,000 patients annually and employing more than 150 staff. During her time as CEO, NEW Health has expanded from providing integrated medical and dental care to also providing on-site behavioral health and pharmacy services.

Under Ms. Sweeney's leadership, NEW Health has developed a nationally recognized strategic workforce initiative called NEW Health University. The mission of NEW Health University is to create community-based education pathways for rural youth and to empower employees with training, education, and internal career pathways to strengthen current and future healthcare workforce. This innovative program is the culmination of many years of developing creative solutions to rural workforce challenges.

Ms. Sweeney has an MBA in Healthcare Administration from Western Governors University, a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Chemistry and a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Eastern Washington University, and an Associate of Arts in Dental Assisting from Spokane Community College. Ms. Sweeney was born and raised in NEW Health's rural service area. Her clinical, business, and lived experience have allowed her to excel in her role as CEO.