

CHNA Conclusions and Prioritized Health Needs

The consortium partners involved in the 2013 Community Health Needs Assessment process share a common vision of improving health in their communities. Each participating organization has access to different resources, works with a different set of specific community attributes, and will ultimately address community health needs in somewhat different ways. Nevertheless, the partners agree on these identified health needs:

1. Empowering People

- Reducing/eliminating barriers to access
- Creating opportunities for screenings/early intervention
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Diabetes
 - Depression
 - Cancer
 - Metabolic Syndrome
- Improving patient advocacy
- Providing health and wellness education
- Offering free or low-cost screening activities
- Eliminating the stigma of mental health

2. Connecting People to Services and Resources

- Improving patient advocacy
- Raising awareness of existing clinical services
 - Mental health
 - Preventive services
 - Family medical care
 - First-trimester care
 - Alzheimer's care
 - Diabetes care
- Offering important community services
 - Smoking cessation
 - Pregnancy, labor and delivery classes
 - Free or low-cost health and wellness classes
 - Senior specific programs
- Increasing cancer screening and service access
- Recruiting and retaining dental providers/improving access to dentistry

3. Creating a Healthy Environment and a Culture of Wellness

- Promoting healthy eating and active living and support healthy choices
- Promoting access to healthy foods and activities
- Engaging in injury awareness activities
- Supporting drug abuse and excessive alcohol use prevention efforts
- Focusing education and change on underlying causes of Metabolic Syndrome

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CHNA Implementation Plan

Need	Issue	Strategy	Actions
<p>Connecting People to Services and Resources</p> <p>Raising awareness of existing clinical services</p> <p>Reducing and Eliminating barriers to access</p>	<p>Rural communities are underserved in specialty services with lengthy travel restricting access.</p>	<p>Partner with Gundersen Health System to grow outreach specialty programs</p> <p>Use innovation and technology to expand capabilities and service offerings</p>	<p>Develop and promote new outreach programs utilizing partnership with Gundersen Health System</p> <p>Establish Telemedicine capabilities to improve stroke and other care offerings</p>
<p>Improving Patient Advocacy</p>	<p>Without easy access to health records, proactive action on the patients end in their care can be difficult</p>	<p>Utilize online portal capabilities to offer patients access to valuable information and tools</p>	<p>Offer training and promotion of EPIC Electronic Health Records System’s capabilities that will be implemented in 2015</p>
<p>Promoting access to healthy foods and activities</p> <p>Provide health and wellness education</p> <p>Engaging in injury awareness activities</p> <p>Creating Opportunities for screenings/early intervention</p> <p>Offering Important Community Services</p>	<p>Lack of information, direction, and skills limit community members in their ability to improve their lifestyle and behavior choices</p>	<p>Offer education opportunities within the community to improve awareness and grow skill sets</p> <p>Partner with community organizations to meet their education needs</p>	<p>Develop and promote Diabetic Education Program</p> <p>Offer educational seminars at hospital to meet recognized community needs, such as medication reconciliation</p> <p>Work with local community center to offer trainings and screenings</p> <p>Partner with school district to assist with need health awareness areas, such as concussion prevention.</p>
<p>Increasing cancer screening and service access</p>	<p>Oncology programs are not found in the service area</p>	<p>Partner with Gundersen Healthy System to provide services locally</p>	<p>Develop local Hematology-Oncology Program</p>
<p>Supporting drug abuse and excessive alcohol use prevention efforts</p>	<p>Substance abuse and binge drinking is prevalent in Southwest Wisconsin</p>	<p>Partner with other rural hospitals on issue</p>	<p>Through an awarded Binge Drinking Grant, offer tools and resources in clinical settings to patients</p>
<p>Improve mental health support in community</p>	<p>Limited support for those needing mental health or emotional support</p>	<p>Investigate opportunities to partner with community organizations on programs</p>	<p>Develop grief support group program in collaboration with community organizations and individuals</p>