

Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)

Implementation Strategy

Hospital District No 6 of Harper County, KS

1/1/2019 to 12/31/2021

Introduction

Hospital District No 6 of Harper County, KS is a 25 bed Critical Access Hospital located in South Central Kansas. The Hospital District is governed by a seven-member board that is elected by the taxpayers of the district.

In November of 2017 through an Asset Purchase Agreement Hospital District No. 6 of Harper County, Ks expanded the District to include Harper Hospital District No 5. The facility will operate as two campuses until mid-2019 when both campuses will relocate to a new facility adjacent to Chaparral High School on KS Hwy 2.

Identifying Health Needs

In 2018, in conjunction with the Harper County Health Department a Community Health Needs Assessment was conducted for Harper County via an online survey. The information gathered from the survey as well as other health ranking information was discussed at a County wide Town Hall meeting held on October 30th at Chaparral High School. From this meeting and analysis the following were identified as the top five health needs in the County.

1. EMS Services Countywide
2. Mental Health Services
3. Opioid/Drug Abuse
4. Residents Health Apathy/Offering Engaging Health Education
5. Access to Specialists locally

The hospital and the Harper County Health Department collaborated to develop an implementation strategy to address each of these needs over the next three years.

Hospital District No. 6 of Harper County, KS is committed to conducting another health needs assessment within three years.

CHNA Need #1

EMS Service Countywide

The hospital will partner with the Harper County Commissioners to address this need.

Action #1- Schedule Quarterly meetings with County Commissioners to discuss/collaborate on options to improve EMS services.

Action #2 – Create tracking system to monitor number of times ambulance is not available and/or response times when hospital initiates a transfer call. Share this data at quarterly meetings.

Action #3 – Research alternative options for transportation when the County EMS service is not available for non-emergent transfer.

CHNA Need #2

Mental Health Services (Diagnosis, Treatment, Aftercare)

The hospital will partner with Ks Department of Health and Environment, Harper County Health Department, and Horizons Mental Health Center to meet this need.

Action #1 – Host three annual educational events for Community awareness (i.e. Depression/Suicide/emotional health issues)

Action #2 – Annual Hospital and Public Health Employee in service to review depression self-analysis forms and behavioral health resources.

Action #3 – Educate Community, Law Enforcement, hospital, clinical and Public Health Staff on the availability of Mental Health Resources in the Community (Health Dept, Horizons, Behavioral health, etc.)

Action #4 – Explore/expand the use of Tele psych services beyond current Senior Behavioral Health services as Community Needs are identified.

CHNA Need #3

Opioid/Drug Abuse (Meth, Marijuana, Heroin, & Xanax)

The hospital will partner with the Harper County Health Department, Local Community providers, Irwin Potter Drug, Harper Pharmacy, Local Law Enforcement, and the Ks Department of Health and Environment to meet this need.

Action #1 – Research/implement policies/procedures involving the prescription of opioid and other addictive medications in the Hospital/Emergency Room and Clinic.

Action #2 – Annual education of Community Law Enforcement, hospital, clinical, Public Health Staff, and other Community Providers (dentists, vets, pharmacists, etc.) on the addictive properties and consequences of prescribing opioids and other addictive drugs. Notifying stakeholders of the rehabilitation resources available within and to our Community (Mirror Inc., etc.)

Action #3 – Perform Drug Screening questionnaires on patients in the ER, Clinic, homes, etc.

Action #4 – Promote discarding expired and unused prescription drugs according to CDC recommendations.

CHNA Need #4

Residents Health Apathy/Offer Engaging Health Education

The hospital will partner with the Harper County Health Department, Harper County Extension, Friendship/Senior Meals, Other Health Providers, State of Kansas, KSU Extension, Anthony/Harper Wellness Centers, and USD 361 to meet this need.

Action #1 – Provide and update listing of Community Health Directory online and in hard copy.

Action #2 – Continue providing monthly Lunch and Learn classes on Health/Nutrition issues. Expand classes to include Friendship/Senior Meals on a quarterly basis.

Action #3 – Explore the option of offering Diabetic Education classes to the Community.

Action #4 – Utilize the free programs through the state to provide education, for example, Quitline for Smoking.

Action #5 – Engage the Community/School District in Wellness challenges by utilizing traditional and social media to reach all populations (walking, step challenges, etc.)

CHNA Need #5

Access to Specialists locally (ENT, ENDO, NEP, DERM, PUL, ORTHO, & PED)

The hospital will partner with Wesley and Via Christi

Action #1 – Expand the use of specialists through telehealth services to meet the needs of the Community.

Action #2 – Promote the current specialist services that are available to the Community (Cardiology, Gynecology, Urology, etc.)

Action #3 – Expand current services by recruiting new specialists or negotiate more time with current specialists.

Approval

Hospital District No. 6 of Harper County, KS Board of Directors approves the Implementation Strategy that has been developed to address the needs identified in the 2018 Community Health Needs Assessment.

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Chairman, Board of Directors

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Date