

Anderson County Hospital Community Benefit Implementation Plan 2014



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I. Introduction

Anderson County Hospital is a 25-bed critical access hospital providing Garnett and the surrounding communities with essential health care services, including primary care, 24/7 emergency services, inpatient and outpatient surgery, full laboratory services, imaging services, and more.

Patients have access to a specialty clinic in addition to their primary care physician at the Family Care Center. By offering lab services, X-rays, and digital mammography locally, Anderson County Hospital provides patients with the best care close to home.

Mission: Anderson County Hospital is a member of Saint Luke's Health System. As a faith-based county hospital, Anderson's mission is to enhance the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the patients it serves. As a member of Saint Luke's Health System, Anderson partners with patients, physicians, payers, employees, and the communities it serves to provide health care services.

Vision: The best place to get care. The best place to give care.

II. Purpose of Implementation Plan

This Implementation Plan addresses the community health needs identified in the 2012 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) prepared for Anderson County Hospital. This Plan serves as Anderson County Hospital's implementation strategy for meeting those needs including setting the goals and objectives for providing community benefits. The Plan also meets the requirements for community benefit planning as set forth in federal law, including but not limited to: *The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010*.

III. How the Implementation Plan Was Developed

This Implementation Plan was developed based on the findings established in the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) prepared for Anderson County Hospital, as well as through a review of existing community benefit activities.

IV. Community Health Needs

Anderson County Hospital undertook a structured approach to determine health needs including analysis of public health data, interviews with health care professionals, and input from community members. The Community Health Needs Assessment identified eleven major health needs:

- Lack of Clinic Space
- Lack of Physicians
- Domestic Violence/Child Neglect
- Economic Development
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Residents Leaving County for Care
- Lack of Nursing Home Beds
- Obesity/Dietary
- Mental Health Services
- Child Care Options
- Uninsured/Charity Care
- Vaccinations for Children Under Two

V. How Priorities Were Determined

Priority needs were identified based on input and analysis from several groups including hospital representatives and outside agencies providing services in the community. The process recognized seven needs identified in the CHNA as primary community health needs which should be addressed by Anderson County Hospital.

Priority Needs:

1. Lack of Clinic Space
2. Lack of Physicians
3. Residents Leaving County for Care
4. Lack of Nursing Home Beds
4. Obesity/Dietary
5. Mental Health Services
6. Uninsured/Charity Care
7. Vaccinations for Children Under Two

VI. What Anderson County Hospital Will Do to Address Priority Needs

1. Lack of Clinic Space

The existing hospital facility is lacking in space for specialty clinics. In 2013, residents of Anderson County passed a bond allocating funds for a new Anderson County Hospital Facility. The new facility is scheduled to open by the end of 2014, and will include additional clinic space to meet this identified need.

As part of the planning process, hospital architects and engineers went through a process called “right sizing” to determine future community health care facility needs. Architects and engineers reviewed population growth statistics to determine the best size for a new facility. The new facility design will include an outpatient specialty clinic with an increased number of exam rooms.

2. Lack of Physicians

The new hospital facility will allow Anderson County Hospital to provide expanded services for patients and attract new health care professionals to the community. A new facility will enhance Anderson County’s stability by ensuring health care jobs, providing high quality health care locally, and attracting patients from neighboring communities. Anderson County Hospital recently recruited two additional providers who will work to address community health needs.

3. Residents Leaving County for Care

Anderson County Hospital has worked to connect patients with the region’s most respected and highly-trained physicians. When Anderson County residents need to see a specialist physician, there’s no reason to leave Garnett. As a member of Saint Luke’s Health System, Anderson County Hospital has the ability to connect local patients with a range of highly trained physician specialists.

Anderson County Hospital's Specialty Clinic features a wide range of services, including:

- Audiology
- Cardiology
- Cataract surgery
- Dermatology
- Ear, nose, and throat

- Gastroenterology
- General surgery
- Neurology
- Obstetrics and gynecology
- Orthopedics
- Podiatry
- Psychiatry
- Radiation Oncology
- Rheumatology
- Urology
- VA clinic

4. Lack of Nursing Home Beds

Anderson County Hospital's Long-Term Care Unit is consistently honored as one of the best nursing homes in Kansas. The unit was recently rated a five-star nursing facility based on its CMS score card, which bestows ratings based on the facility's health inspection, staffing, and quality measures.

Anderson County Hospital's Long-Term Care Unit features:

- 24-hour nursing care
- Nutrition services
- Restorative program
- Physical and occupational therapy
- A licensed social worker
- Activities
- On-site beauty shop
- Immediate access to care
- Lab and Radiology services
- Faith services

The new Anderson County Hospital set to open in 2014 will include an updated long term care unit. Currently licensed for 32-beds, the long-term care unit will expand to a 36-bed facility with increased privacy, more closet space, semi-private bathrooms, and easy access to the outdoors.

5. Obesity/Dietary

Adult obesity is becoming an epidemic in the U.S. and increases the risk for countless health conditions. Obesity is an energy imbalance due to a lack of physical activity combined with a poor diet. Obesity can ultimately lead to the following: coronary heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, cancer, hypertension, stroke, gall bladder disorders, respiratory problems, and osteoarthritis.

Almost one third of Anderson County residents are obese (32 percent), which is higher than the national obesity benchmark of 25 percent. The proportion of people with physical inactivity in Anderson County is also higher than the national average at 27 percent.

Anderson County Hospital is engaged in several community health programs including school based health education programs. Going forward, Anderson County hospital will continue to participate in these programs in an effort to improve overall community health including improved diet and nutrition.

6. Mental Health Services

Anderson County continues to be above the Kansas benchmark and well above the national benchmark in regard to the number of poor mental health days reported. Mental health providers include psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, psychiatric nurse specialists, and marriage/family therapists who meet certain qualifications and certifications.

Patients in Garnett and the surrounding areas have access to psychiatric services through Anderson County Hospital's eHealth telemedicine program. The mental health team utilized by the telemedicine program has the training and expertise to address issues such as:

- Depression
- Stress
- Life transitions
- Family problems
- Crisis
- Grief and loss
- Mental illness
- Trauma-related issues
- Anxiety/panic disorders
- Dual-diagnosis treatment

Anderson County Hospital will continue to provide psychiatric services through the eHealth telemedicine program. The hospital will also continue to work with community partners such as the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center and Mid America Nazarene to address the ongoing mental health needs of community members.

7. Uninsured/Charity Care

The percentage of Anderson County residents who lack health insurance is higher than state and national averages at 17 percent.

Saint Luke's Health System provides financial assistance for underinsured and uninsured patients who meet criteria and demonstrate a need. Saint Luke's Health System evaluates each patient's documentation individually using the Federal Poverty Level as a guide. For instance, SLHS may offer financial aid to:

- Uninsured patients who don't have the ability to pay for their care
- Insured patients who don't have the ability to pay for portions of their care not covered by insurance
- Deceased patients with no estates
- Patients involved in a catastrophic illness or injury, which causes serious financial hardship

Going forward, Saint Luke's Health System will continue to advocate for expanded coverage for uninsured individuals across the state of Kansas.

8. Vaccinations for Children Under Two

The health of the youth population is vital to the future health of the overall population. Studies have shown some health problems are more prevalent among the lower socioeconomic population, and

Anderson County has a high percentage of children living at or below the federal poverty level. These children often lack access to care including childhood vaccinations.

In 2012, Anderson County Hospital provided over 200 infant and child immunizations. The hospital also participated in several community health education and wellness programs advocating for childhood health and wellness.

VII. Needs Not Being Addressed

Four of the community health needs identified in the CHNA will not be addressed by Anderson County Hospital. Anderson County Hospital may currently offer services that address these community needs; however, these needs have not been identified as primary needs to be addressed as a part of this Implementation Plan. Additionally, there are providers in the primary service area that are currently addressing these needs for the community.

Needs Not Being Addressed:

1. Domestic Violence/Child Neglect
2. Economic Development
3. Drugs and Alcohol
4. Child Care Options

1. Domestic Violence/Child Neglect

Domestic violence and child neglect are not generally an issue health care organizations can directly affect. Anderson County Hospital does report, to the appropriate agencies, suspected or confirmed abuse and/or neglect.

2. Economic Development

Although economic development is not generally an issue healthcare organizations can directly affect, Anderson County Hospital does provide economic benefits to the community. Anderson County Hospital is proud to employ nearly 200 people while supplying over nine million dollars in payroll and benefits to local employees. For every three (3) health care jobs in rural communities, one additional job is created in the private sector.

3. Drugs and Alcohol

Drugs and Alcohol use is not generally an issue that health care organizations can directly affect.

4. Child Care Options

A lack of child care options is not generally an issue health care organizations can directly affect.

VIII. Approval

The Anderson County Hospital Board of Directors approved this Community Benefit Implementation Plan on December 17, 2012. This implementation plan specifies community health needs that Anderson County Hospital has determined to meet in whole or in part and that are consistent with its mission. The Anderson County Hospital Board of Directors reviews the Community Benefit Implementation Plan on an annual basis, and reserves the right to amend it as circumstances warrant.