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Anderson County Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Plan

2025-2027

◆ Anderson County Hospital



Anderson County Hospital CHNA Implementation Strategy

Adopted by the Anderson County Hospital Board of Directors on October 28, 2024.

This Implementation Strategy describes how Anderson County Hospital (ACH or the hospital) plans to address significant needs described in the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) published by the hospital on October 28, 2024. See the CHNA report at [Community Health Needs Assessments & Implementation Plans | Saint Luke's Health System \(saintluqueskc.org\)](https://www.saintluqueskc.org/Community-Health-Needs-Assessments-Implementation-Plans). ACH plans to implement the initiatives described during the calendar years 2025 through 2027.

Conducting the CHNA and developing this Implementation Strategy were undertaken by the hospital to assess and address significant health needs in the community served by ACH, and in accordance with Internal Revenue Service regulations in Section 501(r) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This Implementation Strategy addresses the significant community health needs described in the CHNA report. This document identifies the significant needs the hospital plans to address through various strategic initiatives and explains why the hospital does not intend to address certain other significant needs identified in the CHNA report.

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1. About ACH

Anderson County Hospital is part of [Saint Luke's](https://www.saintluqueskc.org), a faith-based, not-for-profit, aligned health system committed to providing the highest levels of excellence in compassionate health care and health-related services. With 14 hospital and campuses and more than 100 clinic locations across the Kansas City region, Saint Luke's cares for patients in 65 specialties across 67 counties in Missouri and Kansas.

Saint Luke's is the West Region of BJC Health System, one of the largest nonprofit health care organizations in the United States and the largest in the state of Missouri, serving urban, suburban, and rural communities across Missouri, southern Illinois, eastern Kansas, and the greater Midwest region. BJC operates as [BJC HealthCare](https://www.bjc.org) in its East Region.

Health Equity

The ACH CHNA report indicates that an overarching focus on advancing health equity has the best potential to improve community health. Accordingly, ACH will continue to implement initiatives focused on advancing health equity in the Saint Luke's Destination 2025 Strategic Plan and in the yearly ACH Operational Plan.

The Saint Luke's Destination 2025 Strategic Plan includes goals and objectives focused on strengthening organizational culture and investing in the healthcare workforce by implementing programs for training on unconscious bias, health inequities, diversity, inclusivity, and belonging for leadership, staff, and medical staff. ACH will use data analytics to identify and reduce disparities in patient outcomes, patient satisfaction, readmission rates, approvals for financial assistance, and collections actions. In addition, ACH will advance health equity in the communities served by increasing access, providing equitable care, and partnering with community organizations.

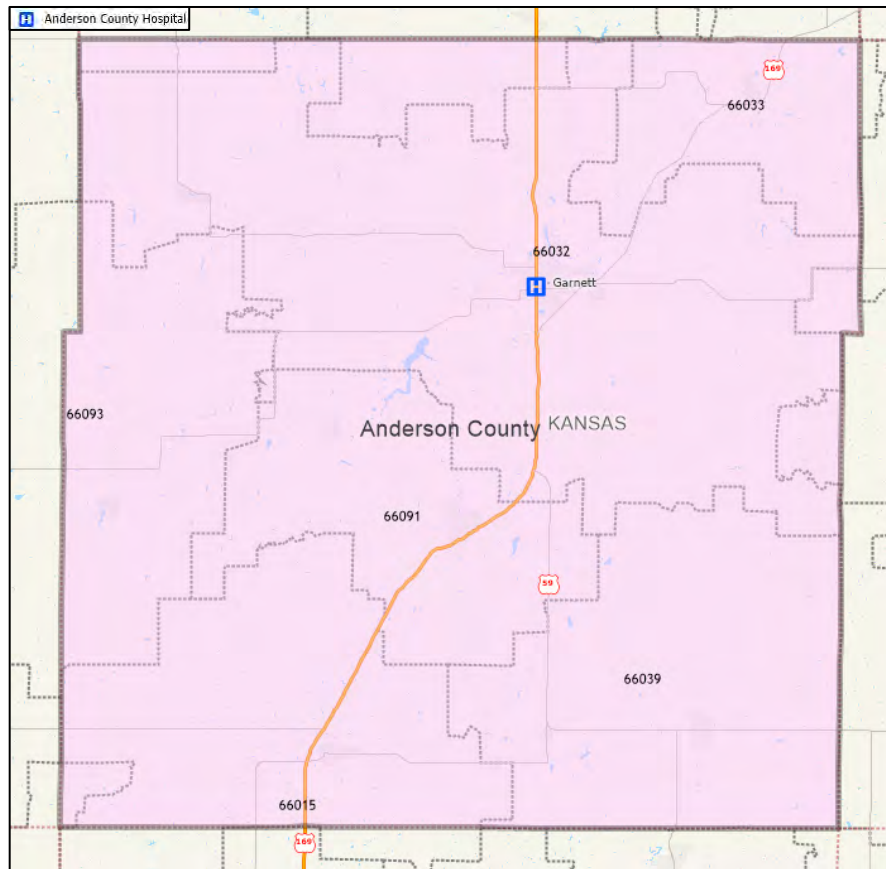
ACH will develop community health baseline measures to monitor key indicators and assess the impact of this 2025-2027 Implementation Strategy.

2. Definition of the Community Assessed by ACH

For purposes of this CHNA, ACH's community is defined as Anderson County, Kansas. The community was defined by considering the geographic origins of the hospital's inpatient discharges and emergency room visits in the calendar year 2023. Anderson County accounted for approximately 77 percent of the hospital's 2023 inpatient cases and 74 percent of emergency room visits.

The total population of Anderson County in 2021 was 7,778.

The following map portrays the community assessed by ACH and the hospital's location within Anderson County.



Source: Caliper Maptitude, 2024.

3. Significant Community Health Needs

As determined by analyses of quantitative and qualitative data, the significant health needs in the community served by Anderson County Hospital are (presented in alphabetical order):

- Access to Health and Preventive Services, including Maternal and Child Health
- Mental Health
- Needs of Older Adults
- Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Chronic Conditions
- Social Drivers of Health
- Substance Use and Tobacco

The CHNA report for ACH describes each of the above community health needs and why they were determined to be significant.

4. Implementation Strategy to Address Significant Health Needs

This Implementation Strategy describes how ACH plans to address the significant community

health needs identified in the 2024 CHNA report. A committee consisting of ACH and Saint Luke's staff and leadership reviewed findings in the CHNA report and identified significant community health needs that the hospital intends and does not intend to address during calendar years 2025 through 2027.

As part of that decision-making process, the committee considered criteria such as:

- Whether the need is being addressed by other organizations;
- The extent to which the hospital has expertise or competencies to address the need;
- The availability of resources and evidence-based interventions needed to address the need effectively;
- The frequency with which stakeholders identified the need as a significant priority; and
- The potential for collaborations with other community organizations to help address the issue.

By applying these criteria, ACH determined that it would implement initiatives to address all six of the significant community health needs identified by the CHNA process.

The following pages describe the actions ACH intends to implement to address each of the significant needs, identifies the resources the hospital plans to commit, and any planned collaborations between the hospital and other organizations.

Access to Health and Preventive Services, including Maternal and Child Health

To address this need, ACH will implement the following initiatives:

Continuing Initiatives:

- Continue providing access to care by operating the rural health clinic and by providing financial assistance for eligible community members.
- Continue improving access to health coverage by advocating for Medicaid expansion in Kansas and assisting patient enrollment in health insurance and medication assistance programs.
- Continue providing funding to improve patient transportation options.
- Continue providing vaccination and immunization services.
- Continue providing sports physicals for students in K-12 schools.
- Continue providing access to Wellness Clinic services for members of the Unified School District (USD-365 Garnett).

New or Expanded Initiatives:

- Expand telehealth visit options for all residents, with a focus on underserved communities.
- Collaborate with the SEK Multi-County Health Department to support preventive care services, community baby shower, and other events improving access to healthcare and preventive services for women, infants, and children.

- Expand access to advanced care with access to Saint Luke's expansive network of resources and specialty services.

Anticipated Impact:

The anticipated impact of these initiatives is improved access to compassionate, culturally appropriate healthcare and preventive services for all community members.

Commitment of Resources:

- Clinical and non-clinical staff time
- Resources and supplies to implement and coordinate programming
- Training, promotion, and education

Planned Collaborators:

- SEK Multi-County Health Department
- Public school system and other educational institutions
- Community-based organizations and social service agencies

Mental Health

To address this need, ACH will implement the following initiatives:

Continuing Initiatives:

- Continue mental health screening, including depression and anxiety, when conducting sports physicals.
- Continue providing behavioral health assessments in the emergency department.

New or Expanded Initiatives:

- Expand the partnership with SEK Mental Health Center to enhance provision of social work services, school-based therapists, and Mental Health First Aid training.

Anticipated Impact:

The anticipated impact of these initiatives is improved identification of mental health concerns and provision of referrals to appropriate mental health care and treatment services.

Commitment of Resources:

- Clinical and non-clinical staff time
- Resources and supplies to implement and coordinate programming
- Training, promotion, and education

Planned Collaborators:

- SEK Mental Health Center
- Public school system and other educational institutions

- Community-based organizations and social service agencies

Needs of Older Adults

To address this need, ACH will implement the following initiatives:

- Continue connecting patients with Senior Life Solutions, a group-based mental health program, for older adults.
- Continue collaborating with the East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging (ECKAAA) to provide Meals on Wheels for older adults.

Anticipated Impact:

The anticipated impact of these initiatives is improved health and quality of life for older adults.

Commitment of Resources:

- Clinical and non-clinical staff time
- Resources and supplies to implement and coordinate programming

Planned Collaborators:

- Senior Life Solutions
- Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging (SEKAAA)

Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Chronic Conditions

To address this need, ACH will implement the following initiatives:

Continuing Initiatives:

- Continue screening for food insecurity and providing referrals to community resources.
- Continue participating in health fairs to identify and manage risks associated with chronic conditions.
- Continue providing support for on-site community outdoor fitness area.

New or Expanded Initiatives:

- Expand access to Saint Luke's on-line support groups, including Gilda's Club.
- Improve access to specialists and nutrition educators via telehealth.
- Support and promote safe and healthy recreation opportunities in partnership with the Prairie Spirit Trail.
- Increase physical activity with the Moving Monday program.
- Host nutrition and chronic condition management classes in the community.

Anticipated Impact:

The anticipated impact of these initiatives is provision of nutrition education, chronic disease

management programs, and opportunities for physical activity through community partnerships.

Commitment of Resources:

- Clinical and non-clinical staff time
- Resources and supplies to implement and coordinate programming
- Training, promotion, and education

Planned Collaborators:

- Prairie Spirit Trail
- Community-based organizations and social service agencies

Social Drivers of Health

To address this need, ACH will implement the following initiatives:

- Screen at least 80% of hospital and ambulatory patients for SDOH related needs, including transportation and provide referrals to community-based resources.
- Maintain and refer to the Find Help database, a community-based resource list, including food, housing, transit, education, financial, and legal services available in the region.

Anticipated Impact:

The anticipated impact of these initiatives is improved connection to resources and assistance for SDOH related needs.

Commitment of Resources:

- Clinical and non-clinical staff time
- Resources and supplies to implement and coordinate programming

Planned Collaborators:

- Community-based organizations and social service agencies

Substance Use and Tobacco

To address this need, ACH will implement the following initiatives:

- Screen patients for tobacco and substance use and provide education and referrals to cessation and treatment resources.
- Explore partnerships to provide education in local schools on the effects tobacco, vaping, and other electronic nicotine delivery systems.

Anticipated Impact:

The anticipated impact of these initiatives is reduced substance use and tobacco amongst community members.

Commitment of Resources:

- Clinical and non-clinical staff time
- Resources and supplies to implement and coordinate programming

Planned Collaborators:

- Community-based organizations and social service agencies
- Public school system and other educational institutions

5. Needs ACH Will Not Address

ACH is addressing all six significant health needs identified in its 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). This Implementation Strategy outlines specific initiatives set forth to address specific health needs identified in the 2024 CHNA. ACH engages in many other community benefit, preventive, and wellness activities with the goal of improving the health and wellbeing of the diverse community served.

6. Implementation Strategy Adoption

The Board of Directors for ACH reviewed and adopted this Implementation Strategy on October 28, 2024.

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