Holy Cross Medical Center

2022

Community Health Needs Assessment

Executive Summary
Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Overview

**CHNA Purpose**
A CHNA is part of the required hospital documentation of “Community Benefit” under the Affordable Care Act for 501(c)(3) hospitals. It provides comprehensive information about the community’s current health status, needs, and disparities and offers a targeted action plan to address these areas, including programmatic development and partnerships.

**Strategic Benefits**
- Identify health disparities and social determinants to inform future outreach strategies
- Identify key service delivery gaps
- Develop an understanding of community member perceptions of healthcare in the region
- Target community organizations for collaborations

**The CHNA Process**

1. **Identification of Local Experts**
   - Develop a list of contacts representing individuals with specific knowledge of local health needs.

2. **Community Survey**
   - Launch of surveys to assess significant health needs and progression towards improvement.

3. **Data Analysis**
   - Review of relevant data resources to provide quantitative feedback on the local community.

4. **Implementation Planning**
   - Facilitation of session with CHNA team to build plans and finalize the CHNA report.

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Methods of Identifying Health Needs

Collect & Analyze

1. Analyze existing data and collect new data
   - 737 indicators collected from secondary data sources
   - 517 surveys completed by community members
   - 85 respondents identified as low-income, minority, or medically underserved

Evaluate

1. Evaluate indicators based on the following factors:
   - Worse than benchmark
   - Identified by the community
   - Impact on health disparities
   - Feasibility of being addressed

Select

- Select priority health needs for implementation plan

Available Resources
- Capital Spending
- Potential Partners
- Community Disparities
- Health Priority
### Evaluation & Selection Process

#### Worse than Benchmark Measure

Health needs were deemed “worse than the benchmark” if the supported county data was worse than the state and/or US averages.

#### Identified by the Community

Health needs expressed in the online survey and/or mentioned frequently by community members.

#### Feasibility of Being Addressed

Growing health needs where interventions by the hospital are feasible and could make an impact.

#### Impact on Health Disparities

Health needs that disproportionately affect vulnerable populations and can impact health equity by being addressed.

### HCMC Health Need Evaluation

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2022 Top Health Priorities for Taos County

Mental Health
• Suicide is the 7th leading cause of death in Taos County
• Mental health provider ratio: 121:1 (NM: 248:1)
• Adult depression: 4% (NM: 10%)

Affordability of Healthcare Services
• Uninsured rate: 10% (NM: 10%)
• Children in poverty: 25% (NM: 24%)
• Median household income: $41,459 (NM: $51,889)

Preventative Care
• Flu vaccinations: 43% (NM: 40%)
• Mammography screening: 27% (NM: 35%)

Access to Senior Services
• Population 65+: 25% (NM: 18%, US: 17%)
• Medicare annual wellness visits: 19% (NM: 19%, US: 33%)

Substance Use Disorder
• Drug overdose deaths*: 29.2 (NM: 24.6)
• Drug overdose-related ED visits*: 136.9 (NM: 50.6)
*per 100,000

Presence of Healthcare Services
• Primary care physician ratio: 1,090:1 (NM: 1,340:1)
• Dentist ratio: 1,920:1 (NM: 1,440:1)