



2015 Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Strategy

Ellinwood District Hospital (EDH) completed a comprehensive Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) in March 2015. EDH performed the CHNA in adherence with certain federal requirements for not-for-profit hospitals set forth in the Affordable Care Act and by the Internal Revenue Service. The assessment took into account input from representatives of the community, community members, and various community organizations. The complete CHNA report is available electronically at www.ellinwooddistricthospital.org, on the home page.

This portion of the CHNA, the Implementation Strategy, will explain how EDH will address health needs identified by continuing existing programs and services, and by implementing new strategies. It will also explain why the hospital cannot address all the needs identified in the CHNA.

Health Needs Identified for Ellinwood District Hospital and its service area

1. Update Hospital/Clinic Facilities

Ellinwood District Hospital intends to meet this health need by performing periodic assessments of the facility and upgrading accordingly. These assessments will be done by the Maintenance Director, Administrator, Staff, and any other professional that may qualify. It is difficult to estimate time and resources unless periodic assessments are performed.

2 . Develop a Pharmacy

Ellinwood District Hospital is currently exploring options that are suitable to determine its capability to meet this community need. Initial information indicates a startup cost of \$500,000 including remodel cost of existing structure, initial salary for pharmacist, consultation fee, and stocking fee.

3 . Improve Assessment/ Placement for Mental Health

Ellinwood District Hospital intends to explore the possible implementation of limited mental health services through telemedicine services. We will also work to strengthen referral patterns with local mental health providers (Center for Counselling, Great Bend, KS).

4 . Decrease Obesity

Ellinwood District Hospital intends on meeting this need by providing informational opportunities to the area in the form of preventive and wellness education in the community, in cooperation with the Recreational Center. This will be implemented utilizing hospital staff and resources at an estimated cost of \$2,000-\$3,000 quarterly.

5 . Provide Senior Physical Activity at a Reasonable Price

Ellinwood District Hospital intends on meeting this need by providing the first of many informational opportunities to the area in the form of preventive and wellness education in the community, in cooperation with the Recreational Center. This offering (Balance 4 Life) will begin September 10th, 2015 and reoccur annually.

6 . Increase immunization Rates

Ellinwood District Hospital intends on meeting this need by providing informational opportunities to the area in the form of preventive and wellness education in the community, in cooperation with the Recreational Center. This will be implemented utilizing hospital staff and resources at an estimated cost of \$2,000-\$3,000 quarterly.

7 . Decrease Teenage Pregnancy

Ellinwood District Hospital intends on meeting this need by providing informational opportunities to the area in the form of preventive and wellness education, in cooperation with the Recreational Center and the Barton county Health Department. This will be implemented utilizing hospital staff and resources at an estimated cost of \$2,000-\$3,000 quarterly.

8 . Decrease Uninsured

Ellinwood District Hospital provides guidance for the process of enrollment for Medicaid services and directs them to the proper channels for enrollment into Medicare.

9 . Decrease Unmarried Mothers

Ellinwood District Hospital does not intend on meeting this health need because this is not within the capabilities or scope of our services.