
St. Joseph's Hospital

Community Health Implementation Plan 2023



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Strategy One: Chronic Disease Prevention and Management

Priorities Targeted: St. Joseph’s Hospital chose to prioritize Chronic Disease Prevention and Management during their Community Health Needs Assessment process. The team at St. Joseph’s plans to address this need through a variety of programming and partnerships with local community organizations.

Table 1: Chronic Disease Prevention and Management

| Chronic Disease Prevention and Management | |
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| Objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize physical activity and recreation activities • Organize community events |
| Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine space needs for activities/events • Determine location for activities • Determine marketing needs/a marketing plan • Determine a schedule for activities/events |
| Planning Partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith-based organizations • Local Trail Organization • WVU Upshur County Extension Office • SJH Dietitian • Local Fitness Center(s) • WVWC Athletic Department/Exercise Physiology Department • Adolescent Civic Organizations (i.e., Stockert Youth Center, Scouts, 4-H, etc.) • City of Buckhannon/Upshur County |
| Implementation Partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith-based organizations • Local Trail Organization • WVU Upshur County Extension Office • SJH Dietitian • Local Fitness Center(s) • WVWC Athletic Department/Exercise Physiology Department • Adolescent Civic Organizations (i.e., Stockert Youth Center, Scouts, 4-H, etc.) • City of Buckhannon/Upshur County |

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| Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space • Financial resources • Marketing Plan • Schedule for events/activities |
| Evaluation Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of activities/events • Number of participants • Financial resources • Time spent doing activities |
| Point of Contact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destiny Brady, Project Manager |

Strategy Two: Access to Care and Transportation

Priority Targeted: Access to Care and Transportation is important to the community that St. Joseph’s Hospital serves. The hospital team plans to address this need by educating the community about various transportation options, and by providing ride vouchers to those in need.

Table 2: Access to Care and Transportation

| Access to Care and Transportation | |
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| Objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase use of St. Joseph’s Hospital’s voucher system with Country Roads Transit. • Increase use of Modivcare by eligible participants |
| Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track missed appointments and reasons • Explore federal matching dollar and any grant funding opportunities • Market and expand ride voucher program options • Advertising activities, based on outcome of the above • Explore longer distance transportation to tertiary partners • Grant funding opportunities for vehicle(s) and/or staff |

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| Planning Partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● St. Joseph’s Hospital ● Country Roads Transit ● Upshur County Senior Center ● Modivcare |
| Implementation Partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● St. Joseph’s Hospital ● Country Roads Transit ● Upshur County Senior Center ● Modivcare |
| Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Time ● Financial resources |
| Evaluation Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● % missed appointments due to transportation ● # options explored with community partners ● # of people transported by Country Roads & Modivcare |
| Point of Contact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Destiny Brady, Project Manager |

Strategy Three: Substance Use and Mental Health (in partnership with local FQHC)

Priority Targeted: Substance Use and Mental Health are priority areas across the state of West Virginia, and the community that St. Joseph’s Hospital serves has also been affected by these issues. St. Joseph’s Hospital plans to serve their community by enrolling more community members who experience substance use disorder into recovery programs.

Table 3: Substance Use and Mental Health

| Substance Use and Mental Health | |
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| Objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To get more substance use disorder (SUD) individuals engaged/enrolled in recovery programs. |

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| Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Host virtual training for St. Joseph’s staff focused on reducing stigma surrounding addiction and treatment ● Review SUD and Stigma training in NetLearning ● Explore initiating Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) in Emergency Department ● Continue to seek grant funding to staff the Substance Use Disorder Coordinator and Opioid Coordinator ● Develop marketing materials/marketing plan ● Coordinate activities with Community Care of West Virginia, Inc. (CCWV) |
| Planning Partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Liz Sendling, SUDC Coordinator ● Shelby Wilson, Opioid Coordinator ● Rachel Garrison, Recovery Coach ● Lisa Wharton, VP of Marketing, Public Relations & |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Foundation ● WVUHS Department of Emergency Medicine ● Community Care of West Virginia, Inc. |
| Implementation Partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Liz Sendling, SUDC Coordinator ● Shelby Wilson, Opioid Coordinator ● Rachel Garrison, Recovery Coach ● Lisa Wharton, VP of Marketing, Public Relations & Foundation ● WVUHS Department of Emergency Medicine ● Community Care of West Virginia, Inc. |
| Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Time ● Space ● Financial resources |
| Evaluation Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Number of program meetings/activities ● Number of time MAT was implemented in ER ● How many people were referred/enrolled in recovery programs ● Financial resources ● |
| Point of Contact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Liz Sendling, SUDC Coordinator ● Shelby Wilson, Opioid Coordinator ● Rachel Garrison, Recovery Coach |

Strategy Four: Food Insecurity

Priority Targeted: Food Insecurity can be tackled in a variety of ways, and St. Joseph’s Hospital has a plan to get community members involved in community gardens. This will be carried out in partnership with local faith-based organizations and the county school district.

Table 4: Food Insecurity

| Food Insecurity | |
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| Objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Help expand the existing Community Garden in Buckhannon ● Programs with Upshur County Schools/Churches ● Program with Dietary Department |
| Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase the number of community members to grow produce in Buckhannon’s Community Garden ● Explore ways to get free or at cost supplies for gardening effort |
| Planning Partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WVU Upshur County Extension Office ● Adolescent Civic Organizations (i.e., Stockert Youth Center, Scouts, 4-H, etc.) ● Local gardeners/farmers ● Parish House |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● City of Buckhannon ● SJH Staff |
| Implementation Partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WVU Upshur County Extension Office ● Adolescent Civic Organizations (i.e., Stockert Youth Center, Scouts, 4-H, etc.) ● Local gardeners/farmers ● Parish House ● City of Buckhannon ● SJH Staff ● Citizens of Buckhannon/Upshur County |
| Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Time ● Space ● Financial resources ● Gardening supplies |
| Evaluation Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● # of participants ● # of plots ● Pounds donated to Parish House/Other(s) |
| Point of Contact | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Destiny Brady, Project Manager |