

2021 CHNA Implementation Plan - Edwards County (KS)

Wave #4 2021 CHNA Health Needs Tactics - Year 1 of 3 (Starting 1/1/2022 - 12/31/24)

	CHNA Health Areas of Need	T "Specific Actions" to Address Community Health Need or "Reasons Why Hospital Will Not"	Identified "Lead"	Identified Partners	Timeframe	(Hours)	\$\$\$
1	Substance Abuse (Meth, Marijuana, Opioids, etc.)	a Continue to provide counseling and support for drug abusers and their families. Treat them as patients who need health care instead of addicts. Expand Telehealth options and look for expansion to other areas outside Greensburg.	NOW Coalition / Iroquois Center	ECMC / DOH / Schools / Churches / KSU Ext		60	\$2,000
	This health need is not part of hospital mission of critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	b Continue to educate providers on available Drug Abuse resources (New Pain Clinic). Develop educational handouts for medical providers to distribute when prescribing schedule II drugs.					
		c Explore supporting community substance abuse counseling. Establish / maintain a resource list for addiction treatment. (Adult & Youth). Communicate Recovery support system partners. Create or refer programs to help addicts and their families.					
		d Continue local advertisement / social media campaign to combat drug abuse. Explore communication options/materials to deploy meaningful message.					
		e Explore clinic development which specialize in pain management. Consider the development of an opioid treatment program.					
		f Continue to host Substance Abuse Speakers at the schools (Sheriff's Department) assemblies / community events.					
2	Mental Health (Diagnosis, Placement, Aftercare, Providers)	a Collaborate with community elementary, middle, and high schools to educate students on mental health to begin designating mental health conditions. Continue to build and promote BH community education program.	NOW Coalition / Iroquois Center	ECMC / DOH / Schools / Churches / KSU Ext		80	\$1,200
		b Complete a New Community Inventory Survey to document specific Mental Health service offerings and availability of services by hours & insurance.					
		c Conduct a physician manpower assessment to identify number of Mental Health providers needed. Recruit Mental Health providers to meet specific mental inventory needs as identified. Consider recruitment of locum or visiting provider.					
		d Restarting suicide prevention training at schools. Develop and sponsor an anti-suicide campaign for local community members.					
		e Continue to develop MH referral relationships with key community partners for collective impact. Identify who we can refer to with capacity.					
		f Continue to educate Community to build awareness of services. Update & distribute overview brochures detailing mental health services, specifically targeting farmers / agriculture					
		g Continue to educate ER staff regarding mental health delivery issues. Provide continuing education courses, lunch and learn presentations, etc. to keep them current in terms of treating mental health issues.					
		h Continue to develop BH tele-health options in the community.					

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	i	Continue to enhance Mental Health clinic care support. Increase depression screenings (12 and older) by PCPs. Identify what screenings are currently taking place in all domains to know where enhancement or improvement is needed.					
	j	Continue to formalize county-wide health coalition to develop relationships with key community partners in the area of mental health for collective impact. Encourage reconnection of ECHO.					
	k	Continue to investigate grant writing to fund mental health and depression. Use grant funding to support mental health care and mental health prevention.					
	l	Continue to make mental health first aid and suicide prevention training programs available to community members wanting to learn how to help and support individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.					
	m	Continue with education campaigns in schools in an effort to de-stigmatize mental health conditions and inform the community about the importance of behavioral health screenings, etc. (School training, Suicide Prevention, Webinars)					
	n	Offer ECMC space for additional MH services within the hospital.					
	o	Inform and improve communication between County MH Community Partners. Meet quarterly to coordinate mental health providers/services to reach a broad range of patients. Develop & deploy communication plan.					
	p	Continue and enhance a 24-hour crisis hotline (Statewide Number: 800-273-8255), 1-800-784-2433). High Plains crisis line / screenings. Iroquois Center: 1-888-877-0375 or 620-723-2656					
3 Senior Center (Programing)	a	Explore the idea of a county-wide Healthy Seniors Club. Establish programs, housing and services to allow older adults to "age in place". Support and enhance local activities and work together to establish new senior activities	Economic Development / DOH	ECMC / Churches / KSU Ext		40	\$750
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	c	Increase access to in home, nursing home, and assisted living care through community outreach programs. Set up Edwards Co Seniors discounts program.					
	d	Develop a "Adopt a Senior" Program in Edwards County.					
	e	Conduct feasibility study to document need of SR services and staffing/development.					
4 Uninsured / Underinsured	a	Monitor changes to Federal health insurance policies for rural health organizations.	ECMC / DOH	Feds / State of Kansas		40	\$1,500
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	c	Continue to educate public on payment options at the hospital. Continue to enhance CMS Transparency web reporting. (Hope Fund / Patient Financial Asst.)				
	d	Participate in Kansas Hospital Association campaigns advocating for Medicaid Expansion.				
	e	Provide education to public and community in regards to how to properly navigate your health insurance.				
	f	Expand marketplace enrollment assistance education. Assist residents in enrolling in Medicaid and ACA insurance plans. Explore the option of utilizing Library computers as a resource to get individuals enrolled. Collaborate with ECMC and DOH to support this initiative.				
	g	Research federal assistant for health insurance policies for rural health organizations.				
	h	Continue to expand and support Medishare efforts and any private insurance models. (Access for Farmers)				
	i	Explore debt relief program in partnership with a local bank to assist uninsured patients.				
5 Housing (Affordable / Safe)	a	Push to build a Countywide Housing Development Plan that would address affordable / safe housing for residents.	County & Cities EconDev	ECMC / DOH / Schools / Churches / KSU Ext	8	\$250
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	c	Investigate grant writing to fund public / safe housing. If available, designate community lead to work to attain the necessary grant.				
6 Lack of "Owning Your Health"	a	Create "Owning your Health" program with 4-H clubs as leads. Continue with exercise programs that integrate healthy lifestyle and group engagement. (Utilize and prioritize Impact Sports, County and Senior Center classes)	K - State Extention / ECMC	Lewis Fitness Ctr / DOH / Schools / Churches	100	\$1,250
	b	Host community education events in order to promote local healthcare / self service programs and the importance of preventative care. Promote and continue health fairs for both women and men.				
	c	Partner with PSA Fitness & Wellness Centers (ECMC Fitness Center & Lewis Fitness Center) to promote community wellness. Provide complimentary introductory classes to get people motivated and involved.				
	d	Promote cell phone apps that assist with weight loss, healthy eating, and healthy lifestyle. Create groups on social media outlets to bring community together.				
	e	Promote Community Health programs thru effective media tools (i.e.. Print, radio, digital). Start quarterly "Community" Health Magazine.				
	f	Continue holding "Walk With a Doc / Provider" to help enhance healthy behaviors in the community.				
Overall Total Contributions					328	\$6,950