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HARDIN COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL & CLINIC IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR OUR COMMUNITY 2023

Definition: A Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is a systematic process involving the community to identify and analyze community health needs as well as community assets and resources in order to plan and act upon priority health needs. Community input is analyzed through the current health care delivery system in the provision of needed health care to anyone requesting services regardless of their financial status, whether it is inpatient, outpatient, or emergency services.

Hardin County General Hospital and Clinic Procedure for Implementation of Community Needs Assessment:

Implementation of a Community Needs Assessment was initiated with the contracting of the Southeastern Illinois Regional Planning Commission, located in Harrisburg, Illinois in April of 2022. The consultant collected data from community surveys, focus group interviews and committee meetings. The results of the surveys were compiled and presented at the Management Team level on March 16, 2023 and to the Board of Directors on March 30, 2023.

The Community Health Needs Assessment survey resulted in identification of health care needs within the area we serve. The management team has identified the top six (6) priorities and developed a strategy for implementing ways to meet health care needs.

1. **Chronic Health Conditions Strategy:**
 - a. **Develop a more formal wellness program for employees and community.**
 - b. **Work with community advocate either employed by hospital or one of our fellow agencies.**
 - c. **Use social media more to promote and educate positive health lifestyle.**
 - d. **Provide education to local organizations such as Golden Circle Senior Center.**

2. Behavioral Health Services:

- a. **Continue to work with the behavioral health services in our area to obtain more timely counseling.**
- b. **Work with outside sources to encourage more funding for behavioral health. We have an access problem due to inability to staff as needed. Continue to evaluate whether we should or could hire behavioral staff directly.**

3. Alcohol & Substance Abuse Services:

- a. **Continue to develop the medication assisted recovery program.**
- b. **Continue to work on options to provide the counseling needed to support recovery efforts.**
- c. **Work with other agencies to educate the community on the problem and treatment available.**

4. Specialty Needs:

- a. **Work to develop referral sources for more timely appointments. Continue to evaluate if it is at all feasible to bring in specialists to do some work in our clinic.**

5. Public Awareness:

- a. **Provide more information to the community about the services we provide. We will use local papers, social media, and other sources available.**

6. Collaborative Partnerships:

- a. **We will communicate more with other stakeholders to determine what we can improve with the proper collaboration.**
- b. **Work to breakdown barriers to collaboration including our location and clientele.**