Elkhart General Hospital | Community Outreach

Overview of 2016-18 EGH Community Health Needs Assessment Report

As a community-owned, not-for-profit corporation based in Elkhart, Indiana, Elkhart General Hospital (EGH) seeks to fulfill its mission of enhancing well-being of the communities we serve. To accomplish this mission, we develop and support programs that address multiple aspects of well-being: purpose, social, financial, community, and physical (Source: Gallup-Healthways).

Every three years, the Community Outreach Department of Elkhart General Hospital rigorously collects data from the community at large, key informants, and secondary data analysis to identify the health issues where Elkhart General Hospital should focus for the upcoming multi-year period. A more detailed description of this process appears in the companion Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Implementation Strategies Report (pp. 4-5) along with a summary of the Elkhart County community that Elkhart General Hospital serves (p. 3).

Our analysis of community feedback gathered in 2015 showed that Elkhart General Hospital needed to direct its efforts for 2016-18 towards building health in three priority areas:

- Access to health care/uninsured
- Maternal/infant health/prenatal care
- Overweight/obesity

Each of these three health priorities is likewise elaborately described in the CHNA Implementation Strategies Report (pp. 6-11). Every description also includes a list of current programming, implementation strategies for enhancing efforts, anticipated impact, and how impact will be measured and assessed.

On the following page is a helpful 1-page diagram that shows each 2016-18 health priority with connections to its own projected implementation strategies and programming efforts.

At Elkhart General Hospital we seek to ensure that all of our community outreach efforts meet our standards of improving quality of life for Elkhart County residents. Every strategy developed for the 2016-18 health priorities has been assessed to determine which aspects of well-being are addressed.

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Access to Health Care / Uninsured
- Enroll residents into health coverage
- Connect insured to a PCP
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Overweight / Obesity
- Increase access to physical wellness facilities through support of the Market District Redevelopment Plan

Maternal / Infant Health / Prenatal Care
- Reduce the incidence of risk factors
- Reduce the number of eligible uninsured pregnancies in EC
- Positively impact the outcome of pregnancy

Programs Instituted EGH Programs
- Beacon Health System Navigators, Medication Assistance Program
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Implementation Strategies Developed
- Obtain efficiency, grow patient panel
- Obtain efficiency, improve physical wellness

Health Priorities Identified
- Pursue Excellence by exceeding standards, value-based payments, value-based care
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