Overview of 2016-18 SJC Community Health Needs Assessment Report

As a community-owned, not-for-profit corporation based in South Bend, Indiana, Memorial Hospital of South Bend (MHSB) 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 Health Enhancement Department of Memorial Hospital rigorously collects data from the community at large, key informants, secondary data analysis, and members of a Community Health Advisory Council to identify the health issues where Memorial 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 St. Joseph County community that Memorial Hospital serves (p. 3).

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

- Access to health care/uninsured
- Mental health/suicide
- Violence/safety, trauma
- Diabetes
- Maternal/infant health/prenatal care
- Overweight/obesity

Each of these six health priorities is likewise elaborately described in the CHNA Implementation Strategies Report (pp. 6-17). 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 Memorial Hospital we seek to ensure that all of our community outreach efforts meet our standards of improving quality of life and well-being for St. Joseph County residents. Thus every strategy developed for the 2016-18 health priorities was assessed to determine which aspects of well-being are addressed.

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Beacon Health System exists to enhance the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being of the communities we serve.

Well-being is more than physical health, it’s what matters most to your employees, members, patients and customers. We understand that we have to address all five elements of well-being.