

# *Community Health Implementation Strategy*

*2017- 2019*



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## Introduction

Mercy Hospital is located in Moundridge, Kansas, at the southern edge of McPherson County. The hospital is a non-profit, religious, acute care facility. It is incorporated as a 501 (c) 3 organization. The hospital's service area includes the residents of Moundridge, as well as the rural communities of Goessel, Galva, Inman and Hesston, Kansas. Two homes for the aged are located in Moundridge and are served by the hospital, as well as a newly constructed drug rehabilitation facility. Mercy Hospital has six family practice physicians on its active medical staff, as well as numerous other specialties with admitting privileges. Some of the services offered by Mercy Hospital include general surgery, physical therapy, speech therapy, full-service laboratory and 24-hour emergency room services. The hospital is licensed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

## Community Needs Assessment

### *Identifying Health Needs*

Throughout the year 2016, the leadership of McPherson Hospital in McPherson, Lindsborg Community Hospital in Lindsborg, Mercy Hospital in Moundridge, and the McPherson County Health Department collaborated to develop a community health needs assessment (CHNA). This process helped to identify health needs in the population of McPherson County, using secondary data together with a survey made available to county residents.

After evaluating this information, a diverse workgroup of county organizational representatives prioritized the needs and finalized the findings. In June of 2016 the results of this study were approved by the Board of each hospital, and the individual facilities began developing implementation strategies to address the needs of their specific communities.

Results of the survey indicated perceived health issues in the county. The workgroup concurred with the survey findings, identifying three health issues that will guide the efforts of local healthcare facilities in McPherson County in the next several years. These areas of concern, in order of priority are:

- 1) Obesity
- 2) Cancers
- 3) Mental Health Issues

### *Implementation Plan*

The Administrative Committee of Mercy Hospital reviewed these findings and sought to develop a strategy that will address the issues facing the hospital and the community. Mercy Hospital desires to be a leader in the community in the areas of increasing knowledge and access to healthcare information and services, for the betterment of its residents. Each of these identified issues can be positively affected by increasing community awareness of the needs, and helping

county residents to establish the connection between these identified concerns and related issues. For example, obesity and related diabetes.

Mercy Hospital is committed to focusing our resources and efforts on addressing these priorities in the years 2017-2019, to meet the community’s health needs. Each strategy will be discussed in more detail below:

Mercy Hospital Priorities	Correlated Community Health Need
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Increase Health Knowledge and Education</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obesity</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Improve Access to Care</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health Patients</li> </ul>

## Priority 1: Increase Health Knowledge and Education

*Goal 1: Increase community awareness of pertinent health issues/topics including preventive services and available community resources.*

**Strategies:**

- A. Collaborate with local businesses to provide health screening and testing for employees. The hospital will distribute information in conjunction with such screening regarding local options for weight-loss groups (TOPS club in Moundridge), and ways to eat and live healthier.
- B. Provide information at the hospital facility and at publicly-attended events regarding healthy lifestyle choices and dining choices, and the impact these choices can have on quality of life for the individual.
- C. Consider an “Ask the Doc” evening session with community groups such as aged and parents with children. Physicians on the hospital medical staff would be consulted to select topics as disease prevention, vaccines and pointers on “when to call the doctor.
- D. Explore with the Local Council on Aging, the possibilities of noon luncheon topics for the seniors in the community. Topics relating to healthy eating and lifestyle would be presented by a registered dietician or registered nurse from the Hospital.

**Goal 2: Enhance the collaboration of Mercy Hospital and the County Health Department to better serve patients, families and the community.**

**Strategies:**

- A. Explore potential collaborative efforts with the health department to expand screenings and preventive services. Along with this, hold discussion with the McPherson County Health Department to find out what type of specific services are being asked for by Moundridge Community patients and/or other providers.

## **Priority 2: Improve Access to Care**

**Goal 1: Improve access to, and timeliness of, care provided to patients in need of mental health services**

**Strategies:**

- A. Mercy hospital is working with other healthcare facilities as well as local law enforcement to improve the promptness and safety of care required by certain mental health patients. Mercy is committed to providing necessary care to these individuals in a manner that is responsible, making sure that the safety of the patient and other residents of the community is our utmost priority.

## **Needs Not Addressed**

Some issues identified through the community health needs assessment have not been addressed in this plan. In initial discussion and subsequent prioritization, the Hospital considered the levels to which some needs were already being addressed in the service area. Additionally, some community needs fall out of the scope of expertise and resources of Mercy Hospital. The following chart outlines how some of the needs identified in the assessment are addressed by others or in different ways:

<b>Community Need</b>	<b>How Need is Addressed</b>
Cancer	Oncology services are provided to the residents of McPherson County in nearby Harvey and Reno counties.

## Next Steps

This Implementation Plan will be rolled out over the next three years, from FY2016 through the end of FY2019. The Hospital will work with community partners on the following for each of the approaches to addressing the identified health needs:

- Develop work plans to support effective implementation for each year
- Create mechanisms to monitor and measure outcomes
- Work together with medical and community leaders to determine the continuing course of action to further the health of the Moundridge community. Appropriate individuals could be included in this meeting such as school health nurse, senior center director and Moundridge city council or clerk

The Hospital is committed to conducting another health needs assessment within three years.

## Adoption/Approval

Mercy Hospital's Board of Directors approves the Implementation Strategy that has been developed to address the priorities of the recent community health needs assessment.

Mercy Hospital will utilize this Implementation Strategy as a roadmap to collaborate with their community to address the priorities, particularly for the most vulnerable.

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