

# Implementation Plan for Needs Identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment for Good Samaritan Hospital Association

FY 2019-2021

**Covered Facilities:** Heart of America Medical Center, Heart of America Johnson Clinics and Lake Region District Health Unit

**Community Health Needs Assessment:** A Community Health Needs Assessment (“CHNA”) was performed in Winter 2019/2020 in collaboration with Lake Region District Health Unit to determine the most pressing health needs of the Heart of America Medical Center service areas.

**Implementation Plan Goals:** The Board of Good Samaritan Hospital Association has determined that the following health needs identified in the CHNA should be addressed through the implementation strategy noted for each such need:

## 1. Attaining and Retaining Young Families (page 44, ranking number 1)

*Specific Needs Identified in CHNA:*

- Not enough jobs with livable wages
- Having enough child daycare services
  
- Key Objectives:
  - Increase daycare services & hours of service available
  - Provide affordable daycare services allowing for increased take home wages
  
- Implementation Strategies:
  - Create a community task force to address daycare issues.  
The goals:
    - Hold community meetings to form task force.
    - Approach JDA, City Council, Pierce County Social Services & Lake Region Health for input/support.
  - Create a community funded daycare with a before & after school program.  
The goals:
    - Determine resources - Possibilities include public funding, grants (Rural Health Outreach Grant, NDDOH Inclusion Grant, etc), company funding & sales tax funds.
    - Develop a Board to oversee the daycare.

## 2. Availability of resources to help the elderly stay in their homes (page 44, ranking number 2)

### *Specific Needs Identified in CHNA:*

- Ability to meet needs of older population
  - Availability of resources for family & friends caring for elders
  - Availability of home health
  - Depression/anxiety
  - Availability of transportation for seniors
- Key Objectives:
    - To reduce depression/anxiety of the elderly & their families.
    - To create opportunities for improved quality of life for our elderly.
  - Implementation Strategies:
    - Educate the elderly & their families on services & resources available that may allow them to stay in their homes longer.

#### The goals:

- Search out grants to make Tyto Care units available in elderly homes to give them & their families peace of mind.
  - Offer home visits by medical providers to ensure patient compliance thus reducing ER visits and readmissions.
  - Present at the Senior Center & local organizations discussing elderly services available, including First Light Home Care, Good Samaritan Home Care, Meals on Wheels, etc.
  - Market HAMC home services on the radio.
- Create engagement for the elderly in the community as a whole.

#### The goals:

- Offer adult daycare in the community.
- Offer transportation to/from appointments, church & social gatherings utilizing the HAMC bus, Souris Basin bus, church members & community groups.

**Other Needs Identified in the CHNA but Not Addressed in this Plan** – Each of the health needs listed below is important and is being addressed by numerous programs and initiatives operated by the Hospital, other organizations within the Hospital system, and other community partners of the Hospital. However, the Hospital will not address the following health needs identified in the CHNA as part of this Implementation Plan due to limited resources and the need to allocate significant resources to the two priority health needs identified above.

- **Depression/Anxiety – Youth**
- **Cost of Health Care Insurance**