



COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Implementation Strategy

September 2018

The Community Health Needs Assessment conducted for 2018 identified several priority needs for the Illinois Valley area. The following priorities were identified through analysis of the Primary and Secondary data:

- Cost of Healthcare
- Affordable insurance
- Quality of healthcare
- Affordable prescriptions
- Dental
- Aging/elderly issues
- Mental health
- Vision

IVCH priority focus for healthcare needs:

- Cost and Quality of Healthcare
- Access to healthcare services - specialists and specialized treatments
- Aging/elderly issues
- Affordable access to mental health and substance abuse care

Cost and Quality of Healthcare

The overall cost of health care and insurance, as well as the cost of prescription drugs is an issue in scope greater than Illinois Valley Community Hospital (IVCH) can directly impact. However, the physicians and mid-level providers of IVCH strive to provide the highest quality and value of care to each patient they serve. Additional IVCH actions to address Cost of Healthcare:

- Implement of Palliative Care program to reduce patient and overall cost of care while enhancing care and service to patients
- Provide Medicare education to assist patients to understand healthcare costs and what Medicare covers for them
- Educate and assist patients to sign up for Medicaid, and/or insurance through Health Insurance Exchanges
- Promote and provide annual wellness visits to proactively manage the health of patients
- Support organization fundraising tactics to offset healthcare costs for underserved populations

Access to Specialists and Specialized Treatments

- Conduct analysis to determine more specifically the specialists and specialized treatments the community is seeking
- Augment current IVCH medical staff development plan that includes recruitment of orthopedic surgeon, obstetrics/gynecology physician, and neurologist

Mental Health and Substance Abuse

- Increase access to mental health treatment by providing telepsychiatry services in primary care clinics
- Continue focus on pediatric mental health care through service offered at the Hygienic Institute
- Partner with regional mental health and substance abuse provider to conduct a detailed needs assessment regarding substance abuse with specific focus on opioid addiction and abuse
- Partner with regional healthcare organizations to conduct assessment to determine opportunities/needs in behavioral health services to improve care in the Illinois Valley
- Increase awareness of current Medication Assistant Therapy treatment options offered through the IVCH Medical Group
- Continue the P2D2 prescription drug take back program IVCH originated locally in 2009
- Develop a mental health education program for children, for example: with the Oglesby Public Schools, the Hygienic Institute, and North Central Behavioral Health Systems to help young students deal with cyberbullying and to help prevent suicides
- Provide access to a suicide hotline link via the IVCH web site
- Provide representation and leadership on local and regional suicide awareness and prevention efforts