

# *Community Health Implementation Strategy 2020-2022*



## **Introduction**

Sedgwick County Health Center (The Hospital) is a 15-bed critical access hospital (CAH) located in Julesburg, Colorado. SCHC is governed by a five-person board of trustees, all local residents, appointed by the county commissioners. They ensure that medical services are available to the residents of Sedgwick County and surrounding areas. Sedgwick County Health Center also includes a family practice clinic, Nursing Home and Assisted Living Center.

## **Identifying Health Needs**

A community health needs assessment was conducted from July through September 2019. Community input was provided through three key stakeholder meetings and a community health survey, including representatives from:

- ✓ County EMS
- ✓ Town Fire Departments
- ✓ Local school systems
- ✓ Local city and county government
- ✓ Public health agencies
- ✓ Mental Health

Population demographics and socioeconomic characteristics of the community were gathered and reported utilizing a third party. The health status of the community was then reviewed. Information on the leading causes of death and morbidity information was analyzed in conjunction with health outcomes and factors reported for the community by Vertical Strate.

This data was analyzed and reviewed to identify health issues of uninsured persons, low-income persons and minority groups, and the community as a whole. As a result of the analysis described above, the following health needs were identified for the community:

Specialty Care  
Mental Health  
Aging Services

The identified health needs were reviewed by hospital management and priority areas, included in the table below, were determined based on their assessment of the qualitative and quantitative data. Identified needs were prioritized based on the following criteria:

- 1) How many people are affected by the issue (size of the issue)?
- 2) What are the consequences of not addressing this problem (severity of the issue)?
- 3) Prevalence of common themes.
- 4) Alignment with Hospital goals and resources (Hospital's ability to address the issue).

| SCHC Priority  | Corresponding Identified Health Need |
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| Partner with other hospitals to bring in specialty care. | Specialty Care/More Providers        |
| Partner with community resources.                        | Mental Health                        |
| Research possibilities for expansion.                    | Aging Services                       |

**PRIORITY 1: Hire more Providers and offer Specialties**

- **Strategy 1: Search for more Providers to staff the Health Center whether they be MDs, PAs, or NPs**
- **Strategy 2: Look for larger hospitals to partner with to bring in Specialty Providers such as Cardiology, Podiatry, General Surgery and Pain Specialist.**

**PRIORITY 2: Investigate ways to increase access to Mental Health in the community**

- **Strategy 1: Work with Centennial Mental Health on current services provided.**
- **Strategy 2: Explore different avenues to expand Centennial Mental Health Services.**
- **Strategy 3: Explore other options for Mental Health services**

**PRIORITY 3: Expand on aging services.**

- **Strategy 1: Attempt to bring in Specialty Services to decrease amount of travel.**
- **Strategy 2: Look at possibilities for expanding the Nursing Home and Assisted Living.**

## Next Steps

This Implementation Plan will be rolled out over the next three years, from FY 2019 through the end of FY 2022. The Hospital will work with community partners and health issue experts on the following for each of the approaches to addressing the identified health needs:

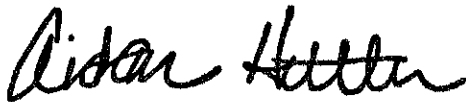
- Develop work plans to support effective implementation
- Create mechanisms to monitor and measure outcomes
- Provide on-going status and results of these efforts to improve community health

Sedgwick County Health Center is committed to conducting another health needs assessment within three years.

## Adoption/Approval

Sedgwick County Health Center's Management approves the Implementation Strategy that been developed to address the priorities of the Community Health Needs Assessment conducted in FY 2019.

The Health Center will utilize the Implementation Strategy as a roadmap to collaborate with their community to address the priorities, particularly for the most vulnerable.

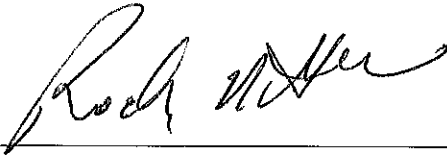


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