



Bennett County Hospital
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Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Strategy Report 2018

Organizations Mission

Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home is a standalone not-for-profit hospital located in Martin South Dakota. The hospital is licensed for 14 acute care beds, ten of which are also licensed as swingbed. Bennett County Hospital has a local Board of Directors who represent different parts of the community

Mission

“Caring People Working Together as a Team, To Provide Quality Healthcare and Education for a Healthier Community”

Community Served

As indicated in our vision and mission statements, our facility is committed to driving quality health care and health education for our community. Bennett County Hospitals Services includes all of Bennett County, parts of Oglala County, parts of Todd County, parts of Jackson County, and parts of Cherry County Nebraska. The population is at a higher health risk due to poor health outcomes that were identified in the Community Needs Health Assessment.

Implementation Strategy Process

With the completion of the Community Health Needs Assessment the core group of hospital administrative members prioritized and created strategies from the needs brought forward in the community needs assessment.

Priority 1: New Facility for Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home

Priority 2: Education on affordable healthy choices

Priority 3: Transportation to appointments

The impact of addressing these concerns would offer the following:

- Improved services and environment for treatment
- Enhanced population health of the community
- Improved access to care

Addressing this will add considerable expenses to Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home.

Resources committed will involve financial support from local and national organizations, employee wages, use of medical equipment, and clerical items.

Significant Health needs to be addressed

Priority 1: New Facility for Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home

Goal: Build New Facility to House the needed programs of the Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home servicing area.

Action Step 1: Financial Feasibility of building and renovating the Hospital. Feasibility of adding additional programs and maintaining those programs.

Action Step 2: Promotion of new facility to the community including:

- The Feasibility of the Project
- Additional Services
- Why we need a facility
- How it supports the community
- Retention of Staff for the community

Action Step 3: Capital Campaign for support of the new facility.

Action Step 4: Build new facility

Members of Administrative staff will collaborate with USDA, Bob Harvey and Associates, and Williams and Associates

Priority 2: Education on affordable healthy choices

Goal: Effective Education of the Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home servicing area

Action Step 1: Explore Feasibility to work with expanding educational support to incorporate dietary alternatives and healthy eating habits.

Action Step 2: Promotion of healthy eating habits through health screens, school education, and partnerships.

- Spring Health Fair
- Classroom Education on Healthy Eating
- Participate Badlands Resource Conservation and Development
- Participate in an annual Food Drive

Action Step 3: Provide support to the community action building through food drive, nutrition education in schools health class, offer community health clinic in the spring, and provide community support through Badlands Resource Conservation and Development.

Action Step 4: Promote Education internally and externally through screening tools and nutritional information tools.

Members of Administrative staff will collaborate with Badlands Resource Conservation and Development and Martin CAP office.

Priority 3: Transportation to Appointments

Goal: Promote health awareness of coming into the facility for appointments, going to referred appointments, and help procure other arrangements for transportation.

Action Step 1: Explore feasibility of having an outside organization come into Martin for transportation to medical appointments or promotion of other alternative transportation ideas.

Action Step 2: Promotion of healthy living by maintaining health appointments, education of using transportation resources effectively, and partnerships for success.

- Contact outside transportation vendors
- Contact Oglala Sioux Tribe for their assistance policy
- Hold public meetings on the need for transportation
- Focus on alternative care models to support those who do not have transportation

Action Step 3: Find and provide support to outside vendors for transportation. Education to those who are using the current resources on the scarceness of the resource and ensure they are making it to their appointments. Expand Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home core services to meet the needs of the community

Action Step 4: Expand and Promote Visiting Nurse program and leverage the RHC status of Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home's Rural Health Clinic and ensure promotion of this service. Contact outside vendors to see what it will take to get additional transportation services to the Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home Servicing area and support those services through financial or physical support.

Members of Administrative staff will collaborate with DOT, Prairie Hills Transportation, and Oglala Sioux Tribe

Conclusion

The Community Health Needs Assessment Report and Implementation Strategies Report will be accessible via the Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home website bennettcountyhospital.com and printed copies made available upon request.

The strategic plan of Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home is the foundational document guiding our efforts to drive our core mission of "Caring People Working Together as a Team, To

Provide Quality Healthcare and Education for a Healthier Community.” Strategic Plan will be updated quarterly and results are reported to the Hospital Quality Improvement Team.