

UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital

Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Plan

2017 - 2019

Community Health Needs

The 2017-2019 community health needs assessment identified eight health needs. Survey participants ranked them in this priority:

1. Mental Health Access and Services
2. Healthcare Access and Transportation
3. Women and Children’s Health
4. Nutrition, Obesity and Wellness
5. Child Abuse and Neglect
6. Healthcare Insurance and Finance
7. High School Graduation Rates in Waterloo
8. Teen Gun Violence in Waterloo

Prioritizing Needs to Address

The Allen Hospital Board of Directors discussed eight community health needs at the March 28, 2017 board meeting. Directors then cast individual votes to decide which three needs to address first in the 2017-2019 community health needs implementation plan. Mental Health Access and Services and Women’s and Children’s Health finished first and second, while Nutrition, Obesity and Wellness finished third.

		Vote Tally		
		1st place	2nd place	3rd place
1	Mental Health Access, Services	13	0	1
2	Women and Children's Health	4	9	2
3	Nutrition, Obesity, Wellness	1	4	3
4	Improve High School Graduation Rate	0	0	6
5	Child Abuse and Neglect	0	0	2
6	Healthcare Access and Transportation	0	0	0
7	Healthcare Insurance and Finance	0	0	0
8	Reduce Teen Gun Violence	0	0	0

Prioritizing 2017 Initiatives

The Allen Hospital Board of Directors discussed 29 possible community health needs at its April 25, 2017 board meeting. Directors then cast individual votes to decide which 10 initiatives to continue or adopt in the first year of the implementation plan. In order of support, these are the initiatives we will emphasize in 2017. We will review our progress and adopt additional initiatives in January 2018 and January 2019.

Community Health Needs Initiatives	Vote
Mental Health	Tally
Support Allen College initiatives to prepare more providers	16
Establish open-access at Black Hawk-Grundy Mental Health Center	13
Integrate social workers into Family Medicine clinics	10
Expand telehealth care	10
Expand therapists in Waterloo Schools	9
Join Black Hawk County Stepping Up initiative to keep mental health patients out of jail	8
Work with Salvation Army, law enforcement to slow revolving door for mental health patients	8
Women and Children's Health	
Align Allen Women's Health, OB, NICU to care for more high-risk pregnancies	10
Place case workers with Success Street / Waterloo Schools	8
Nutrition, Obesity, Wellness	
Strengthen strategic partnerships with existing agencies	13
Develop Allen physician forums with area congregations to provide health education	8

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