

## COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT IMPLEMENTATION (CHNA) PLAN FOR RIDGEVIEW (SYSTEM); RIDGEVIEW ARLINGTON CAMPUS AND RIDGEVIEW LE SUEUR CAMPUS (CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS)

In 2022, the Ridgeview system completed a CHNA to evaluate its communities' current health status, health outcomes and unmet needs. The CHNA informs Ridgeview's strategy and future endeavors to enhance the lifelong health of the people it serves by nurturing the whole person—mind, body, and spirit. The 2022 CHNA process and this report is inclusive of the entire Ridgeview system; however, each of its three hospital campuses (Waconia, Arlington and Le Sueur) is responsible for the implementation of the strategies specific to the needs of its corresponding service area.

While Ridgeview has many long-standing initiatives focused on improving the health of the communities it serves, the CHNA process aligns health improvement efforts and resources with community health priorities, in accordance with IRS 501 (r) guidelines. Goals of the CHNA were to:

- Better understand community health care needs and priorities
- Identify opportunities where services are most needed and impact is most beneficial
- Collaborate with community partners where, together, positive impact can be achieved
- Guide efforts to improve community health and achieve measurable results

The overall health of the Ridgeview community is a shared responsibility among several stakeholders and entities, including government agencies, health care providers, nongovernmental organizations and community members. Ridgeview understands that collaboration with community partners is essential for implementing and achieving effective community health improvements. The identified community health needs will be addressed in Ridgeview's 2022-2024 strategic plan, and through Ridgeview's collaboration with key leaders and organizations throughout its service area.

Over the next three years, Ridgeview will continue to develop and operationalize broad community strategies identified within the CHNA and aligned with the strategic direction and mission of the organization.

- Initially, Ridgeview's strategies will focus on the priority health issues that were identified and prioritized in the CHNA:
  - Preventive Services, Clinical Care and Disease Management
    - Preventive Screenings
      - Mammography – 2022 Ridgeview Quality Goal
    - Tobacco Cessation
      - Ridgeview Cancer Service Line active priority
        - Employees/Family – 2023 strategy
    - Obesity
      - Ridgeview Arlington Campus
      - Ridgeview Le Sueur Campus
  - Access to Care
    - Primary and Urgent Care (active 2022-24 Ridgeview Strategic Plan Priorities)
    - Rural Service Area

- Ridgeview Arlington Campus
- Ridgeview Le Sueur Campus
- Mental and Behavioral Health

While emphasis is placed on the health issues identified in the CHNA report document, Ridgeview – as a health care provider – will continue to focus resources on other long-standing initiatives and services that will help improve overall health.

The data collected and analyzed for the CHNA is available and presented to stakeholder groups to strengthen awareness of health needs. Ridgeview will continue to champion efforts to strengthen community collaboration and to gather, analyze and share data with other organizations working to address these and other health issues.

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