

Harrison County Hospital Community Implementation Strategy

Community Health Needs Assessment, December 2016

Fall 2016 - Harrison County Hospital (HCH) contracted with the Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) to conduct its Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). The complete report can be viewed at www.hchin.org under Important Information.

Identified Needs	Current Findings/Resources	Goals/Strategies	Responsible Parties
Drugs: Issues with illegal or Illicit drug use including alcohol abuse, methamphetamine use, and tobacco use	Before implementation, efforts should be made to further explore what local agencies are already doing; with an agenda to find ways for various community services to work together.	Work with community based physicians, mid-level providers, and other appropriate agencies and services to further provide community education regarding this issue. Efforts will be made to discuss this with the HCH Medical Staff (and physicians leaders) and the HCH Emergency Department. Additionally, the goal would be to incorporate this community education into future wellness efforts and events.	HCH Wellness Committee
Health Insurance/Coverage: A need for Education, Access, and Affordability	This is an area that many people and organizations are struggling with currently.	Designate an HCH point of contact to help with health insurance issues, governmental and/or community based coverage options and questions. Invite (local) health insurance agents to host a community information event and help people find coverage.	HCH Wellness Committee with support and contacts from Human Resources and Case Management
Economy and Infrastructure: Continued support for local business development, more local employment opportunities, and better internet access for economic development purposes	Lack of internet access in parts of the HCH service area is a serious problem. The HCH IT Manager currently serves on a community based group that is working to expand internet service to the underserved areas.	Continue to work with and support the community based groups that are and have been working diligently on this issue. Continue to prudently provide expertise and support from HCH as needed.	HCH IT Department and Wellness Committee