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Community Needs Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan Report

Health Priority Goal #1: Access to Care

We continue to enhance the Patient Portal services and increase new subscribers ending the year with over 1500 patients using the service. We are not able to automate the texts with current service, but will work to implement this feature in the future.

Centralized scheduling is in our future plans for Brodstone.

Specialty Clinic expansion is an ongoing process. This year we have increased Orthopedics coverage to 8 days per month and Pain Management to 4 times per month. Brodstone has worked to strengthen the relationship with existing oncology providers and increase chemotherapy administration locally.

We continue to work to add other specialties and additional days for existing services.

To help improve the financial literacy and understanding of healthcare billing process Brodstone hired 2 fulltime employees to implement a government mandated no surprise billing program for patients who are uninsured or underinsured to help reduce patients being turned over to collections.

Currently evaluating expansion of transportation for other areas of need.

A patient advisory team was not implemented due to Covid precautions. This will be reevaluated in the next year.

Currently in discussion with two 3rd year medical students. We have added a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and a Part time APRN Physician's Assistant for coverage in the Rural Health Clinic. This is an ongoing process.

Developed an ACL injury prevention program in Superior schools and implementedSCAT 5 concussion baseline screening and post-injury testing in South Central USD #5 Sandy Creek, South Central USD #5 Lawrence/Nelson and Superior schools.

Developed a Brodstone Fit program offering an early morning boot camp and a walking club for indoor activity 3 months in the winter engaging the community of Superior. Plan to work in the future to expand offering of services to all community members of all fitness levels and goals.

Health Priority Goal #2: Mental Health

Developed new crisis support group through Thrive Behavior Health Outpatient clinic in relation to multiple community crisis situations.

Had a staff member who worked with the South Heartland Health District on their Behavioral Health Steering Committee who helped develop screening tools that were shared with family practice providers throughout the health district.

Continue to develop mental health outpatient services to help community and staff.

Health Priority Goal #3: Substance Misuse

We have not addressed this in Fiscal Year 2022. Within the next 3 years, we have plans to partner with the city of Superior and local schools addressing Substance misuse.

Had 1 staff member who worked with South Heartland Health District as the Chair of the Opioid Misuse Steering committee to address concerns throughout our health district.

Health Priority Goal #4: Obesity & Related Health Conditions

We are evaluating and formalizing our transitional care programs for COPD and Heart Failure. Also working to improve transitional care for all inpatients post discharge.

Had 2 staff members who worked with the South Heartland Health District on their Obesity Steering committee to address concerns throughout our health district.

Developed daily Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) meetings throughout facility involving all clinical patient care departments. Attendance is at 97%.

Continue to provide pre-employment drug screening and evaluations with Kingswood Court in Superior and Parkview Haven Nursing home in Deshler.

As stated above, developed a Brodstone Fit program offering an early morning boot camp and a walking club for indoor activity 5 months in the winter engaging the community of Superior.

Wellness activities for the community in the last fiscal year included Yoga in the Park, a walk/run event, Walking School Bus and golf courses were supplied with sun safety information, sun screen and bug spray.

We had an increase in use of the aquatic therapy pool. We went from 155 visits in FY21 to 473 visits in FY22.

Health Priority Goal #5: Cancer

Our objective was to achieve ACO goals by being more proactive with patient wellness visits and screenings. A favorable outcome would be a 10% increase. In FY 22 we had a 2.8% increase in wellness visits. (51% FY 2021, 53.8% FY 2022) We will continue to work on increasing the individual screenings of colon, breast and BMI.

We have educated our staff for the tobacco cessation program. We have not had a group program in FY 2022, but it was available on an individual basis. No one requested this service this year.

Established an outpatient chemotherapy infusion program to increase access locally. Construction on IV room in Pharmacy was completed. 6 nurses completed training and were certified. Our objective was to treat 3 to 5 patients within the first quarter of operation. 6 patients were treated in the first quarter of operation.