

# SAINT LUKE'S COMMUNITY BENEFIT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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 **Saint Luke's**  
SOUTH HOSPITAL

## I. Introduction

Saint Luke's South Hospital is a comprehensive health care facility serving Johnson County Kansas and surrounding communities. This state-of-the-art facility features an acute care hospital with 24-hour emergency services, complete inpatient and outpatient diagnostic testing, a spacious maternity center, rehabilitation services, and physician offices integrated within the facility for optimal convenience. As a member of Saint Luke's Health System, Saint Luke's South Hospital continues the tradition of providing top-quality health care through experienced and dedicated doctors, nurses, and administrative staff.

**Mission:** Saint Luke's South Hospital is a faith-based, not-for-profit community hospital committed to the highest levels of excellence in providing health care and health-related services in a caring environment. As a member of Saint Luke's Health System, we are committed to enhancing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the communities we serve.

**Vision:** The best place to get care. The best place to give care.

## II. Purpose of Implementation Plan

This Implementation Plan addresses the community health needs identified in the 2015 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) prepared for Saint Luke's South Hospital. This Plan serves as Saint Luke's South Hospital's implementation strategy for meeting those needs including setting the goals and objectives for providing community benefits. The Plan also meets the requirements for community benefit planning as set forth in federal law, including but not limited to: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

## III. How the Implementation Plan Was Developed

This Implementation Plan was developed based on the findings established in the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA ) prepared for Saint Luke's South Hospital, as well as through a review of existing community benefit activities.

## IV. Community Health Needs

Saint Luke's South Hospital undertook a structured approach to determine priority health needs including analysis of public health data and input from a broad range of community members. Priority needs were also identified based on input from several groups of hospital representatives and outside agencies providing services in the community. The Community Health Needs Assessment identified three priority health needs:

- Access to Care
- Increased Access to Physical Activity and Nutrition
- Management of Transitions of Care

## V. What Saint Luke's South Hospital Will Do to Address Priority Needs

Saint Luke's South Hospital is proud to continue its tradition of providing top-quality health care through experienced and dedicated doctors, nurses, therapists, and support staff. Along with the specific programs detailed below, Saint Luke's South Hospital will continue to meet community needs by offering a wide range of services in a comprehensive health care facility. The following section outlines how Saint Luke's South Hospital plans to address the priority needs identified in the 2015 CHNA.

## **1. Access to Care**

Access to care is a national and local priority through the Healthy People 2020 and the Healthy Kansans 2020 initiatives. Insufficient access to health services can be caused by many different issues including: lack of insurance, underinsurance, primary care provider availability, provider quality, and costs of care. Access to primary care providers and/or a health center has a major impact on individual health. Adequate access to both primary and specialty care is of even more importance to individuals with chronic conditions. Individuals with access to care are more likely to receive preventive care that improves quality of life and helps detect and manage chronic conditions. Providing better access to care will help improve the general health of the entire community served.

Saint Luke's South Hospital collaborates with several community partners in an effort to address access to care as a priority need. Community partners include the Medical Society of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties Foundation, Inc (Wy/Jo Care), Health Partnership Clinic, and the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment.

### **Implementation Strategies:**

Saint Luke's South Hospital will work to expand access to comprehensive, quality health care services for individuals within Johnson County. Saint Luke's South Hospital will implement the following strategies in addressing access to care as a priority need:

- Continue to provide access to care through 24/7 Emergency Department with helicopter pad access.
- Continue to provide assistance to the Health Partnership Clinic in order to provide a medical home for low income, uninsured individuals.
- Continue to serve as a safe harbor site for babies and children.
- Provide health education and preventive screenings to community members.
- Support and collaborate with Hy-Vee Clinics to offer high quality primary care in several locations throughout the community.
- Leverage technology to increase access to new populations.
- Continue to advocate on key health policy issues at the state and national level, including Medicaid reform, access to care, and health care financing for the low-income population.

## **2. Increased Access to Physical Activity and Nutrition**

Johnson County demonstrated a need for increased physical activity and nutrition. Physical activity and nutrition play a vital role in the overall health of members of a community, and Johnson County demonstrated a need to improve in these areas in order to help improve the health of the population in the future. In recent years, the county as a whole has failed to improve on measures such as obesity, physical inactivity, and diabetes.

Saint Luke's South Hospital collaborates with several community partners in an effort to address obesity as a priority need. Community partners include school districts within Johnson County, the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment, Jewish Community Center, and Barstow School.

### **Implementation Strategies:**

Saint Luke's South Hospital will work to promote health and reduce the prevalence of overweight and obese individuals through the consumption of healthy diets, increased physical activity, and through the application of strategies related to combating heart disease and diabetes, resulting in achievement and maintenance of healthy body weight. Saint Luke's South Hospital will implement the following strategies in addressing access to physical activity and nutrition as a priority need:

- Provide additional resources and education for community members regarding nutrition and physical activity. This includes continuation of programs such as cardio health and wellness program, pre-diabetes education series, cardiovascular rehabilitation program, and community nutritional education.
- Continue Saint Luke's Corporate Wellness Solutions in order to foster fundamental behavioral change among employees by planning, implementing, and evaluating programs and strategies related to health and wellness while continuing to focus on wellness initiatives already in place within Saint Luke's Health System.
- Continue to provide services through the Center for Surgical Weight Loss, including diet and exercise counseling following bariatric surgery.
- Continue to provide cardiology services that not only treat heart disease but also, focus on promoting health behaviors that combat obesity and encourage healthy eating and physical activity.
- Continue to provide diabetes services that offer unique and individualized services to diabetic patients. Prevention services are also offered that, in turn, promote health behaviors that combat obesity and encourage healthy eating and physical activity.

### **3. Management of Transitions of Care**

Care transitions has been identified by both the Joint Commission (JC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as a leading problem in health care today. Many issues can result from poor patient care transitions such as delayed treatment, incorrect treatment, and increased stays in the hospital.

Johnson County demonstrated a need for improved management of transitions of care, specifically in the aging population. The aging population in Johnson County is more likely to face more chronic conditions that require better coordination of care services.

#### **Implementation Strategies:**

Currently Saint Luke's South Hospital's 30-day unplanned readmission rates are comparable to U.S. national rates, but an aging community will require increased coordination of care services. Saint Luke's South Hospital will implement the following strategies in addressing transitions of care as a priority need:

- Increase communication efforts between providers, as well as between providers and patients/patient caregivers.
- Develop structures, processes, and partnership approaches with non Saint Luke's Health System physicians and entities to effectively manage patient care.
- Work to identify and focus resources on quality improvement opportunities.

## **VI. Approval**

The Saint Luke's South Hospital Board of Directors approved this Community Benefit Implementation Plan on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This Implementation Plan specifies community health needs that Saint Luke's South Hospital has determined to meet in whole or in part and that are consistent with its mission. The Saint Luke's South Hospital Board of Directors reviews the Community Benefit Implementation Plan on an annual basis, and reserves the right to amend it as circumstances warrant.