

2016 Community Health Needs Assessment Executive Summary: Upper Valley Medical Center

Upper Valley Medical Center is part of Premier Health, the largest health care system in Southwest Ohio. It is committed to improving the health of the communities it serves through a variety of prevention, health improvement and engagement programs. The hospital was pleased to participate in the 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) process. Its primary service area includes Darke, Miami and Shelby counties. Please reference the following pages (UVMC county primary service area profiles) in the GDAHA/Health Collaborative Regional Community Health Needs Assessment, located on the Premier Health website:

- Darke – pages 72 to 76
- Miami - pages 89 to 92
- Shelby – pages 103 to 106

Background

Thirteen hospitals came together to conduct a collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), organized by the Health Collaborative in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association in Dayton, Ohio. The Health Collaborative assembled a highly qualified team that included a consultant with prior CHNA experience.

Representatives from three health care systems (representing the 13 hospitals) comprised the CHNA Committee. This group assisted in process design, provided feedback to the consultant and the Health Collaborative, and shared best practices with each other.

Consistent sources of comparable data were available only at the state and county level, and therefore each participating hospital identified which counties contained their service areas. Service areas spanned eight counties in Ohio, and data were included from two adjacent counties. Results in this report include data from a structured survey, qualitative data from multiple focus groups, an analysis of available secondary data, and findings from health department interviews and surveys. The CHNA team collected 106 measures from publicly available sources, starting with county health rankings. Criteria for inclusion included availability of trend data at the county level and ease of comparison.

Health Priorities

This report fulfills most of the required activities for the CHNA. To complete the process, Premier Health and its affiliated hospitals, represented by the Premier Health community benefits subcommittee, designed and executed a prioritization process that included a review/comparison of the following:

- 2016 Regional CHNA
- Local health departments' most recent CHNAs (Butler, Warren, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, Darke)
- Health Policy Institute of Ohio Health Value Dashboard (state health comparison)
- Internal resources

This data evaluation yielded the following shared health priorities across Premier Health and its affiliated hospitals (in no particular order):

- Birth outcomes

- Chronic diseases
- Behavioral health/substance abuse

Conclusion

Premier Health's selected health priorities are shared with many local health departments in our region, as well as state agencies. Prioritization and collaboration are both important, because no one entity can single-handedly effect dramatic change in these serious areas within the three-year timeframe of the CHNA process. Upper Valley Medical Center looks forward to development of its Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP) that will assist in building healthier communities in our region.

Sincerely,



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