Harrison County Hospital Community Implementation Strategy

March, 2014 - HCH began a Community Health Works Round Table. Participants from HCH, Harrison County Health Department, various home health companies and nursing homes that serve the community, the HC YMCA, local clinics, assisted living centers, hospices, VA benefits counselors, and other pertinent community resource representatives from Harrison County & Crawford County IN and Meade County KY. This community health cooordination group is working to compile a list of known resources and services and is currently meeting bi-monthly to educate the Community about and coordinate various health services/programs.

March 2014 - HCH created an internal Communications/PR committee to coordinate efforts to better educate the community on various Hospital resources and programs. These communications include information about the Hospital's Medical Staff members, services, wellness and health prevention programs, and other pertinent health information.

Priorities	Current Findings/Resources	Goals/Strategies	Responsible Parties
Work to increase access to primary care providers and other needed healthcare manpower.	Continually evaluating provider needs.	Determine need, and if necessary recruit Primary Care to our service area, including Harrison, Crawford, & Meade (KY) counties.	HCH Administration & Physician Recruiting Department
Evaluate the potential of overuse of the Hospital emergency department by patients with non-emergency conditions.	HCH currently has a busy After Hours Care primary care clinic that is an effective alternative to the emergency room for non emergent injury/illness.	Educate the Community about and promote the After Hours Care and various HCH Primary Care Offices.	HCH Marketing Department
Work to increase/expand collaboration efforts between the various current healthcare and social service providers in the Service Area.	As stated above, the Community Health Works Round Table has been formed.	Coordinate education and promotion of existing health resources and identify unmet needs for health resources.	Community Health Works Round Table

Increase health education and awareness programs.	The HCH Wellness Committee, funded by the HCH Foundation, is working to improve community health education, wellness, and prevention. Many health resources exist, and efforts are underway to create more effective tools to make the public aware of the programs.	The Wellness Committee meets bi-monthly to oversee functions of Hospital's RN Wellness Coordinator. The Wellness Committee includes representation from nursing, HCH Board of Trustees, HCH med staff, nutrition services, care coordination, the local health department, the YMCA of Harrison County, and the Foundation.	Community Health Works Round Table; HCH Wellness Committee; HCH Marketing Department; Other Community Health Programs/Services
Evaluate the needs and explore options for mental health services in the service area.	Services are being currently offered in the community. Because of this, and resource contraints, we will re-evaluate in one year.	n/a	n/a
Look for ways to improve community wide substance abuse prevention.	Services are available; efforts are being made to identify all existing resources.	Identify current resources to determine if there is a need/resources available to improve/increase efforts.	Community Health Works Round Table; HCH Wellness Committee; Other Community Health Programs/Services
Improve access to mental health services for the under and uninsured.	According to the Harrison County Community Foundation, between 2008-2013, $80,305 was spent by the Foundation on mental health/counseling services. The Foundation also awards grant money to organizations that offer services related to mental health.	Direct patients to proper resources that are already established.	Physicians, mid-level providers, nursing staff, ER, social services, and physician practices staff.
Evaluate the current transportation services available for patients to/from healthcare treatment.	We do currently offer transportation services through our EMS Department.	We will include a representative from HCH EMS to take part in the Community Health Works Round Table to share about their service.	Communication facilitated by Marketing.

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