

## 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment Amendment

### Parkview DeKalb Hospital, fka, DeKalb Health

On September 20, 2019, Parkview DeKalb Hospital, fka, DeKalb Health (PDH), the Board of Directors of PDH adopted its 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). This amendment, adopted on August 20, 2021, by the Board of Directors of PDH, is an amendment to the original CHNA report. The amendment further describes processes used to identify and prioritize the health needs and the resources that assist in meeting those needs for DeKalb County.

#### **Prioritized description of the significant health needs of the community identified through the CHNA, along with a description of the process and criteria used in identifying certain health needs as significant and prioritizing those significant health needs**

Through community public forums, PDH engaged stakeholders and community members who are representative of DeKalb County to identify and prioritize the below health needs for DeKalb County. The local organizations participating discussed the health needs and priorities they see and experience with their constituents. Specifically, the DeKalb Health team was able to provide discussion points on who they receive requests from and help on a regular basis throughout the county. The DeKalb County Sheriff's office also provided feedback on the types of health issues they come across through their work within the community. St. Martin's clinic discussed the health crisis they see in their patients. Through these organizations as well as others within the forums, the following priorities were identified for DeKalb County.

#### 2019 PRIORITIZATION

- Access to Mental Health
- Support to ALICE Population (Asset Limited Constrained Employed)
- Support Substance Abuse Disorder
- Support Childhood Development

#### **Description of the resources (such as organizations, facilities, and programs in the community, including those of the hospital facility) potentially available to address the significant health needs identified through the CHNA**

Parkview DeKalb Hospital (PDH) partners with community resources throughout the county to ensure the needs identified are supported. PDH, through a partnership with St. Martin's provides access to mental health counseling services to patients in need throughout DeKalb County. PDH also holds a board seat on St. Martin's Health Care board of directors. The goal is to provide health care to folks who are uninsured or underinsured. St. Martin's can do this in partnership with PDH through annual financial support.

PDH will also support the United Way of DeKalb County (UW) whose primary focus is supporting the ALICE population. Monetary and board member representations are made to UW. The support is accomplished through funding to provide programming such as food pantries, emergency housing assistance, and connecting people to and accessing resources throughout the community.

PDH provides financial support to the Serenity House, a substance abuse disorder recovery program. This program too addresses several of the priority goals identified through the community forums. In addition, PDH has pledged monetary support to DeKalb Community Impact Corporation dba Hearten House Gospel Rescue Mission, which is a women's shelter. The shelter provides a safe environment where lives can be renewed, restored, and re-established. This shelter supports the PDH prioritization listing by addressing mental health, substance abuse, and asset limited community members.

To support safe, effective, childhood development, PDH also provides support to the following organizations: Judy A. Morrill Recreation Center (JAM), The Lighthouse Montessori Education Center, Junior Achievement, and the Butler Youth Evangelical Association "Butler Youth Filling Station." The JAM Center not only provides early

childhood education, but also provides teen programming for some of our most vulnerable youth. JAM provides a safe place for these teens to gather. Having safe places for our teens is important to the mental health of our children. The support from PDH support to these programs is instrumental in addressing the needs of the children.

The Lighthouse Montessori Education Center recently opened in Ashley, Indiana. Prior to, Ashley was known as a childcare desert. With the support of PDH, there is now safe care options to encourage childhood development in the northern part of the county. In addition to supporting Lighthouse, PDH is committed to supporting the Junior Achievement programming. This programming encourages real world lessons for children's future economic and educational success.

In addition, support is being provided to the Youth Filling Station in Butler, Indiana. Here again, this priority support is provided to ensure children in the eastern portion of the county have safe places to stay after school, throughout the summer, and on some weekends. The Filling Station provides meals, activity, and a secure place for children/youth to share and learn. The programs continue to provide services due to PDH financial support and community partnerships.

Appendix A is attached which lists the resources used in DeKalb County to meet the needs in the community.