

Adventist Health White Memorial 2020 Community Health Plan



The following Implementation Strategy serves as the 2020 – 2022 Community Health Plan for Adventist Health White Memorial and is respectfully submitted to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development on May 28, 2021 reporting on 2020 results.

Executive Summary

Introduction & Purpose

Adventist Health White Memorial is pleased to share its Community Health Implementation Strategy. This follows the development of its 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) in accordance with requirements in the Affordable Care Act and IRS 990 Schedule H requirements and approved by the Adventist Health Board of Directors on October 17, 2019.

After a thorough review of the health status in our community through the community health needs assessment (CHNA), we identified areas that we could address using our resources, expertise and community partners. Through these actions and relationships, we aim to empower our community and fulfill our mission of “Living God’s love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope.”

The results of the CHNA guided this creation of this document and aided us in how we could best provide for our community and the vulnerable among us. This Implementation Strategy summarizes the plans for Adventist Health White Memorial to develop and collaborate on community benefit programs that address prioritized health needs identified in its 2019 CHNA. Adventist Health White Memorial has adopted the following priority areas for our community health investments.

Prioritized Health Needs – Planning to Address

- [Health Priority #1: Chronic Disease](#)
- [Health Priority #2: Mental Health](#)
- [Health Priority #3: Access to Health Care and Resources](#)

Building a healthy community requires multiple stakeholders working together with a common purpose. We invite you to explore how we intend to address health challenges in our community and partner to achieve change. More importantly, we hope you imagine a healthier region and work with us to find solutions across a broad range of sectors to create communities that define the well-being of people.

The purpose of the CHNA was to offer a comprehensive understanding of the health needs in Adventist Health White Memorial service area and guide the hospital’s planning efforts to address those needs.

The significant health needs were identified through an analysis of secondary data and community input. These health needs were prioritized according to a set of criteria that included: magnitude of the problem, severity of the problem, need among vulnerable population, community's capacity and willingness to act on the issue, ability to have measurable impact on the issue, availability of hospital and community resources, existing interventions focused on the issue, whether the issue is a root cause of other problems and the trending health concerns in the community. A decision tree discussion further analyzed how acute the need is, whether Adventist Health White Memorial already provides services in this area and what role the hospital would fulfill in addressing the need. For further information about the process to identify and prioritize significant health needs, please refer to Adventist Health White Memorial CHNA report at the following link:

https://www.adventisthealth.org/documents/community-benefit/2019-chna/WhiteMemorial_2019_CommunityHealthNeedsAssessment.pdf

Adventist Health White Memorial and Adventist Health

Adventist Health White Memorial is an affiliate of Adventist Health, a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii.

Vision

Adventist Health will be a recognized leader in mission focus, quality care and fiscal strength.

Mission Statement

Living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope.

Adventist Health Includes:

- 23 hospitals with more than 3,600 beds
- 290 clinics (hospital-based, rural health and physician clinics)
- 15 home care agencies and eight hospice agencies
- Three retirement centers & one continuing care retirement community
- A workforce of 37,000 including associated, medical staff physicians, allied health professionals and volunteers

We owe much of our heritage and organizational success to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which has long been a promoter of prevention and whole person care. Inspired by our belief in the loving and healing power of Jesus Christ, we aim to bring physical, mental and spiritual health and healing to our neighbors of all faiths. Every individual, regardless of his/her personal beliefs, is welcome in our facilities. We are also eager to partner with members of all faiths to enhance the health of the communities we serve.

Our commitment to quality health care stems from our heritage, which dates to 1866 when the first Seventh-day Adventist healthcare facility opened in Battle Creek, Michigan. There, dedicated pioneers promoted the “radical” concepts of proper nutrition, exercise and sanitation. Early on, the facility was devoted to prevention as well as healing. They called it a sanitarium, a place where patients—and their families—could learn to be well.

More than a century later, the health care system sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church circles the globe with more than 170 hospitals and more than 500 clinics, nursing homes and dispensaries worldwide. And the same vision to treat the whole person—mind, body and spirit—continues to provide the foundation for our progressive approach to health care.

Summary of Implementation Strategies

Implementation Strategy Design Process

Stakeholders from the 19 hospital facilities in the Adventist Health System were invited to participate in a Mission Integration Summit on September 26 and 27, 2019. During these two day-long events, participants were introduced to the 2019 Adventist Health Implementation Strategy Template. After the summit, each hospital was invited to participate in a series of technical assistance calls and consultation sessions with representatives from Adventist Health Community Integration and Conduent Health Communities Institute to further develop and refine their implementation strategy.

Adventist Health White Memorial Implementation Strategy

The implementation strategy outlined below summarizes the strategies and activities by Adventist Health White Memorial to directly address the prioritized health needs. They include:

- **Health Need 1: Chronic Disease**
 - Diabetes Center
 - ¡Vive Bien! Senior Wellness Program
- **Health Need 2: Mental Health**
 - Welcome Baby Program
 - Community Information Center

- Health Need 3: Access to Health Care
 - Community Information Center

The Action Plan presented below outlines in detail the individual strategies and activities Adventist Health White Memorial will implement to address the health needs identified through the CHNA process. The following components are outlined in detail in the tables below: 1) actions the hospital intends to take to address the health needs identified in the CHNA, 2) the anticipated impact of these actions as reflected in the Process and Outcomes measures for each activity, 3) the resources the hospital plans to commit to each strategy, and 4) any planned collaboration to support the work outlined.

No hospital can address all the health needs identified in its community. Adventist Health White Memorial is committed to serving the community by adhering to its mission, and using its skills, expertise and resources to provide a range of community benefit programs. This Implementation Strategy does not include specific plan to address the following significant health needs identified in the 2019 CHNA.

Significant Health Needs – NOT Planning to Address

During a meeting in August 2019, the Adventist Health White Memorial CHNA Review Committee met to review and determine the top three priorities the hospital would address. Due to the magnitude of the need and the capacity of Adventist Health White Memorial's ability to address the need, the Implementation Strategy will not address the following health needs:

- Homelessness and Poverty
- Access to Healthy Foods

COVID 19 Considerations

The COVID-19 global pandemic has caused extraordinary challenges for Adventist Health hospitals and health care systems across the world including keeping front line workers safe, shortages of protective equipment, limited ICU bed space and developing testing protocols. They have also focused on helping patients and families deal with the isolation needed to stop the spread of the virus, and more recently vaccine roll out efforts.

Adventist Health, like other health care systems, had to pivot its focus to meet the most urgent healthcare needs of its community during the pandemic, as well as reassess the ability to continue with some community health strategies due public health guidelines for social distancing. Adjustments have been made to continue community health improvement efforts

as possible, while ensuring the health and safety of those participating. The Strategy Action Plan Grids on the following pages reflect updated activities for each strategy.

In FY20, Adventist Health as a system took the following actions in response to the needs created or exacerbated by COVID-19:

- Adventist Health as a system directed “Community Strength Fund grants” to each hospital to support community partners’ immediate response to COVID-19
- Adventist Health as a system directed “Community Integration Catalyst” funds to each hospital to support internal new or expanded community wellbeing programming and innovation as an immediate response to COVID-19
- Began offering more virtual health care visits to keep community members safe and healthy
- Developed an online symptom tracker to help community members determine if they may have COVID-19 or some other flu type illness and what steps to take
- Partnered with MaskUp, a collaboration of 100 leading health systems representing thousands of hospitals across the U.S. joining to create messages for the betterment of the communities they serve
- Was part of a communitywide effort by the local health system to vaccinate eligible community members to help stop the spread of the virus

Locally, Adventist Health White Memorial took these additional actions:

- Established a food distribution program at AHWM Community Garden, reaching out to our immediate community providing fresh produce to more than 15,000 families thanks to the partnership with Food Forward. Tackling food insecurity due to the COVID-19 impact.
- Created educational materials on COVID-19 to better inform our community on the disease and dissemination of the correct information on the vaccines
- Collaborated with local partners to provide virtual education classes on COVID-19 and Vaccine education
- Established a community vaccination clinic on campus and mobile clinic to reach vulnerable communities.

Adventist Health White Memorial Implementation Strategy Action Plan

PRIORITY HEALTH NEED: CHRONIC DISEASE						
GOAL STATEMENT: IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES IN PATIENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH CHRONIC DISEASE						
Mission Alignment: Well-being of people						
Strategy 1: Mobilize patients and community members through education and tools to manage chronic disease.						
Programs/Activities	Process Measures	Results: Year 1	Short Term Measures	Results: Year 2	Medium Term Measures	Results: Year 3
Activity 1.1 Diabetes Center	<p>- # of participants in Telehealth Gestational Diabetes Management Care: 133 patients Note: Gestational programming will continue with Telehealth and also offer in person programming.</p> <p>- # of participants in HELP program: Program was halted in 2020, will continue in 2021</p>	<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Diabetes programs had to put a greater effort in the continued education of Gestational Diabetes patients. A program was developed to easily educate pregnant woman in a virtual setting in order to avoid complications at birth or the delivery of large babies for gestational age.</p>	<p>-90% of the woman met their goal of delivering babies of normal weight for gestational age.</p> <p>-10% of the woman delivered babies large for gestational weight.</p> <p>-99% of the woman successfully attended their virtual education in spite of having literacy and technology challenges.</p>		-	
Activity 1.2 ¡Vive Bien! Senior	# of participants in health	There was a decrease in participation due	-% successfully sought referrals to resources -		-% change in knowledge as	

Wellness Program	<p>education classes-286 # of participants in fitness classes-732 .</p> <p># of referrals to resources- 3 Mental Health referrals, 55 food distribution referrals.</p>	<p>to the transition from in-person programming to virtual health education programming.</p> <p>Conference calls was the best way to communicate with the members since many do not know how to use technological devices.</p>	100% successfully sought referrals		a result of education -% successfully acquired referral resources	
Activity 1.3 Blue Zones	(N/A, started in 2021)		Complete readiness assessment		Complete Foundation Phase and create Blueprint	
Source of Data:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member tracking data 						
Target Population(s):						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients, patient’s network and community members 						
Adventist Health Resources: (financial, staff, supplies, in-kind etc.)						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diabetes Center staff and space, Community Information Center staff and space 						
Collaboration Partners: (place a “*” by the lead organization if other than Adventist Health)						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Diabetes Association*, American Heart Association* 						
CBISA Category: (A - Community Health Improvement; E - Cash and In-Kind; F - Community Building; G - Community Benefit Operations)						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A – Community Health Improvement 						

Strategy Results 2020:

Due to the impact of COVID-19 in community programming (Diabetes Center and Vive Bien), there was a need to adjust methods of delivering education to the community into a virtual

setting. Participation and engagement numbers were impacted seeing lower participation numbers than previous years.

PRIORITY HEALTH NEED: MENTAL HEALTH						
GOAL STATEMENT: INCREASE ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES						
Mission Alignment: Well-being of people						
Strategy 1: Assess and refer vulnerable to populations to appropriate mental and behavioral health services						
Programs/Activities	Process Measures	Results: Year 1	Short Term Measures	Results: Year 2	Medium Term Measures	Results: Year 3
Activity 2.1 Welcome Baby Program (community program)	- Mental health assessments in pregnant women: 265 - Postpartum depression and other mental health education /support tools: 2,612 - Referrals to mental health resources: 216	See narrative below	- % of referral to mental health resources: 14%			
Activity 2.3 Community Information Center Virtual Referral and resource site	-Mental health service referrals: 14	The Community Information Center closed its doors early in 2020 seeing an impact on referrals	-% successfully sought referrals to resources -% increase in awareness of mental health topics		-% successfully acquired mental health resources	
Source of Data:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral to mental health services, mental health assessments, pre and post surveys 						

<p>Target Population(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients and community members
<p>Adventist Health Resources: (financial, staff, supplies, in-kind etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Baby Program Staff, Community Information Center, space for education workshops
<p>Collaboration Partners: (place a “*” by the lead organization if other than Adventist Health)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First 5 LA*, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health*, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation*
<p>CBISA Category: (A - Community Health Improvement; E - Cash and In-Kind; F - Community Building; G - Community Benefit Operations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A - Community Health Improvement

Strategy Results 2020:

As part of the Welcome Baby program there were 88 GAD-7 + 161 PHQ-2 + 16 PHQ-9 mental health screening in 2020. Only 14% of the patients received referrals mental health resources for those that were identified with health risks. At the hospital setting there were 2,612 GAD-7 conducted, all patients received Welcome Baby handbook which provides education and support tools for patients.

The Community Information Center closed its doors to the public early in 2020 having an impact on the referrals of Mental Health

PRIORITY HEALTH NEED: ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND RESOURCES

GOAL STATEMENT: PROVIDE HUB OF HEALTH CARE RESOURCES AND REFERRALS TO SERVICES TO IMPROVE ACCESS

Mission Alignment: Well-being of people

Strategy 2: Engage local stakeholders to refer to the Community Information Center through the implementation of a referral application in addition to normal duties and responsibilities of the center

Programs/Activities	Process Measures	Results: Year 1	Short Term Measures	Results: Year 2	Medium Term Measures	Results: Year 3
Activity 3.1 Community Information Center	-# provided on-site enrollment assistance to healthcare plan: 41 -# services and resources referred via referral pad: 136 -# services and resources referred & coordinated: 1484 -# new enrollments in wellness programming through referral pad: 6	See narrative below	-% enrolled in healthcare plan: 2.76% of all the services rendered at the CIC -% participating members in wellness program: 4.4% of members enrolled into wellness programming from the referral pad.		-% successfully acquired services and resources -% return visitors previously referred	

Source of Data:

- Referral pad (Wellness Prescription), Community Information Center sign-in, follow-up questionnaire,

Target Population(s):

- Patients and community members

Adventist Health Resources: (financial, staff, supplies, in-kind etc.)

- Community Information Center staff

Collaboration Partners: (place a "*" by the lead organization if other than Adventist Health)

- Department of Public Social Services*, Applied General Agency*, Covered California*, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation*, Outpatient clinic offices*

CBISA Category: (A - Community Health Improvement; E - Cash and In-Kind; F - Community Building; G - Community Benefit Operations)

- A - Community Health Improvement

Strategy Results 2020:

In 2020, the Community Information Center was open for the public for the first quarter of the year before to closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To protect the safety of our patients, clients and staff, we proceeded to provide services and resources over the phone. Because of this unforeseen transition, the numbers reflected are lower than in previous years.

The Adventist Health + Blue Zones Solution

Our desire to improve community well-being grew out of not only our mission at Adventist Health – to live God’s love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope – but also by the sheer need as seen across our system of 23 hospitals. Overwhelmingly, we see diseases of despair including suicide, substance abuse, mental health and chronic illnesses plaguing the communities in which we have a significant presence in. That is why we have focused our work around addressing behavior and the systems keeping the most vulnerable people in cycles of poverty and high utilization.

In an effort to heal these communities, we have strategically invested in our communities by partnering with national leaders in community well-being. We believe the power of community transformation lies in the hands of the community. Our solution for transformation is to create a sustainable model of well-being that measurably impacts the well-being of people, well-being of places and equity.

2020 saw the acquisition of Blue Zones by Adventist Health as the first step toward reaching that goal. By partnering with Blue Zones, we are able to gain ground in shifting the balance from healthcare – treating people once they are ill – to transformative well-being- changing the way communities live, work and play. Blue Zones widens our impact from only reaching our hospitals’ communities in four states to a global mission practice.