

Adventist Health Lodi Memorial 2021 Community Health Plan



The following Implementation Strategy serves as the 2020 – 2022 Community Health Plan for Adventist Health Lodi and is respectfully submitted to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development on May 27th, 2022 reporting on 2021 results.

Executive Summary

Introduction & Purpose

Adventist Health Lodi 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 Lodi Memorial to develop and collaborate on community benefit programs that address prioritized health needs identified in its 2019 CHNA. Adventist Health Lodi Memorial has adopted the following priority areas for our community health investments.

Prioritized Health Needs – Planning to Address

- [Mental Health](#)
- [Economic Security](#)
- [Obesity/Healthy Eating and Active Living \(HEAL\)/Diabetes](#)

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 Lodi 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 the following criteria:

- It fits the definition of a “health need” as described above.
- It was confirmed by multiple data sources (i.e., identified in both secondary and primary data).
- Indicator(s) related to the health need performed poorly against a defined benchmark (e.g., state average).
- It was chosen as a community priority. Prioritization was based on the frequency with which key informants and focus groups mentioned the need. The final list included only those that at least three key informants and focus groups identified as a need.

For further information about the process to identify and prioritize significant health needs, please refer to Adventist Health Lodi Memorial’s CHNA report at the following link: <https://www.adventisthealth.org/about-us/community-benefit/>

Adventist Health Lodi Memorial and Adventist Health

Adventist Health Lodi 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 this two day-long event, 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 Lodi Memorial Implementation Strategy

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

- **Health Need 1: Mental Health**
 - Applying for behavioral health grant, which if awarded will provide a behavioral health professional in the emergency department.
 - Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) partnership to address patient ACEs
- **Health Need 2: Economic Security**
 - Partnership with HealthForce Partners
 - Support Healthy Lodi Initiative through our work with the American Heart Association
- **Health Need 3: Obesity/Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL)/Diabetes**
 - Free health education classes offered to the community
 - Help all ages get more physical activity, including programs that meet language/culture needs.

Under the health need of economic security, you will note, that AHLM is collaborating with partners to improve career pathways and prepare skilled workers to meet the demand of healthcare organizations. Additionally, we are trying to improve workplace health in our local businesses. When employees are healthy, absenteeism decreases, productivity increases, and both employer and employee benefit. These initiatives can be indirectly linked to homelessness. If we create opportunities for our students to succeed and prepare them to meet the needs of the workforce, and improve the health and well-being of our employers, then we are setting our community up for economic stability. Additionally, AHLM has donated funds to organizations such as the Salvation Army which provides shelter and resources for individuals in need.

The Action Plan presented below outlines in detail the individual strategies and activities Adventist Health Lodi 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 Lodi 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

- Violence/Injury Prevention: Need is being addressed by others
- Access to Care – Need is being addressed by others
- Substance Abuse/Tobacco: Need is currently being addressed by others, however, if we are awarded the Behavioral Health Pilot Project grant, we will be able to address this need through hiring a Substance Use Navigator
- Asthma: AHLM does not have the resources necessary at this time to address this need
- Oral Health: Need is being addressed by others
- Climate and Health: Hospital does not have expertise to effectively address the need

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 FY21, Adventist Health as a system took the following actions in response to the needs created or exacerbated by 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
- 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 Lodi Memorial took these additional actions:

Adventist Health Lodi Memorial (AHLM) made big strides in community outreach in 2021 by allocating resources to COVID19 vaccination efforts to ensure the safety and wellness of the community. COVID19 cases remained high during 2021 in San Joaquin County, and it was of utmost importance to AHLM that vaccines were made available and accessible to the community it is serving. Upon CDC's guidelines in late 2020 that healthcare workers be offered the vaccine, the AHLM team did not hesitate to offer the vaccines to the staff of surrounding skilled nursing facilities. The vaccination operation was soon moved to Adventist Health Lodi Memorial Urgent Care in January 2021 and made the appointments available to other healthcare workers in the community. Over 9700 vaccines were given at the AHLM Urgent Care from January 2021 to April 2021.

In April 2021, AHLM was part of two mass vaccination efforts in the San Joaquin County. Hutchins Street Square Vaccine Clinic was opened in collaboration with the City of Lodi, and the Stockton Arena Mass Vaccination Site was in partnership with Kaiser Permanente and Dignity Health. AHLM hired a bigger team – utilizing contract nurses and pharmacists, retired nurses, and volunteers to provide the much needed vaccination services. Both clinics had the capacity to provide over 7000 vaccines per day. AHLM also conducted popup clinics at Heritage High School, and McNair High School in June/July 2021 providing over 280 doses to students who were eligible to receive the vaccine.

Adventist Health Lodi Memorial Implementation Strategy Action Plan

PRIORITY HEALTH NEED: MENTAL HEALTH

GOAL STATEMENT: IMPROVE TRAUMA INFORMED CARE BY CREATING AWARENESS OF TRAUMA AND PROVIDING OR CONNECTING OUR PATIENTS WITH THE PROPER RESOURCES TO ADDRESS TRAUMA.

Mission Alignment: (Well-being of People; Well-being of Places; Equity) Well-being of people

Strategy 1.1 Hire a substance use navigator in our emergency department

Programs/ Activities	Process Measures	Results: Year 1	Short Term Outcomes	Results: Year 2	Medium Term Outcomes	Results: Year 3
Activity 1.1 Substance Use Navigator (SUN)	Behavioral Health Pilot Project grant application through the Department of Health Care Services	See narrative below	Being awarded the grant # of ED/hospital encounters where a patient was seen by the SUN # of ED/hospital encounters with MAT (buprenorphine) administered or prescribed # of ED/hospital encounters where a patient was given an overdose diagnosis # of ED/hospital encounters with a diagnosis of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)	See narrative below	Hire a SUN with grant funds prior to July 1, 2021 # of patients that followed up with their Medication- Assisted Treatment (MAT) appointment in outpatient clinic within 30 days of having been discharged from the ED # of post-ED visits for 3 months # of total buprenorphine dose given in the ED	

PRIORITY HEALTH NEED: MENTAL HEALTH

			# of patients who accepted referrals for ongoing MAT as outpatient			
Source of Data:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHLM Clinics & ED 						
Target Population(s):						
High risk, individuals with substance use disorders						
Adventist Health Resources: (financial, staff, supplies, in-kind etc.)						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial, staff, supplies, in-kind, 						
Collaboration Partners: (place a "*" by the lead organization if other than Adventist Health)						
California Bridge Program						
CBISA Category: (A - Community Health Improvement; E - Cash and In-Kind; F - Community Building; G - Community Benefit Operations)						
F- Community Building						

Strategy Results 2021:

AHLM continued to utilize the funds from the Behavioral Health Pilot Project (BHPP) to support a Substance Use Navigator (SUN) in the emergency department (ED). In 2021, the Substance Use Navigator (SUN) at AHLM, provided services to 186 patients in Emergency Department / Inpatient care between April –December. 102 patients accepted referrals to Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) treatment, Substance Use Treatment and Behavioral Health with scheduled appointments as the patients were discharged from the ER (Emergency Room) or inpatient hospital setting. Out of the 102 patients that accepted referral 65 patients were MAT (medicated assisted Treatment) referrals for Opiates and Alcohol. Out of 65 patients, 30 patients attended their MAT (Medicated Assisted Treatment) Program Schedule Appointments. For the year of 2021, a total of 63 Buprenorphine was administered or written in the ED (Emergency Department)/ inpatient setting. A total of 223 Patients were given an Overdose Diagnosis. Also, 339 patients were diagnosed with opiate Use.

The BHPP initiative was an important step toward reducing the severity of behavioral health issues impacting AHLM’s service area, with a focus on substance use disorders (SUD) and specifically opioid use disorders (OUD). AHLM’s 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment identified mental health disorders and SUD as priority health issues affecting all populations,

which are also linked to higher levels of poverty, homelessness, and community violence. Deaths by suicide, drug overdose and alcohol poisoning per 100,000 residents are significantly higher in San Joaquin County (46) when compared to the state (34). Additionally, 29% of San Joaquin County residents reported insufficient resources for social and emotional support related to behavioral health issues, compared with 25% of California residents. Specific outcomes to be achieved under this pilot project will include: decreasing deaths from opioid-related overdoses, combat stigma surrounding opioid and other substance use disorders, and to improve the quality of care provided to patients with SUD/OD.

The SUN's role is to evaluate and assess individuals in the emergency department (ED) who may have a substance use disorder. The SUN will establish a referral network within the community with the different available resources for persons with substance use disorder, including outpatient medication-assisted treatment (MAT), residential care, housing/shelter needs, etc. The SUN will work closely with ED staff to support the comprehensive care of individuals with substance use disorders, including working with ED providers, nurses, case managers, social workers, and others. Through counseling and discussion with the individual and evaluation of their health insurance status, the SUN will determine what outpatient treatment option will work best for each individual's specific needs. If the individual is on buprenorphine in the Emergency Department, the SUN will work with the ED provider to assure that the patient has a prescription for a sufficient amount of buprenorphine to last until their outpatient treatment clinic appointment.

Furtherance to AHLM signing on to become a funding partner of the Unite Us platform in 2020 to participate in San Joaquin County's Connected Community Network (CCN), In 2021, AHLM continued to actively support the UniteUs platform by disbursing the 2nd installment of the funding in the 3-year agreement.

"The CCN is built around a network of community partners working together to coordinate communication and implement processes to provide referrals and track outcomes for vulnerable populations. A key element of the CCN is Unite Us, a technology solution which streamlines the coordination of care in the community by electronically linking health care providers to organizations that provide direct services to their communities. A Community Advisory Group was also established that meets regularly to review utilization, discuss challenges, and decide how best to improve processes." CCN is essentially a social determinants of health referral system within our county. This platform can help connect our patients with mental health services, housing, food, and employment, which helps to address our top three 2019 Community Health Needs.

PRIORITY HEALTH NEED: ECONOMIC SECURITY

GOAL STATEMENT: IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC SECURITY IN OUR COUNTY BY IMPROVING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR RESIDENTS, INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF QUALIFIED WORKERS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY, AND IMPROVE THE OVERALL HEALTH OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES.

Mission Alignment: (Well-being of People; Well-being of Places; Equity) Well-being of people, Equity

Strategy 1.1 AHLM has partnered with HealthForce Partners to improve career pathway opportunities for community residents and to increase the supply of skilled workers to meet the needs of a dynamic healthcare industry in the Northern San Joaquin Valley.

Strategy 1.2 AHLM is also collaborating with the American Heart Association and the Lodi Chamber of Commerce’s Health Value Action Team to provide our local businesses with a nationally successful program, the Workplace Health Solutions. The program will offer local businesses a suite of science-based, evidence-informed tools and services to help build a workplace culture of health.

Programs/ Activities	Process Measures	Results: Year 1	Short Term Outcomes	Results: Year 2	Medium Term Outcomes	Results: Year 3
Activity 1.1 Participation in the HOPE pilot program	# of participants enrolled in the Helping Our People Elevate (HOPE) pilot program	See narrative below	# of participants that successfully complete the program	See narrative below	# employed in a new position	
Activity 1.2 Health Careers Academy	# of high school students that graduate from Health Careers Academy	See narrative below	# of students that enter the ADN program	See narrative below	# of ADN graduates that complete student externs at AHLM	
Activity 1.3 Partnership with American Health Association	# of employers recruited for the AHA’s Workplace Health Solutions	See narrative below	Train at least 10 champions, one from each organization	See narrative below	Self-assessed health state of organization % Decrease in employee absenteeism	

Source of Data:

- AHLM, HealthForce Partners, the American Heart Association

Target Population(s):

- Incumbent workers, low income, local businesses

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

- Financial, staff

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

- HealthForce Partners, the American Heart Association, the Lodi Chamber of Commerce

PRIORITY HEALTH NEED: ECONOMIC SECURITY

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

Category B – Health Professions Education and F- Community Building

Strategy Results 2021:

AHLM continued to successfully collaborate with the Lodi Chamber of Commerce's Healthy Lodi Initiative and the American Heart Association. In 2021, 8 new organizations were recruited, for a total of 16 participating Organizations. Over 12,850 employees were covered in the Workplace Wellness programs. 2 quarterly learning cohorts for employer groups were facilitated for mutual sharing of workplace health practices and challenges they might have experienced.

We are working to elevate a culture of health for the 4,100 employees covered under Workplace Health Solutions. "The American Heart Association's Workplace Health Solutions offers a suite of science-based, evidence-informed tools and services to help you build and maximize an effective workplace culture of health. Our unique web-based portal fuses health content, personal health data and consumer engagement opportunities, to take your workplace and workforce on a journey toward improved health." Building a healthy work environment and promoting a healthy workforce can lead to improved efficiency, reduced absenteeism, and cost savings for both workers and employers.

In 2021, the Board of Registered Nursing approved 40 fast track (18-month ADN) positions annually at San Joaquin Delta College (indefinitely). Half of them have been dedicated to the HOPE RN program. This enables Partners to have a direct talent pool of nursing candidates to be employed at partnered employers.

The current cohort (Cohort #2) has 22 incumbent workers. Cohort #1 graduated 2021, and 24 out of the 25 students passed their licensing and examination and are transitioning over to the workforce. 11 out of the students were from AHLM and Dameron Hospital.

PRIORITY HEALTH NEED: OBESITY/HEALTHY EATING AND ACTIVE LIVING (HEAL)/DIABETES

GOAL STATEMENT: INCREASE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR ALL AGES AND ESTABLISH PROGRAMS IN HIGH-RISK NEIGHBORHOODS

Mission Alignment: (Well-being of People; Well-being of Places; Equity) Well-being of people, Well-being of places

Strategy 1: Engage businesses and community organizations to improve facilities and offer programs for physical activity

Programs/ Activities	Process Measures	Results: Year 1	Short Term Outcomes	Results: Year 2	Medium Term Outcomes	Results: Year 3
Activity 1.1 Convene a Community Faith Summit in 2020 to encourage cross-sector collaboration and improve parks/neighborhoods	Recruit 10 community leaders to join Faith Summit Advisory Board Hold 6 Advisory Board meetings beginning in May of 2020	See narrative below	# of Advisory Board members recruited #of Advisory Board Meetings held	See narrative below	Increase cross-sector collaboration and improve parks/neighborhood utilization through awarding 5 mini grants to faith-based organization (each grant at \$1,000)	
Activity 1.2 Diabetes Among Friends	# of classes # of participants	See narrative below	Increased awareness of diabetes management through pre and post survey Self-assessed healthier food choices through post survey results	See narrative below	Increased awareness of diabetes management through pre and post survey Self-assessed healthier food choices through post survey results	

Source of Data:

- Parks and Recreation; Participant surveys
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Target Population(s):

- Low income, high risk

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

PRIORITY HEALTH NEED: OBESITY/HEALTHY EATING AND ACTIVE LIVING (HEAL)/DIABETES

- Financial, staff, supplies, in-kind

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

- County Health Collaborative

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

- Category A

Strategy Results 2021:

In addition to the initiatives mentioned above, AHLM planned to continue participating in events, health fairs and sponsorships related to our health priorities, however, much of these efforts were halted in 2021 due to the pandemic.

The 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) addressed the top 10 priority needs in SJC. Obesity, healthy eating/active living and diabetes was defined as one of the top three most pressing priorities. As part of the CHNA county collaborative team, we distributed surveys to community members in both Spanish and English. The survey results indicated that the community wished to address physical activity by helping all ages get more physical activity, including programs that meet language/culture needs.

AHLM in partnership with the AHA hosted the Diabetes Education and Management Webinar for the Faith community in November.

Diabetes Among Friends is a four-week class series, which runs from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Topics covered: Getting to Know Diabetes, Healthy Eating, Healthy Coping and Physical Activity, Diabetes Medications and Staying Healthy with Diabetes.

Plans for AHLM to partner with English Oaks Seventh-day Adventist Church to hold the class in 2021 was halted due to COVID 19 restrictions.

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 issues related to health risk behaviors, mental health and chronic illnesses throughout the communities we serve. That is why we have focused our work around addressing behavior and the systems preventing our communities from achieving optimal health.

In an effort to meet these needs, our solution is to create a sustainable model of well-being that measurably impacts the well-being of people, well-being of places and equity.

In 2020, Adventist Health acquired Blue Zones as the first step toward reaching our solution. By partnering with Blue Zones, we will be 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. In 2021, Adventist Health committed to launching six Blue Zone Projects within our community footprint, and as we enter 2022 these projects are active. Blue Zone Projects are bringing together local stakeholders and international well-being experts to introduce evidence-based programs and changes to environment, policy and social networks. Together, they measurably improve well-being in the communities we serve.