



SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2017 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Saint Francis Hospital Service Area Public Health Issue Priorities

Saint Francis Hospital reviewed the priority health issues identified by the Coalition and United Way of Central West Virginia. The priorities Saint Francis Hospital will pursue are based on the top priorities of these two needs assessments.

Priority #1: Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Priority #2: Obesity and Diabetes

Priority #3: Access to Affordable Counseling and Mental Health Services

Implementation Plan

Alcohol and Drug Abuse

- Thomas Health recently expanded its substance abuse program at Thomas Memorial Hospital with the 28 day program. This is an ongoing effort and is continually reevaluating and improving.
- Thomas Health is exploring the use of paramedical professionals in visiting substance abuse patients to get them into treatment.
- Saint Francis Hospital participates, and will continue to participate, with the West Virginia Council of Churches in discussing the substance abuse epidemic in our region and how partnering with churches and other organizations could improve and build upon the Recovery aspect of the patient.
- Thomas Health will study and evaluate the efficacy of offering additional substance use disorder treatment services at Saint Francis Hospital.

Obesity and Diabetes

- Thomas Health is working with a national company that provides wellness services through wellness assessments to employers that help educate patients about Obesity and Diabetes.
- Prime of Life operates a Wellness Wednesday at a reduced cost for lab testing at Saint Francis Hospital and soon to expand to other care clinic locations.

- Saint Francis Hospital refers to Thomas Memorial Hospital's outpatient diabetes education team which is involved with helping address obesity and diabetes through community education and assistance to individuals and their families.

Access to Affordable Counseling and Mental Health Services

- Thomas Health plans include moving Thomas Memorial Hospital's outpatient behavioral health services to Saint Francis Hospital placing it nearer the county health department and other counseling services in downtown Charleston, West Virginia.
- Thomas Health will continue to evaluate opportunities for partnership to offer affordable psychiatric services, including counseling and mental health services within the community.