

Ellinwood District Hospital (EDH) completed a comprehensive Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) in March 2018. EDH performed the CHNA in adherence with certain federal requirements for not-for-profit hospitals set forth in the Affordable Care Act and by the Internal Revenue Service. The assessment took into account input from representatives of the community, community members, and various community organizations. The complete CHNA report is available electronically at www.ellinwooddistricthospital.org, under the About tab.

This portion of the CHNA, the Implementation Strategy, will explain how EDH will address health needs identified by continuing existing programs and services and by implementing new strategies. It will also explain if and why the hospital cannot address all the needs identified in the CHNA.

Health Needs Identified for Ellinwood District Hospital and its service area

1. Access to Mental Health Care

EDH continues to strengthen referral patterns with local mental health providers. The viability of telehealth options will be once again be explored.

2. Update of Hospital and Clinic Facilities.

EDH intends to meet this health need by performing periodic assessments of the facility and upgrading accordingly. These assessments will be done by the Maintenance Director, Administrator, Staff, and any other professional that may qualify. It is difficult to estimate time and resources unless periodic assessments are performed. The development process for a new or refurbished facility has been started. Funding options are being explored and a needs assessment will be performed.

3. Awareness of Services Offered

EDH intends on meeting this need by continuing to provide informational opportunities to the area. Information will be shared through the normal advertising routes (newspaper, radio, social media).

4. Open a Pharmacy

EDH has worked diligently to develop and open a pharmacy in Ellinwood. This process is nearing completion and the pharmacy is slated to be open by the end of the 2018 calendar year.

5. Economic Development/Poverty

EDH provides charity care to those in need as well as offering financial assistance to those that apply and qualify. The hospital is partnering with local organizations to provide financial educational opportunities. Classes begin October 2018. The completion of the new pharmacy will also provide an economic boost to the community by bringing a retail business to the tax district.

6. Substance and/or Alcohol Abuse

EDH is currently exploring options that are suitable to determine its capability to meet this community need. The potential for educational offerings will be explored as well as any potential partnerships with local agencies.