

## **Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Plan**

In order to best meet the needs of our community, Pulaski Memorial Hospital (PMH) leadership reviewed the report from the Indiana Rural Hospital Association (IRHA) and developed an action plan in response to several of IRHA's recommendations. On the topic of Transportation, PMH will continue working with area organizations to improve medical, non-medical, and non-emergent transportation options. However, with limited resources, PMH may not be able to fully address this concern at the present time.

### **2022 Health Need Priorities and Implementation Strategies**

#### **Substance Use Disorder – prevention, education, treatment, and in-patient and residential facilities**

- PMH maintains active participation in Pulaski County Drug Free Council
- PMH plans to present Pulaski County Data to its Board of Trustees and Medical Staff, as well as to Pulaski County Government (Commissioners/Council) officials and both Eastern Pulaski and West Central School Districts
- PMH will continue to collect Z-Code data for social determinants of health
- PMH will provide education to providers and staff on local resources, including 4-C and Indiana Recovery Network.
- PMH will partner with 4-C Community Mental Health on treatment services.
- Provide MAT to clients in through Pulaski County's Veteran's Court and Family Court programs.
- PMH will provide community education on the dangers of vaping.
- PMH will enhance our Pain Management Program.

#### **Affordability – cost of healthcare, transportation, and insurance**

- PMH continues to offer SHIP Counseling services to provide education for the Medicare recipients – especially during the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP)
- PMH will work with the Indiana Recovery Network (IRN) for transportation services for individuals in the SUD treatment.
- PMH will look to develop a chronic care management program.
- PMH continues to support our local farmer markets' food education programs that aim to teach the community about healthier eating.
- PMH will look to partner with our local Council on Aging to address transportation gaps.

#### **Transportation – medical, including emergent and non-emergent**

- PMH applied for a USDA Rural Development grant for Pulaski County to purchase a new ambulance for the county's EMS service.

- PMH will continue collaborate with Pulaski County EMS to provide emergent transports to tertiary care facilities. As well as continue to explore other non-emergent transportation options with area ambulance services.
- PMH will continue to support Advanced Life Support (ALS) transfers by providing an RN or paramedic to PCEMS.
- PMH will work with area nursing homes for van utilization to assist with patient transport between nursing home facilities and the hospital.

### **Expansion of Services**

- Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, PMH was able to expand its telehealth offerings. We will continue to explore our telehealth offerings and investigate best practices to provide care to our patients, both within our facilities or through telehealth solutions.
- PMH continues to explore new services and locations to bring quality healthcare closer to our patients. PMH is opening a Wound Care Center in the hospital and is planning to open retail pharmacy in Winamac and a satellite pharmacy in Francesville. Additionally, the Medical and Surgical Group is opening its sixth location in Culver, Indiana in early 2023.
- PMH has increased our Behavioral Health services with three Licensed Clinical Social Workers providing care in Winamac, North Judson, and soon to be Culver. Tele-health visits are also available to all PMH Medical and Surgical patients.
- PMH continues to pursue new providers to expand our specialty services.