

Decatur County Hospital - Implementation Suggestions (Position Paper) 2013 Health Needs - Decatur County IA						Jan 2015 Review
#	CHNA Health Areas of Need	Specific Actions to Address Need	Who	Timeframe	Resources	Discussions
1	Recruit Eye doctor to community	Begin researching equipment costs and reimbursement of services to see if CHCSI can add this service to their roster. CHCSI felt they had the space to accommodate. Sandy Jones had prior experience and had implemented physician eye clinic in Alaska.	Samantha Cannon, CHCSI, Tara Spidle, DCH	Completed Dec 2014	Research to see if financially feasible for CHCSI to add provider possibly 1 day per week.	CHCSI successfully recruited optometrist to begin one day per month and possibly expand as patient load increases.
2	Establish local DHS office – better access	Place FTE in CHCSI who would help complete online enrollment forms for Medicaid & other insurance programs. Certified application counselor to be located at CHCSI and DCH to help public with purchasing insurance on the exchange.	CHCSI, DCH	CHCSI completed Oct 2013 DCH completed Jan 2014	Grant available to CHCSI would allow FTE. Estimated \$40,000. DCH expects to cover online training costs not yet set by state. Estimate \$500.	CHCSI has dedicated FT CAC to assist patients with Medicaid enrollment. DCH has implemented processes to complete Presumptive Medicaid Eligibility enrollment onsite for non-insured patients.
3	Recruit Mental health providers and increase MH placement & follow-up	Begin making contacts with local state representatives to build relationship and express need for more inpatient bed availability.	DCH, CHCSI and Public Health	DCH implemented psych telemedicine July 2014.	Wages at CHCSI. Monthly access fee for telemedicine at DCH. Telemedicine unit was acquired from another hospital.	CHCSI has hired another LISW. Also have replaced ARNP who had resigned shortly after last meeting. DCH has telemed agreement with Mercy for mental health assessments and help with placements.
4	Provide Adult Day Care Services	Westview Care Center is researching regulations to see if they may be able to offer adult day care services. If this is not possible, discussed forming a network of volunteers to sit at home with folks when caretakers need help.	Rose Saxton	Research completed by July 31.	Researching at this time. Hopeful available space could be used as is with no changes.	Westview Acres Care Center is not pursuing at this time as they are working to get their Alzheimer's unit reopened. Local private service has no availability at this time.
5	Further Decatur County Economic development	Discussion held on need for more jobs in community. Felt out of hands for group. However, felt with high number of uninsured and underinsured, we should educate public on availability of sliding fee scale through CHCSI. Also, DCH has financial assistance plan for emergent services.	CHCSI staff; DCH-Tara Spidle	CHCSI in conjunction with #5. DCH completed website updates March 2015.	Add to responsibilities of FTE added at CHCSI via grant funds. DCH implemented May 1, no cost for screening. DCH will post FA policy on website by 7/31/13, no cost.	DCH has posted its Financial Assistance(FA) policy to the DCH website. As part of 501(r) regulations, the FA now contains a "presumptive eligibility" qualification. An article was created for FaceBook and website regarding FA. CHCSI says their early-out provider is working with patient's on sliding fee scale when making calls. Both of us have problems with patients completing the necessary paperwork.
6	Provide HC Transportation between Leon and Lamoni	Advertise trolley service more. Make pricing structure known to public. Also discussed network of volunteers that could be called upon within Lamoni or Leon to transport patients to appointments.	Decatur County Hospital	July 2013, DCH limited transportation policy implemented	Link trolley website from DCH website by July 31, 2013, then prices will be current. Advertise trolley services, \$240 per year(quarterly). Publish in newsletter at no cost.	DCH has limited transportation available to qualifying individuals. CHCSI has added Southern Iowa Trolley (SIT) contact info to their brochures. DCH has posted a link to SIT website for community to access current SIT fees.
T	Increase Primary Care Clinic access / availability	Eugene Yoder began 3/4/13, with designated ED coverage at DCH to keep docs in clinic. Dr. Allen has been hired and will start July 1.	CHCSI	Tabled at this time; will revisit in December.	N/A	DCH hired 1 ARNP for emergency room coverage 2 days per week and is currently adding a hospitalist/internal medicine doctor to help with efficiencies at both DCH and CHCSI.
T	Increase Amish HC services / education	Culture choice-we can continue to make sure they know what services are available, but their religion dictates many of their healthcare choices.	Public Health	Tabled at this time; culture choice.	N/A	
T	Decrease Obesity with Nutrition Education	Pick a snack program in place at schools. Chef Charles chronic disease outreach. Discussed need for parent education.	Public Health	Already in process.	N/A	