

2025 CHNA Implementation Plan - Decatur Co IA PSA

Round #5 CHNA Health Needs Tactics Year 1 of 3 starting 7/1/25 through 6/30/26

	CHNA Health Areas of Need	T	"Specific Actions" to Address Community Health Need or "Reasons Why Hospital Will Not"	Identified "Lead"	Identified Partners	Timeframe	(Hours)	\$\$\$
2	Cancer & Chronic Disease Management	a	Continue campaign to educate community of ways to protect themselves from different forms of cancer such as proper sun screen usage to prevent skin cancer, smoking cessation to prevent lung cancer, etc.	DCH / Infinity	Aux, OthrProv, Clinic, Club, Cancer, Fit, DCHD, HH_Hosp, Indust, School, Senior, SocialServ, IA, Trans			
		b	Continue to emphasize health education with focus on chronic health, smoking/tobacco/vaping, increased seat belt usage, exercise, nutrition, and sex education.					
		d	Continue a reminder program (Infinity) to encourage residents to visit their providers regularly for preventative screenings.					
		e	Continue the usage of DCH Paramedicine program to help with chronic disease management.					
		f	Continue local chemotherapy services at DCH.					
		g	Continue partnership with Mission Cancer and Blood - weekly oncology clinic at DCH.					
		h	Continue community transportation program to ensure lack of reliable transportation is not a barrier to care access in Decatur County.					
		i	Continue to develop processes which support primary care and other providers in efforts to refer patients to nutritionists and diabetic educators.					
		j	Increase local education on importance of preventive health care visits in early cancer detection and successful treatments. Focus on female population to promote yearly mammograms. Continue women's health/ gynecological services at DCH.					
4	Lack of Optometry / Ophthalmology Services	a	DCH is actively recruiting an Optometrist first to PSA with Ophthalmologist to follow as applicable. Share demand volume they would possibly obtain in Decatur Co. Setup visiting clinic operations. (Offer FQHC or DCH office space)	DCH / Infinity	Aux, OthrProv, Clinic, College, EcoDev, DCHD, School, IA			\$25,000
6	Obesity (Fitness & Nutrition)	a	Conduct an inventory of fitness centers hours of operation / fees (plus research fitness demand) in PSA. Continue to promote "free" fitness activities within the community.	DCPH & DCH	4H_FFA, OthrProv, Clinic, Club, Fit, FQHC, School, Teen			
	This health need is a community Social determinant, thus not part Hospital's Mission or Critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	b	Continue "Meals on Wheels" program to support healthy lifestyles for elderly, disabled, or confined to their homes.					
			Continue to develop trails system in Decatur County under the direction of the Decatur County Conservation Board, Friends of Little River Scenic Pathway, Friends of the Lamoni Recreation Trail and Lake LaShane Trails					
		c	Continue / support Backpack school program. Increase access to healthy foods in schools for youth with "No Kid Hungry" Campaign.					
		d	Continue to promote WIC and food stamp programs. Utilize clergy and other resources to increase access to healthy foods.					
		e	Continue "Awareness Program" to educate elementary/middle school children and their families about healthy lifestyles.					
		h	Continue hospital(s) nutrition services. Encourage the utilization of dietician in primary care and specialty care settings.					

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		j	Continue to have access to healthy foods in schools. Ask School Districts to present what they have done so far with improving the school lunches.					
		k	Continue to promote / provide "free and/or low cost" sports physicals / wellness examinations with school parents.					
		m	Continue Public Health programs that provide discounts or vouchers for purchasing healthy foods at local grocery stores or farmers' markets, especially for low-income families.					
7	Lack of Providers / Qualified Staff	a	Actively Recruiting: Primary Care Providers (MD's, DO's, PA's, LNP's) to cover all generation primary care health needs. Continue a residency/rotation program for med students.	DCH & Infinity	OthrProv, Clinic, College, EcoDev, DCHD, HH_Hosp, IA			
		b	Update / complete formal Physician Manpower Assessment to document specific FTE service area provider needs by specialty.					
		c	Continue / Develop a PSA economic development advisory group to lead the workforce recruiting efforts. Recruit new businesses / retain existing businesses in the PSA.					
		d	Increase collaboration with area hospitals. Explore joint recruitment opportunities with other nearby hospitals.					
		e	Seek additional Federal, and State grant money to fund support of additional provider coverage.					
		f	Continue to build career ladder to support DCH workforce development. Continue business reimbursement for continued education (grow your own) with hospital staff. DCH awarded State of Iowa Health Care Credentialing Grant for to assist with this objective.					\$312,500
		g	Continue to educate high school students on health care career options. Offer hospital School Scholarship / Internship / Shadowing Program opportunities.					
		h	Partner with Health Department, Schools and Economic Development to host job fairs and seminars on: employee readiness, dress for success, skill building, interview guides, resume workshops, etc.					
8	Child Care (Accessible, Affordable, Safe)	a	DCH is constructing a child care center for the community beginning in 2025. The expected completion and operational date is on or before June 30 ,2026.	DCH	Child, Club, Co, EcoDev, FQHC, DCHD, Indust, School, SocialServ, IA, Teen			\$3,000,000
	Overall Total Contributions							\$3,337,500