

# Community Health Improvement Plan

- Mercy Hospital Logan County
- Fiscal Year 2026





# Our Mission

As the Sisters of Mercy before us, we bring to life the healing ministry of Jesus through our compassionate care and exceptional service.

# Our Values

Dignity

Excellence

Justice

Service

Stewardship

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# Introduction

Mercy Hospital Logan County is a 25-bed critical access hospital located in Guthrie, Oklahoma. It is one of eight hospitals in Mercy's West Region. The Hospital has a long history of service to the community, opening its doors in 1903 as the Guthrie Hospital and Training School. In 2011, the Logan County Hospital joined the Mercy family.

The facility proudly serves the communities in Logan County and surrounding areas. The medical services offered include cardiology, nephrology, podiatry, pulmonology and spine care/pain management. The hospital also provides respiratory care including pulmonary function testing

Mercy has three primary care clinics located near the hospital and serves community members of all ages including children.

# Introduction *(continued)*

Mercy's mission is to deliver "compassionate care and exceptional service" to every community member. In dedication to this mission, our work includes the development of a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) during the last year, with the assistance of the Oklahoma Office of Rural Health and in cooperation with stakeholders throughout the community.

# Introduction *(continued)*

The CHNA identified ten top-priorities and of the ten, **four have been chosen as health needs for the Mercy Hospital Logan County community.** We will strive diligently to address these needs with a Health Equity lens over the next three years:



As always, we seek to develop a rich and rewarding network of partnerships with our neighbors. We welcome any thoughts you may have on ways to achieve our goal for a healthier community.

# Improvement Plan by Prioritized Health Need



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# Prioritized Need #1: Access to Specialty Services

**GOAL:**

Increase access to specialty services.





# Prioritized Need #1: Access to Specialty Services

## Program 1: Telehealth to Support Access

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Mercy Hospital Logan County has a strong partnership with Mercy Hospital OKC. The use of telemedicine services for patients needing specialty services has been underutilized. Through the already existing partnership and ongoing conversations to expand access for specialty services, the Logan County hospital will expand access to specialists for patients in need.

### **ACTIONS MERCY INTENDS TO TAKE TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH NEED:**

Collaborate with the Mercy technology team and operational leaders at both Logan and OKC hospitals to operationalize a strong telemedicine partnership.

### **ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF THESE ACTIONS (OBJECTIVES):**

Lower hospital admissions due to patient delay in care.  
Better patient outcomes and satisfaction in care.

### **PLAN TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT:**

Monitor the number of patients utilizing specialty services via telemedicine.  
Monitor number of available telemedicine appointments for specialists within the Mercy Oklahoma network seeing Logan county patients.

### **PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES MERCY PLANS TO COMMIT:**

Electronic health record supporting telemedicine  
Additional telemedicine appointments

### **COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS:**

Mercy technology services, primary care clinics, operational leaders



## Prioritized Need #2: Mental Health

**GOAL:**

Increase access to mental health services through community partnerships.



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# Prioritized Need #2: Mental Health

## Program 1 of 2: Senior Life Solutions

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Senior Life Solutions is an intensive outpatient group therapy program for people who are typically age 65 and older with age-related health concerns, difficult life events, transitions into new phases of life, or a traumatic event.

### **ACTIONS THE HOSPITAL INTENDS TO TAKE TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH NEED:**

Implement Senior Life Solutions as an ongoing support program for patients in need of therapy services.

### **ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF THESE ACTIONS (OBJECTIVES):**

Help seniors in the community have support as they deal with issues such as anxiety, depression, and social isolation.  
Provide tokens for local trolley to help with transportation needs for patients attending appointments.

### **PLAN TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT:**

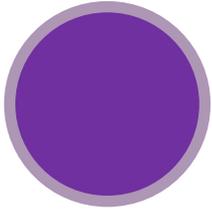
Track number of referrals to program, medication management, improved health outcomes and feelings of hope, happiness, and other indicators of improved mental health.

### **PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THE HOSPITAL PLANS TO COMMIT:**

Provide a board-certified psychiatrist, licensed therapists, a registered nurse and other caregivers dedicated to the mental health care of older adults in the Logan county community.

### **COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS:**

Logan county community members, local healthcare professionals within or not within the Mercy system of care, and other community-based organizations needing mental health services for adults 65 and up.



# Prioritized Need #2: Mental Health

## Program 2 of 2: Northcare Behavioral Services Partnership

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Northcare Behavioral Health Services serves as a resource for patients needing mental health services and additional wrap around services.

### **ACTIONS THE HOSPITAL INTENDS TO TAKE TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH NEED:**

Collaborate with Northcare to send referrals for patients that present with mental health concerns, needing additional support and wrap around services.

### **ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF THESE ACTIONS (OBJECTIVES):**

Lower the number of patients admitted to the hospital due to mental health concerns, while also providing additional support and wrap around services for mental health related issues outside of the hospital.

### **PLAN TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT:**

Monitor the number of referrals to patients seeking mental health services through Northcare.

### **PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THE HOSPITAL PLANS TO COMMIT:**

Office space within the hospital for a Northcare provider  
Referral mechanism for patients to Northcare services

### **COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS:**

Emergency room providers, community health workers, Northcare Behavioral Health Services, Trolley Services



## Prioritized Need #3: Access to Healthy Food

### GOAL:

Increase access to healthy food for patients facing food insecurity.





# Prioritized Need #3: Food Insecurity

## Program 1 of 2: Medically Tailored Meals Program

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Mercy Hospital Logan County will collaborate with a local food vendor to provide medically tailored meals to patients facing food insecurity who also have diabetes or coronary artery disease (CAD).

### **ACTIONS THE HOSPITAL INTENDS TO TAKE TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH NEED:**

Collaborate with a local community-based resource to provide medically tailored meals and work with hospital dietitians to help support this work.

Screen and refer patients to the program via primary care and community health workers.

Distribute food to patients enrolled in the program.

### **ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF THESE ACTIONS (OBJECTIVES):**

Patients will gain improved nutrition and ability to select healthy, cost-effective foods.

Fewer patients facing food insecurity and health problems due to diabetes and/or coronary artery disease.

Lower hospital admissions related to complications from diabetes and/or CAD

### **PLAN TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT:**

Track the number of patients referred to and enrolled in the program.

Track hospital admissions for enrolled patients.

Track food insecurity via regular health related social needs screenings.

### **PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THE HOSPITAL PLANS TO COMMIT:**

A referral mechanism to refer patients to various programs embedded in electronic health record (EPIC)

Community Health Worker support for resource connection

Space to store and distribute food.

### **COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS:**

Opportunities Inc., local food pantries Integrated Health and Social Care, Oklahoma Hospital Association



# Prioritized Need #3: Food Insecurity

## Program 2 of 2: Community Collaborations and Support

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Mercy Hospital Logan County has several programs combating food insecurity. Utilizing the community health worker assigned to assist the patients from Logan County and surrounding counties, the hospital will refer patients to these collaborative programs to help patients gain access to food.

### **ACTIONS THE HOSPITAL INTENDS TO TAKE TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH NEED:**

Collaborate with a local community-based resource to provide medically tailored meals and work with hospital dietitians to help support this work.

Screen and refer patients to the program via primary care and community health workers.

Distribute meals to those facing food insecurity that are homebound via the Meals on Wheels program

Conduct an annual food drive to benefit children in Guthrie school district.

Provide meals to individuals and groups receiving therapy three times each week at Mercy Hospital Logan County.

### **ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF THESE ACTIONS (OBJECTIVES):**

Patients will gain improved nutrition and ability to select healthy, cost-effective foods.

Fewer patients facing food insecurity and health problems due to diabetes and/or coronary artery disease.

### **PLAN TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT:**

Track the number of patients referred to various service supporting patients with food insecurity

Track number of patients and community members served through other programs.

### **PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THE HOSPITAL PLANS TO COMMIT:**

A referral mechanism to refer patients to various programs embedded in electronic health record (EPIC)

Community Health Worker support for resource connection

Caregiver time to support food drive

### **COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS:**

Guthrie Public Schools, Opportunities Inc., local food pantries Integrated Health and Social Care, Oklahoma Hospital Association



## Prioritized Need #4: Diabetes Management

### GOAL:

Improve diabetes control and management for patients with diabetes.



# Prioritized Need #4: Diabetes Management

## Program 1 of 2: Medically Tailored Meals + Dietician Support

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Mercy Hospital Logan County will pilot a medically tailored meals program in collaboration with a local food vendor/community partner to provide medically tailored meals to patients facing food insecurity who also have diabetes or coronary artery disease (CAD). The hospital will also provide outpatient dietician support for those enrolled in the program.

### ACTIONS THE HOSPITAL INTENDS TO TAKE TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH NEED:

Collaborate with local food vendor/community partner to provide meals.  
Hire a registered dietician to support the patients enrolled in the program.

### ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF THESE ACTIONS (OBJECTIVES):

Patients will have better control and management of diabetes and related issues.  
Patients will follow up with their PCP appropriately to help manage their diabetes.  
Patients will be less likely to be admitted to the hospital for diabetes or related health issues.  
Patients will have more healthy food options without the associated cost for the duration of the program.

### PLAN TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT:

Track the number of patients referred and enrolled in the program  
Track and evaluate blood sugar results.  
Monitor improvements and progress of each patient that attends program.  
Evaluate understanding of healthy eating for those that accept dietician services.

### PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THE HOSPITAL PLANS TO COMMIT:

Registered dietician  
Community Health Worker to help with referrals and community resources  
Space for dietician appointments  
Space for medically tailored meals to be stored and distributed.

### COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS:

Community partner or food vendor, Mercy operations leaders, Integrated Health and Social Care team members and leaders, Oklahoma Hospital Association



# Prioritized Need #4: Diabetes Management

## Program 2 of 2: Diabetes Education and Management Class

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality (OMFQ) and Mercy Hospital Logan County will partner to provide diabetes education classes to patients with diabetes who need additional support with managing their health.

### ACTIONS THE HOSPITAL INTENDS TO TAKE TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH NEED:

Collaborate with OMFQ to implement classes

Provide outpatient dietician services for those enrolled in the management class.

### ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF THESE ACTIONS (OBJECTIVES):

Patients will have better control and management of diabetes and related issues.

Patients will follow up with their PCP appropriately to help manage their diabetes.

Patients will be less likely to be admitted to the hospital for diabetes or related health issues.

Patients will have more healthy food options without the associated cost for the duration of the program.

### PLAN TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT:

Track the number of patients referred and enrolled in the program

Track and evaluate blood sugar results.

Monitor improvements and progress of each patient that attends program.

Evaluate understanding of healthy eating for those that accept dietician services.

### PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THE HOSPITAL PLANS TO COMMIT:

Registered dietician

Community Health Worker to help with referrals and community resources

Space for class to be held at the hospital or virtual platform to hold class

### COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS:

OFMQ, Mercy operations leaders, Integrated Health and Social Care team members and leaders, Oklahoma Hospital Association

# Other Community Health Programs

Mercy Hospital Logan County conducts other community health programs not linked to a specific prioritized health need. These programs address a community health need and meet at least one of the following community benefit objectives: improve access to health care services, enhance the health of the community, advance medical or health care knowledge or relieve or reduce government burden to improve health. The need for these programs was identified through documentation of demonstrated community need, a request from a public health agency or community group, or the involvement of an unrelated, collaborative tax-exempt or government organization as partners in the activity or program carried out for the express purpose of improving community health. Although this is not an exhaustive list, many of these programs are listed on the next page.

*Other Community Health Programs (Continued)*

Community Benefit Category	Program	Outcomes Tracked
Community Health Improvement Services		
Health Professions Education		
	Health professions student education nursing, imaging, therapy, pharmacy, medical student, lab, emergency medical technician and advanced practice nursing	



*Other Community Health Programs (Continued)*

Community Benefit Category	Program	Outcomes Tracked
Financial & In-Kind Contributions	Community Building -Cash/In-kind Contributions	
Community Building	Coalition Building/Board Memberships	
Health Care Support Services	340B Program	



# Significant Health Needs Not Being Addressed

In any case of prioritization, there will be some areas of needs that are identified that are not chosen as a priority. Because MHK has limited resources, not every community need will be addressed. Throughout the CHNA process, the following need arose as a community concern. However, it will not be addressed as a top priority because other organizations are more appropriate to address this need.

- **Lack of Space for Physical Activity**

While providers will continue to stress the importance of physical activity, and leaders will engage with community partners working to solve for the issue of lack of space for physical activity, Mercy Logan County Hospital will not focus on space for physical activity during this improvement plan cycle due to the selected needs being of greater concern to the community and Mercy patients.

- **Transportation**

Mercy works with local partners such as the Guthrie Trolley system to provide tokens for patients with transportation barriers who need to get to and from their medical appointment. Mercy Community Health Workers also connect patients to other available transportation resources when a referral is received, For these reasons, Mercy Logan County will not centrally focus on transportation as a priority during this implementation cycle.

# Now What

## Next Steps

After carefully reviewing the data and mapping existing resources, MHLC is developing an implementation plan with evidence-based strategies. The plan will be submitted to a committee of appointed members from Mercy Hospital Logan County, for their approval. The final version of the CHNA and Implementation Plan will be available to the public on the Mercy Hospital Logan County website, [www.mercy.net/communitybenefits](http://www.mercy.net/communitybenefits).



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