

Cheyenne County Hospital

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: Cheyenne County Hospital Administrator

DATE: 12 March 15

SUBJECT: 2014 COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. A Community Health Needs Assessment was concluded in December of 2014. Following a survey of 439 respondents, and in conjunction with a community-wide healthcare town hall meeting, several community health needs emerged. Of note, the top five categories of healthcare priorities in the community were: 1.) Access to Healthcare/Transportation 2.) Mental Health 3.) Cost/Financial Base 4.) Prevention 5.) Community Services. Unique to Cheyenne County was the identification of Mental Health needs in the community with 27% of all respondents reporting having been bothered in the past year by emotional issues such as anxiousness or depression; furthermore, over half of those surveyed felt mental health services should be available within 30 minutes of their home. When asked to stratify health issues facing the county, complimentary results were observed. Stratified health issues in Cheyenne County included: 1.) Aging 2.) Obesity 3.) Mental Health 4.) Cancer and 5.) Heart Disease. Identifying the consistency with which mental health was recognized as a significant community need CCH made it a priority to establish mental health services locally one time per week; a clinic renovation effort was recently concluded which, among other things, added an office for mental health to the facility and High Plains Mental Health began providing counseling services on 11 March 2015.

Furthermore, a need for the following specialties was identified: endocrinology, oncology, hematology and orthopedics; in sum, 301 individuals in '12-'13 were seen outside Cheyenne County for services not offered at CCH. While it is recognized that Cheyenne County does not have the population to support access to every healthcare specialty, it is our intent to offer monthly access to the aforementioned services when feasible. Specifically, it is the aim of CCH to provide contractually at least two of these specialties locally by year's end.

Finally, the CHNA reinforced the fact that Cheyenne County has an aging population; in fact, by the end of 2015 it is estimated that over 30% of Cheyenne County residents will be 65 years of age or older. To this end, CCH will continue to make care of the elderly a top priority and has worked diligently to ensure a progressive lens is applied to the aging services offered at CCH. Cheyenne County Hospital has applied for numerous grants aimed at, among other things, partnering with local EMS entities to reduce the number of unnecessary elderly admissions. With access to these grant monies, CCH will be able to establish a model by which in-home care is provided to, among others, our county's most vulnerable elderly patients. Beyond endeavors dependent upon grant funds, Cheyenne County Clinic began in 2014 its pursuit of a level III PCMH accreditation; attaining this accreditation will greatly enhance not only the continuity of care provided for our elderly patients but the overall quality of care extended to all patrons.

2. For expanded results of the survey, see attachment A. Questions regarding the survey can be directed to myself at (785) 332-2104.

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Cheyenne County Hospital, CEO