# STRATEGY REPORT

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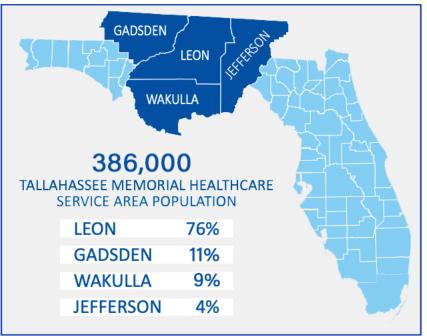
## Introduction

Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare (TMH) located in Tallahassee, FL is a private, not-for-profit community healthcare system committed to transforming care, advancing health and improving lives with an ultimate vision to be known as the most engaged and supportive organization in America. TMH is comprised of a 772-bed acute care hospital, a psychiatric hospital, multiple specialty care centers, three residency programs, 38 affiliated physician practices and partnerships with Doctors' Memorial Hospital, Weems Memorial Hospital, Calhoun-Liberty Hospital, Florida State University, Wolfson Children's Hospital, Apalachee Center, Big Bend Hospice and Radiology Associates. TMH is a key anchor institution focusing on improving the health of the communities we serve. With ongoing dedication to the health of our region, we advance care through clinical services, medical education, research and community health investments. The purpose of this Implementation Strategy is to describe what Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare plans to do to address the community health needs identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), published September 29, 2022. It is our intention to work diligently with stakeholders and partners to address as many of the complex health needs identified as possible with the greatest community impact.

# **Community Served**

Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare's primary service area, comprised of Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon and Wakulla counties, has a total population greater than 386,000, according to the most recent American Community Survey by the United States Census Bureau. Seventysix percent of the population lives in Leon County, with Gadsden, Wakulla and Jefferson counties comprising 11%, 9% and 4%, respectively. The four counties differ greatly in age, race, socioeconomic status and health outcomes of residents. Please visit TMH.ORG/CHNA to view the full report.

Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare is based in Tallahassee, the core city in the Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which is made up of the four counties that comprise TMH's primary service area. The Tallahassee MSA is in Florida's Big Bend region, which stretches across northern Florida from the Aucilla River westward to the Apalachicola River, encompassing St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and the Apalachicola National Forest. Leon County is bordered to the south by Wakulla County and to the east by Jefferson County.



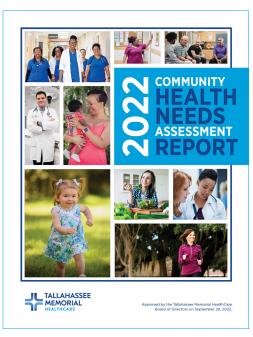
Gadsden County lies to the west and, like both Leon and Jefferson counties, is bordered to the north by southwest Georgia. Jefferson and Wakulla counties are on the Gulf of Mexico and their landscapes include salt marshes and oyster reefs, as well as a mix of agricultural land, hardwood and pine forests, lakes, swamps and freshwater springs that characterize much of the region.

Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare determined the definition and scope of the community served by assessing the geographic area representing 80% of its inpatient discharges and outpatient services (ambulatory surgery services). For this CHNA, the defined service area includes Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon and Wakulla counties. These counties comprised nearly 80% of Tallahassee Memorial's annual patient volume from 2019 to 2021, with Leon County alone accounting for almost 55% of patient volume. (Data Source: Agency for Healthcare Administration, Florida Inpatient State Data)

The target populations for TMH's CHNA project consist of the following groups: low-income individuals, uninsured and under-insured individuals, populations with barriers to accessing healthcare and other necessary resources, populations living with chronic diseases and minority groups facing significant health disparities. Partners and stakeholders were engaged to assist in reaching these target populations because barriers such as transportation, language, literacy, health and financial situation may limit participation.

# **Community Health Improvement Process**

### **Community Health Needs Assessment**



Tallahassee Memorial's Community Health Needs Assessments are community-driven projects. The success of the CHNAs is highly dependent on the involvement of citizens, health and human service agencies, businesses and community leaders. The TMH CHNA Advisory Committee directed the planning and execution of the CHNA process and activities. The assessment included primary and secondary data collection, analysis and prioritization of significant health needs.

Community partner and stakeholder collaborations were essential in distributing and collecting community health surveys and soliciting valuable input through health department groups. The partners and stakeholders consist of health and human service agency leaders, persons with special knowledge of or expertise in public health, local health departments and leaders/representatives of those who are medically underserved, people with chronic

diseases, and low-income and minority populations. The CHNA Advisory Committee invited partners and stakeholders to attend both the CHNA Community Health Partners Meeting in May 2022 and the Prioritization of Needs Meeting.

The TMH Board of Directors approved the 2022 CHNA on September 25, 2022. Please visit TMH.ORG/CHNA to view the final report.

## **Significant Health Needs of the Community**

Compared to the findings of the 2019 CHNA, the 2022 CHNA shows that there remain vast and distinct disparities for community members based on locality of residence (both county and specific neighborhoods/areas), age and race/ethnicity. Disparities in the social determinants of health – including higher poverty rates, lower academic attainment rates and higher unemployment rates – are more evident in Gadsden and Jefferson counties, compared to Leon and Wakulla counties and statewide averages.

Like the 2019 CHNA survey, the 2022 CHNA data continues to reveal that residents of all four counties report high rates of missed activities due to poor physical and/or mental health days. Adult obesity rates in all four counties exceed the state average. Fewer than 20% of adults are eating the recommended fruit and vegetable servings per day and well below half of Community Health Survey (CHS) respondents reported meeting minimum physical activity recommendations in all four counties.

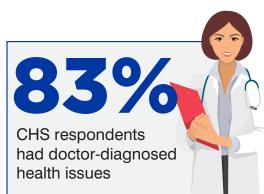
# **HEART DISEASE**

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Leon, Wakulla and Gadsden counties. The mortality rate due to heart disease in Wakulla County is 46% higher than Florida's rate Heart disease is the leading cause of death in all counties except Jefferson County, where cancer is the leading cause of death. The mortality rate due to heart disease in Wakulla County is notably higher than the rate of the other counties and the state. Cancer was the second leading cause of death in the primary service area for Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla counties.

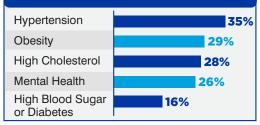
Half of CHS respondents indicated they were not able to access healthcare services when needed and cited cost, wait times, scheduling constraints and lack of convenient appointment times as barriers to care.

Reported preventive health screening rates were also notably lower among Black or African American respondents. In women between ages 40 and 75 who had a mammogram in the past one to two years, almost 20% fewer Black or African American respondents reported having the screening compared to White respondents. Colon cancer screening rates showed a similar disparity with a more than 20% gap between screening rates of Black or African American respondents and White respondents.

Eighty-three percent of CHS respondents had doctordiagnosed health issues. The five most prevalent health conditions reported were hypertension (35%), obesity or overweight (29%), high cholesterol (28%), mental health problems such as depression and anxiety (26%) and high blood sugar or diabetes (16%).



#### **TOP 5** HEALTH CONDITIONS



Partners and stakeholders cited lack of transportation, poverty, high cost of medical services or prescriptions, lack of or insufficient health insurance and limited health literacy as the top five major barriers to the populations they serve. The Community Stakeholder Survey also indicated a significant portion of the populations served experience discrimination, specifically racism, resulting in a negative impact on health outcomes due to denial of services or mismanagement of care.

To prioritize change, partners and stakeholders indicated strategies to address access to care, cost of care, health equity challenges and health education, which aim to reduce barriers to health and close gaps in care in the communities served. By meeting communities and individuals where they are, targeting at-risk communities and providing more cost-effective healthcare, healthcare and health services providers may be able to drive improvements in community health more effectively.

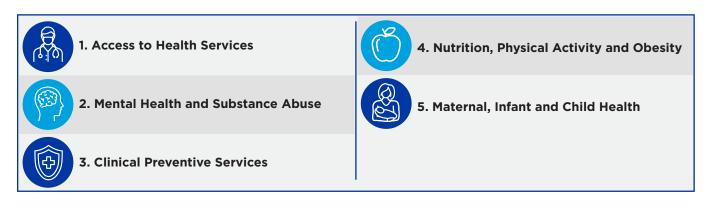
## Significant Health Needs to be Addressed

On May 24, 2022, the CHNA Advisory Committee, partners and stakeholders participated in an interactive exercise to identify the greatest needs in the service area based on the primary and secondary data presented. Over 70 people attended the meeting and participated in the exercise. The top five significant needs that emerged from this meeting include:

- 1. Access to Health Services
- 2. Mental Health
- 3. Preventive Health Services
- 4. Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity
- 5. Substance Abuse

The top needs from the prioritization exercise mirrored those identified by community members in the Community Health Survey. Participants were also asked if they considered maternal, infant and child health services a need that should also be addressed and 100% of respondents agreed.

The CHNA Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed the results of the priority rankings and TMH's Mission, Vision and Strategic Plan. After this review and discussion, the CHNA Advisory Committee recommended the following final priorities:



## **Implementation Strategy Development**

The TMH CHNA Implementation Strategy Steering Committee, along with committee members from the designated priority areas, developed this Implementation Strategy document and plan based on a full review of the CHNA data, significant health needs to be addressed, existing programs and services, and gaps in care/services. The committee attended strategic planning sessions beginning September 2022. The Implementation Strategy Development was guided by the TMH CHNA Advisory Committee. The following team members participated in the Implementation Strategy development:

#### Advisory Committee

#### Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare CHNA Advisory Committee

- Committee Lead: Afaf Qasem, Director of Health Promotion
- Committee Lead (until 2/15/2022): Melissa Dancer, Director of Health Promotion
- Committee Co-Lead (until October 2022): Nate Myers, Director of Strategy and Business Planning

#### **Committee Members**

- Lauren Faison-Clark, Administrator of Regional Development, Population Health and Telemedicine
- Bob Carton, Director of Employee Assistance Program
- Russ Cole, MD, Faculty Physician, Family Practice Residency Program
- Maria Andrews, MD, Faculty Physician, Family Practice Residency Program
- Rachel Francis, Controller
- Jenny Lannom, Director of Spiritual Care
- Mary Matthews, Corporate Compliance and Privacy Officer
- Greg Salyer, Public Relations/Communications Strategist
- Paige Stewart, Child Health Educator/Safe Kids Big Bend Coordinator
- Kelly Leffler, Population Health Manager
- Destiney Burt, Public Relations/Communications Strategist

#### **Steering Committee**

- Afaf Qasem, Director of Health Promotion
- Nate Myers, Director of Strategy and Business Planning (through October 2022)
- Kelly Leffler, Manager of Population Health
- Lauren Faison-Clark, Administrator of Regional Development, Population Health and Telemedicine

#### **Committee Leads and Members of Each Health Priority Area**

#### 1. Access to Health Services

#### Leads

- Jared Cotton, Assistant Director of Health Information Management, Medical Records
- Faith Cruz, Director of Clinical Services, TMH Physician Partners
- Justin Sharpe, Physician Recruiter

#### Members

- Ashley Duke, Nurse Practitioner, TMH Physician Partners Primary Care in Quincy
- Kristen Booker, Director of Business Development, Marketing and Communications
- Paul MacFarlane, MD, Chief Resident Physician, Family Medicine Residency Program
- Amanda Maxwell, Physician Assistant, TMH Physician Partners Hospital-Based Care
- Amre Ghiba, Project Manager, Project Management Office

#### 2. Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity

#### Leads

- Cierra Mathis, Clinical Dietitian, Metabolic Health Center
- Dawn Springs, Director, Metabolic Health Center
- Tonya Little, Program Development & Communications Strategist, Premier Health & Fitness Center

#### Members

- Amy Jacobs, Dietitian, Metabolic Health Center
- Karin D'Amico, Nurse Practitioner, Metabolic Health Center
- Todd DelCalzo, Executive Director, Premier Health & Fitness Center
- Christine Morse, Fitness Coordinator, Premier Health & Fitness Center
- Stephen Smith, Clinical Nutrition Manager, Food and Nutrition Department

#### 3. Clinical Preventive Services

#### Leads

- Tammy Boisseau, Quality Assurance Coordinator, Practice Management
- Corban Duggar, Quality Assurance Coordinator, Practice Management

#### Members

- Shewanda Sanders, Practice Manager, TMH Physician Partners Primary Care in Quincy
- Tamara MetCalf, Practice Manager, TMH Physician Partners Primary Care in Wakulla
- Tsige Tadesse, Quality Assurance Manager, Family Medicine Residency Program
- Regina Campbell, Lean Six Sigma Advisor, Organizational Improvement
- Tracey Holleman, Director of Digital Strategy, Marketing and Communications
- Maria Andrews, MD, Faculty Physician, Family Medicine Residency Program

#### 4. Maternal, Infant and Child Health

#### Leads

- Kim Outlaw, Administrator, Women's and Children's Services
- Sherry Kendrick, Manager of Outpatient Education and Community Service
- Paige Stewart, Child Health Educator, Population Health Department

#### Members

- Breanna Darnell, Social Worker, Family Medicine Residency Program
- Hope Richards, Lactation Consultant, Family Care Unit
- Miriam Gurniak, Certified Nurse Midwife, Family Medicine Residency Program
- Millie Bruce, Nurse, Family Medicine Residency Program

#### 5. Mental Health and Substance Abuse

#### Leads

- Heather Lincicome, Administrator, Behavioral Health Center and Chief Liaison Officer, Apalachee Center
- Jay Reeve, CEO, Apalachee Center
- Mary Matthews, Corporate Compliance Officer and Health Information Management (HIM) Executive

#### Members

- Sue Conger, Chief of Operations, Apalachee Center
- Amberly Smith, Improvement Advisor, Apalachee Center
- Andrea Brooks-Tucker, Director of Inpatient Services, Behavioral Health Center
- Jamesica Perry, Nurse Manager, Behavioral Health Center
- Lindy Burnett, Improvement Advisor, Behavioral Health Center
- Kenneth Speights, Manager of Social Work, Behavioral Health Center
- Leanne Adkins, Director of Project Management, Project Management Office

# Fiscal Years 2023 – 2025 CHNA Implementation Strategy

## Priority Area: Access to Health Services

- 1. Decrease barriers to access healthcare
- 2. Provide more flexible and accessible options to access healthcare

| Strategy  | Target Population   | Activities  | Expected Outcomes  | Partners or<br>Collaborative<br>Interests   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| Increase utilization<br>of telemedicine   | Persons with diabetes<br>living in rural areas of<br>Gadsden, Jefferson and<br>Wakulla counties | Provide telemedicine<br>visits with diabetes<br>educators   | Increase number of telemedicine visits with a diabetes educator  | Tallahassee Memorial<br>Metabolic Health Center<br>Rural ambulatory clinics   |
|   | Residents of Leon<br>County experiencing<br>homelessness  | Providing telemedicine<br>services to address<br>immediate healthcare<br>needs  | Increase access to<br>non-emergent care as<br>measured by the number<br>of telemedicine clinic<br>visits completed at the<br>Kearney Center  | The Kearney Center<br>Connecting Everyone<br>with Second Chances<br>(CESC)<br>Apalachee Center<br>Leon County Emergency<br>Services |
|   | Patients of TMH's<br>inpatient, outpatient and<br>ambulatory clinics                            | Create a<br>multidisciplinary<br>Telemedicine Advisory<br>Board   | Develop superusers and<br>standardize and improve<br>workflows<br>Evaluate technology to<br>improve functionality<br>Increase total number of<br>meetings<br>Increase telemedicine<br>utilization  | TMH Physician Partners<br>TMH Population Health/<br>Regional Development  |
| Increase access to<br>healthcare services<br>for residents of<br>Wakulla County and<br>32304 ZIP code | Residents of Wakulla<br>County and 32304 ZIP<br>code  | Develop an Urgent Care<br>Center that will be more<br>accessible to residents<br>of Wakulla County and<br>32304 ZIP code<br>Offer extended hours<br>through Urgent Care<br>Centers and walk-in<br>clinics | Increase in number of<br>residents from 32304<br>and Wakulla County<br>utilizing TMH's Urgent<br>Care Centers<br>Decrease in number of<br>residents from 32304<br>and Wakulla County<br>utilizing TMH's ERs<br>Increase volume of<br>same-day appointments | TMH Ambulatory Care<br>Leon County Health<br>Department<br>Residents of 32304<br>TMH Physician Partners<br>in Wakulla               |

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| Strategy   | Target Population                        | Activities   | Expected Outcomes  | Partners or<br>Collaborative<br>Interests  |  |
| Improve access to<br>transportation to<br>medically related<br>services            | Vulnerable<br>populations                | Establish additional<br>programs/services to<br>reduce transportation<br>barriers and<br>increase affordable<br>transportation options   | Increase number<br>of rides available<br>for vulnerable<br>populations<br>Decrease cost per ride                     | Rideshare providers,<br>taxi companies<br>TMH Foundation<br>211 Big Bend   |  |
| Evaluate<br>disparities to<br>address and<br>identify existing<br>gaps in services | TMH's primary service<br>area            | Collaborate with<br>TMH's Diversity,<br>Equity and Inclusion<br>(DEI) Council<br>to develop and<br>implement project<br>"assessment"<br>questions related to<br>diversity, equity and<br>inclusion (DEI)<br>Develop a standard<br>to review data<br>through an equity<br>lens for the reporting<br>of race, ethnicity, age,<br>language (REAL), ZIP<br>code and county data. | Reduction in health<br>disparities among<br>target populations<br>Identify health<br>disparities and gaps<br>in care | FSU College of<br>Medicine<br>TMH's DEI Council  |  |
| Improve health<br>literacy related<br>to access to<br>healthcare                   | TMH's primary service<br>area            | Collaborate with<br>stakeholders to<br>develop multi-<br>lingual educational<br>resources to help<br>patients navigate the<br>healthcare system  | Increased availability<br>of educational<br>resources in different<br>languages                                      | Local Health<br>Departments<br>International Rescue<br>Committee<br>Federally Qualified<br>Health Centers<br>(FQHCs)<br>TMH Patient<br>Experience, Corporate<br>Compliance and<br>Marketing<br>City of Tallahassee<br>Neighborhood Affairs |  |

## Priority Area: Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity

- 1. Increase access to nutritious food
- 2. Increase fruit and vegetable consumption
- 3. Increase participation in physical activity
- 4. Increase water consumption and decrease sugar-sweetened beverage consumption

| Strategy  | Target Population                                  | Activities   | Expected Outcomes   | Partners or<br>Collaborative<br>Interests   |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| Educate<br>and support<br>elementary<br>school students in<br>increasing water<br>consumption<br>(and decreasing<br>sugar-sweetened<br>beverage<br>consumption) | Children in Title 1<br>schools                     | Implement Happy<br>Hydrators curriculum<br>and supply water<br>bottles in one<br>additional school per<br>year<br>Improve water<br>consumption in target<br>population (children)<br>Evaluate the need<br>to supply Hydration<br>Stations at schools<br>at an additional two<br>schools per year | Improve water<br>consumption and<br>decrease sugar-<br>sweetened beverage<br>consumption in target<br>population (children) | Leon County Schools,<br>Title 1 schools<br>TMH Foundation   |
| Support and<br>promote<br>community<br>walking programs   | General population                                 | Develop walking<br>program(s) focusing<br>on free and accessible<br>local options<br>Expand local<br>opportunities into<br>four counties   | Promote free,<br>accessible outdoor<br>physical activity<br>options<br>Increase physical<br>activity levels of<br>residents | MOVE Tallahassee<br>Premier Health<br>& Fitness Center<br>and other fitness<br>centers or wellness<br>organizations<br>Trail and running<br>organizations |
| Educate and<br>support low-<br>income families<br>in increasing fruit<br>and vegetable<br>consumption<br>at local farmers<br>markets                            | Low-income families<br>(target ZIP code:<br>32304) | Partner with Second<br>Harvest of the<br>Big Bend to offer<br>SNAP-Ed at farmers<br>markets located in<br>underserved areas (in<br>four counties)  | Increase in education<br>offered at farmers<br>markets  | Community<br>stakeholders (i.e.,<br>county residents,<br>Frenchtown<br>and Southside<br>community)<br>Second Harvest of the<br>Big Bend                   |

| Priority Area: Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity   |  |   |   |  |  |
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| Strategy  | Target Population  | Activities  | Expected Outcomes   | Partners or<br>Collaborative<br>Interests  |  |
| Increase access to<br>nutritious food by<br>addressing food<br>insecurity in the<br>Big Bend region | Employees and<br>community members<br>in the Big Bend region | Implement food<br>insecurity intervention<br>(nutrition and<br>financial planning<br>education) through<br>TMH's Employee<br>Assistance Program<br>Implement<br>community-based<br>seminars in TMH's<br>primary service area<br>(Leon, Gadsden,<br>Wakulla and Jefferson<br>counties)<br>Conduct one<br>community food<br>security summit<br>Recruit dietetic<br>and social work<br>student interns to<br>provide education to<br>participants of grant<br>intervention | <ul> <li>150 employees<br/>over four years<br/>will graduate from<br/>program with skills<br/>on navigating food<br/>insecurity</li> <li>Community members<br/>will attend six<br/>seminars a year over<br/>four years; 720 total<br/>seats</li> <li>Number of seminars<br/>conducted in the four<br/>counties</li> <li>Two community<br/>summits conducted</li> <li>Five dietetic students<br/>and 3-5 social work<br/>students recruited<br/>each semester</li> </ul> | UF/IFAS Extension<br>Office<br>TMH's Employee<br>Assistance Program<br>FL Blue Foundation<br>TMH Foundation<br>Sodexo<br>Community<br>stakeholders/partners<br>Florida State<br>University |  |

## **Priority Area: Mental Health and Substance Abuse**

- 1. Expand prevention and support services for emotional and social wellbeing
- 2. Increase awareness and skills to assist individuals experiencing mental health or substance use-related crisis
- 3. Raise public awareness of issues and resources

| Strategy  | Target Population | Activities  | Expected Outcomes  | Partners or<br>Collaborative<br>Interests  |
|---|-------------------|---|--|--|
| Improve access<br>to community-<br>based, preventive<br>emotional and<br>social wellbeing<br>services | Community members | Partnership with the<br>Apalachee Center<br>and Bethel Missionary<br>Baptist Church<br>(servicing individuals<br>residing in 32304<br>ZIP code and the<br>Frenchtown area) to<br>provide outpatient<br>mental health services | Increase in<br>the number of<br>participants each year   | Apalachee Center<br>Bethel Missionary<br>Baptist Church<br>TMH's Behavioral<br>Health Center |
|   |                   | Establish Intensive<br>Outpatient Program<br>in 2023, providing<br>treatment for co-<br>occurring mental<br>health and substance<br>use disorders   | Establish baseline<br>participation<br>with increase in<br>the number of<br>participants each year |  |
|   |                   | Establish Partial<br>Hospitalization<br>Program in 2025,<br>providing intensive<br>treatment for co-<br>occurring mental<br>health and substance<br>uses disorders  | Establish baseline<br>participation<br>with increase in<br>the number of<br>participants each year |  |
|   |                   | Expand individual<br>child and adult<br>psychotherapy<br>and medication<br>management services<br>(virtual and in-<br>person)   | Establish baseline<br>participation<br>with increase in<br>the number of<br>participants each year |  |
|   |                   | Expand Florida<br>Assertive Community<br>Treatment Team<br>(FACT) into Gadsden<br>and Wakulla Counties  | Establish baseline<br>participation<br>with increase in<br>the number of<br>participants each year |  |
|   |                   | Expand referrals to<br>NAVIGATE program<br>Implement Bradley<br>REACH Program at<br>Apalachee Center's  | Establish baseline<br>participation<br>with increase in<br>the number of<br>participants each year |  |
|   |                   | Virtual Adolescent<br>Partial Hospitalization<br>and Intensive<br>Outpatient programs   | participants each year   |  |

| Priority Area: Mental Health and Substance Abuse  |  |  |   |   |
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| Strategy  | Target Population                                | Activities   | Expected Outcomes   | Partners or<br>Collaborative<br>Interests                       |
| Improve<br>community<br>members'<br>knowledge and<br>skills to assist<br>individuals in<br>crisis and connect<br>to mental health<br>services           | Target vulnerable<br>population based on<br>need | Collaborate with<br>organizations and<br>other community<br>groups to offer Mental<br>Health First Aid<br>(adult/adolescent)<br>for all surrounding<br>counties  | Increase in two<br>classes offered each<br>year   | Apalachee Center<br>TMH's Behavioral<br>Health Center           |
| Participate in<br>Mental Health<br>Council (MHC) of<br>the Big Bend   | Community<br>stakeholders,<br>providers          | The aim of the MHC is<br>to foster an evidence-<br>based approach to<br>determine needs and<br>solutions to mental<br>health and substance<br>abuse and to provide<br>a think tank for<br>stakeholders in this<br>region | Attendance at 90%<br>of monthly Mental<br>Health Council<br>meetings<br>Attendance and<br>participation in the<br>"Be Kind to Your<br>Mind" annual event  | Apalachee Center<br>TMH's Behavioral<br>Health Center           |
| Expand education<br>and services<br>available through<br>TMH's Employee<br>Assistance<br>Program (EAP)<br>and Behavioral<br>Health Center               | Community<br>stakeholders                        | Organize and execute<br>education for<br>stakeholders on how<br>to access resources<br>provided through the<br>Employee Assistance<br>Program and the<br>Behavioral Health<br>Center                                     | Develop educational<br>materials and focused<br>education on EAP<br>and behavioral health<br>programming<br>Develop and<br>disseminate monthly<br>leadership newsletters<br>for EAP community<br>stakeholders | TMH's EAP<br>TMH's Behavioral<br>Health Center<br>TMH Marketing |
| Expand Critical<br>Incident Stress<br>Management<br>(CISM) program<br>and services<br>available to<br>community<br>stakeholders to<br>support wellbeing | EAP contract<br>stakeholders                     | Continue expansion<br>of CISM program<br>into community and<br>stakeholders  | Offer at least three<br>CISM debriefings<br>Members of CISM<br>team will meet<br>quarterly  | TMH's EAP<br>TMH's Behavioral<br>Health Center                  |

## **Priority Area: Clinical Preventive Services**

## Long-Term Goal:

1. Increase community awareness of preventive health services, including their purpose and how to access them

| Strategy   | Target Population | Activities  | Expected Outcomes  | Partners or<br>Collaborative<br>Interests |
|--|-------------------|---|--|---|
| Assess and<br>intervene on social<br>determinants of<br>health (SDOH) -<br>transportation,<br>housing, utilities,<br>food and safety | All TMH patients  | Begin assessing SDOH<br>in both inpatient<br>and ambulatory care<br>settings<br>Develop and<br>implement an<br>intervention plan for<br>each SDOH assessed<br>Assess the utilization<br>of a software<br>solution to connect<br>with community<br>partners on SDOH<br>interventions | Screening: TMH's<br>systems (Cerner and<br>AllScripts) will be able<br>to report the total<br>number of patients<br>assessed for SDOH<br>Reporting: The<br>systems (Cerner and<br>AllScripts) will be able<br>to report the number<br>of positive screenings<br>for each SDOH<br>and interventions<br>provided<br>Interventions: The<br>group will identify<br>evidence-based<br>intervention strategies<br>and/or referrals<br>to community<br>organizations to<br>address the SDOH<br>needs identified<br>during screening<br>Communication:<br>Members of the<br>patient's care team<br>will be able to see<br>the outcome of<br>community-based<br>referrals/interventions | 211 Big Bend                              |

| Priority Area: Clinical Preventive Services  |                   |  |  |  |
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| Strategy   | Target Population | Activities   | Expected Outcomes  | Partners or<br>Collaborative<br>Interests  |
| Increase education<br>and access to<br>clinical preventive<br>services<br>associated with<br>low compliance<br>Healthcare<br>Effectiveness Data<br>& Information Set<br>(HEDIS) Measures<br>Focus areas may<br>include but are<br>not limited to:<br>Colon Cancer<br>Screening,<br>Diabetic Retinal<br>Eye Exams,<br>Diabetic A1C<br>Control | Community members | Complete three<br>(evaluate number<br>pending marketing<br>availability) marketing<br>posts/publications<br>per year focused<br>on educating the<br>community on why<br>the screenings are<br>important and how to<br>access services<br>Employ a Rural Health<br>Network Marketing<br>Strategist; target<br>clinical preventive<br>services and access in<br>rural counties | Impact report for<br>each marketing post/<br>publication<br>a. Content Area<br>b. Focus<br>Population<br>c. Reach<br>d. Engagement<br>e. Marketing<br>Markers  | TMH Marketing<br>Local News Partners   |
| Complete a needs<br>assessment to<br>increase access to<br>targeted clinical<br>preventive services<br>in each of the four<br>CHNA counties  | Community members | Develop a needs<br>assessment tool<br>to determine the<br>availability of clinical<br>preventive services (and<br>associated follow-up<br>pathways) in each<br>CHNA county<br>Select at least one<br>clinical preventive<br>service per year to<br>develop a strategy<br>to increase access<br>(focus on underserved<br>populations)   | <ul> <li>Complete a needs<br/>assessment for access<br/>to clinical preventive<br/>services:</li> <li>1. Identify 5-10<br/>targeted clinical<br/>preventive<br/>services</li> <li>2. Develop a list<br/>of available<br/>resources in each<br/>county for each<br/>target population</li> <li>3. Compare<br/>population<br/>size, and any<br/>associated<br/>utilization data</li> <li>4. Determine areas<br/>of need for<br/>additional access</li> <li>5. Complete a<br/>Focused Strategic<br/>Plan to increase<br/>access to clinical<br/>preventive<br/>services in at least<br/>one focus area</li> </ul> | Diabetes Empowerment<br>and Smoking Cessation<br>– Big Bend AHEC<br>Infectious disease<br>screening and<br>treatment,<br>family planning,<br>immunizations, breast<br>and cervical cancer<br>screenings<br>County Health<br>Departments – Leon,<br>Gadsden, Jefferson and<br>Wakulla |

| Priority Area: Clinical Preventive Services   |                   |  |   |  |  |
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| Strategy  | Target Population | Activities   | Expected Outcomes   | Partners or<br>Collaborative<br>Interests  |  |
| Provide preventive<br>health education//<br>screening in TMH's<br>primary service<br>area | Community members | Compile a list<br>of current/past<br>community health<br>screening events with<br>TMH participation<br>Determine strategy<br>for selecting<br>with/engaging in<br>community requests<br>(focus on underserved<br>areas or targeted<br>disparities including<br>32304)<br>Create a consolidated<br>community calendar<br>with all outreach<br>events<br>Participate in at least<br>four community<br>events per year in<br>each of the counties<br>Develop a strategy<br>to increase<br>TMH colleague<br>participation<br>Develop new<br>partnerships<br>with community<br>organizations that<br>currently provide<br>clinical preventive<br>services | <ul> <li>Impact report for each event</li> <li>a. Date/Time</li> <li>b. Location</li> <li>c. Content Focus Area(s)</li> <li>d. Estimated Number of Participants Present</li> <li>e. Number of referrals to or screenings complete</li> <li>f. Number of events in community benefit reporting system</li> </ul> | TMH's Trauma Team<br>and Leon County EMS<br>- Operation Prom<br>Night<br>American Heart<br>Association - Heart<br>Walk<br>Southside Farmers<br>Market<br>TMH Marketing - Baby<br>& Family Fair<br>TMH Colleague Health |  |

## Priority Area: Maternal, Infant and Child Health

- 1. Improve maternal health literacy and multi-lingual educational resources available to patient population
- 2. Expand asthma-friendly education resources into community
- 3. Better connect new and expectant mothers with external resources

| Strategy  | Target Population                              | Activities   | Expected Outcomes  | Partners or<br>Collaborative<br>Interests  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Address need<br>for multi-lingual<br>educational<br>resources<br>among patient<br>populations<br>served by<br>the Women's<br>& Children's<br>Service Line to<br>address health<br>disparities among<br>underserved<br>communities | Women's and<br>Children's Services<br>patients | Work with Patient<br>Experience, Corporate<br>Compliance and<br>Marketing &<br>Communications to<br>expand hospital-wide<br>translation services (in<br>house or contract)<br>Work with other<br>healthcare facilities<br>and partners to<br>determine if they have<br>shareable resources in<br>other languages<br>Connect with DEI<br>Council concerning<br>lack of translated<br>materials and which<br>languages are top<br>priority for translation<br>Work with Women's<br>and Children's<br>Service Line leaders<br>to determine which<br>materials need to<br>be translated and<br>prioritize them | Increase number of<br>translated materials<br>for women's &<br>children's services<br>Identify healthcare<br>partners willing and<br>able to assist with<br>resources in other<br>languages (i.e.,<br>Wolfson Children's<br>Hospital)<br>DEI Council will<br>provide input and<br>feedback regarding<br>the plan and process<br>used<br>Several resources<br>will be identified and<br>translated based on<br>population needs<br>identified | Translation company<br>(Language Line)<br>TMH Patient<br>Experience, Corporate<br>Compliance and<br>Marketing<br>TMH's DEI Council<br>Wolfson Children's<br>Hospital                           |
| Create avenues to<br>increase education<br>related to asthma<br>management<br>among parents<br>and children   | Community members                              | Build targeted<br>outreach education<br>opportunities in the<br>community with focus<br>on education provided<br>in four counties (Leon,<br>Gadsden, Wakulla,<br>Jefferson)<br>Topics include:<br>supplies (inhalers/<br>spacers); how<br>to use them for<br>both parents and<br>children; education<br>on environmental<br>cleanliness  | Impact report for each<br>education opportunity<br>a. Content Area<br>b. Focus<br>Population<br>c. Reach<br>d. Engagement<br>e. Marketing<br>Markers   | Department of Health<br>School districts in<br>TMH's primary service<br>area<br>Wolfson Children's<br>Hospital<br>Physician groups<br>TMH's Respiratory<br>Therapy Department<br>Big Bend AHEC |

| Priority Area: Maternal, Infant and Child Health  |   |  |  |  |
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| Strategy  | Target Population   | Activities   | Expected Outcomes  | Partners or<br>Collaborative<br>Interests  |
| Increase smoking<br>cessation<br>education with<br>expectant and new<br>mothers admitted  | Expectant and new mothers admitted  | Explore current and<br>new approaches<br>utilized by Big Bend<br>AHEC to identify<br>expectant and new<br>mothers who need<br>smoking cessation<br>Identify referral<br>volume and explore<br>ways for outpatient/<br>ongoing smoking<br>cessation support<br>for new parents after<br>discharge<br>Educate staff on<br>smoking cessation to<br>educate patients<br>Develop new smoking<br>cessation materials<br>to be reviewed in<br>childbirth and baby<br>care classes<br>Work with<br>marketing team to<br>include smoking<br>cessation education<br>and resources<br>in pregnancy<br>and parenting<br>communications | Better understand<br>current processes and<br>identified approaches<br>Increase in number<br>of referrals and<br>education on<br>smoking cessation<br>through women's and<br>children's services<br>provided<br>Increase in number<br>of staff trained on<br>smoking cessation<br>Increase awareness<br>of the impacts of<br>smoking on parent/<br>child<br>Increase awareness<br>of the impacts of<br>smoking on parent/<br>child | Big Bend AHEC<br>Tobacco Free Florida<br>TMH Women and<br>Children's Services<br>TMH Marketing |
| Collaborate with<br>state Connect<br>Partner and local<br>resources to<br>address the gap<br>in connecting new<br>and expectant<br>mothers with<br>community<br>resources | New and expectant moms  | Work with Connect<br>Partner and Healthy<br>Start to place a<br>Connect Partner<br>representative in<br>hospital<br>Establish a plan to<br>improve enrollment<br>rate of patients who<br>are identified as high<br>risk to appropriate<br>community resources<br>such as SNAP, WIC,<br>transportation<br>services, etc.  | Increase in hospital's<br>rate of identified<br>high-risk new and<br>expectant mothers<br>connected with<br>community resources<br>available   | Connect Partner<br>TMH Women and<br>Children's Services<br>Healthy Start                       |
| Standardize<br>patient education<br>on sexual wellness<br>and perinatal care  | County Health<br>Departments, rural<br>hospitals, target<br>communities (32304) | Identify community<br>resources available<br>through community-<br>based organizations<br>and determine the<br>gaps  | Updated resources<br>available to women's<br>and children's service<br>line  | County Health<br>Departments<br>Family Medicine<br>Residency Program                           |

# **Community Partnerships**

Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare has a deep appreciation for collaborative efforts and partnerships. Collaboration with stakeholders, partners and community members is essential in addressing the complex needs of the communities we serve. Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare continues to participate in and provide financial and in-kind support to many coalitions, non-profit organizations, local government and other entities that address health needs and social determinants of health in our region.

# **Community Benefit Programs Description** Southside Farmers Market and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Rx Program

The Southside Farmers Market and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Rx (FFVRx) Program are two initiatives designed to improve access to local, affordable fresh fruits and vegetables and to increase consumption of these foods by Southside Tallahassee residents. Both initiatives began in May 2018 and are implemented in partnership with TMH, City of Tallahassee Neighborhood Affairs and Florida A&M University (FAMU). In addition to healthy foods, each market features entertainment, health education, cooking demonstrations and exhibitors offering education and resources. Since



its inception, the Southside Farmer's Market has served over 8,000 participants and infused over \$20,000 worth of fresh, local produce and goods into the Southside community.

The FFVRx Program expands the concept and provides educational and skill building experience for participants to manage behaviors affecting nutrition and health. Class participants learn how to select local produce as well as how to prepare these foods in a delicious and cost-effective way. All classes are hands-on and interactive with discussion on preparation, cooking and eating. Class participants receive vouchers to shop for produce at the Farmers Market.





## **Happy Hydrators**

The Happy Hydrators Challenge was initially developed and implemented as part of the Leon County Health Department's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), working collaboratively with Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Work Group (ECOP), Big Bend Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Whole Child Leon, Department of Health in Leon County, FAMU Cooperative Extension and UF/IFAS Extension. TMH has continued this effort and plans to expand this programming into other Title 1 schools as part of the 2023-2025 CHNA Implementation Strategy.

To promote a positive culture of health and inspire students to make healthy choices, the Happy Hydrators challenge has engaged over 830 students, teachers and staff since its inception in 2018. This educational campaign offers third graders from two Title 1 schools a fun and easy way to #swapwaterforsoda and #rethinkyourdrink. Students are taught the benefits and importance of drinking more water and have the opportunity to get creative and "bling" their Happy Hydrator water bottles.

Happy Hydrators have the goal of drinking at least 6 cups of water a day and reducing consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages to one or fewer a day. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, when the program had to be put on hold, the program was a huge success with the following results:

- 1. 93% of children reported that having the Happy Hydrators bottle helped them drink more water
- 2. 75% of children reported reducing their sugar-sweetened beverage consumption
- 3. 72% of children said they would recommend this program to other children and schools

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare's Health Promotion Department is evaluating the program to offer a more comprehensive approach to educating students and will continue to offer this program in Title 1 schools in Leon County. We are working on expanding to other counties within TMH's service area.

## Safe Kids Big Bend

Safe Kids Big Bend, founded in April 2018, and led by Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, is part of an extensive network of more than 400 coalitions in the United States. Safe Kids coalitions work to reduce the number of unintentional injuries and death in children 0-19 years of age through community partnerships, advocacy, public awareness, distribution of safety equipment and education of proper use.

The Safe Kids Big Bend coalition works diligently to be a resource to communities and create a safe environment for children. With the expertise of individuals from various organizations such as law enforcement, EMS, service groups, schools, childcare providers, parents and many others, the overall goal is to collectively carry out the Safe Kids mission by addressing safety at home, school, play and "on the way." In addition to various community outreach activities, Safe Kids Big Bend participates in annual programs dedicated to raising awareness on injury prevention.

## **Nutrition Education for School Children**

The Health Promotion team offers school-based lessons that encourage and empower preschool and elementary school aged children to develop healthy nutrition habits and vital safety skills to improve overall physical and social wellbeing. Since 2018, nutrition presentations have been delivered to over 1,000 students in schools, community centers and after school programs. This program was paused during the COVID-19 pandemic and TMH plans to resume this offering in 2023. We offer the following programs to elementary school students:

#### I Can Eat a Rainbow

Audience: Preschool through first grade

Goals: By the end of nutrition presentations children:

- Understand the importance of eating five colorful fruits and vegetables daily
- Practice packing a healthy meal
- Reinforce the colors of the rainbow through fruits and vegetables

#### **Mission Nutrition**

#### Audience: Grades 4-5

Goals: By the end of nutrition presentations children:

- Utilize the USDA's MyPlate to make healthy food choices
- Understand how to read food labels and their importance
- Know the difference between serving size and portion size

#### TMH Health and Wellness at Community Events

Tallahassee Memorial continues to offer health education at community health and wellness events. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, TMH was unable to participate in community events. However, the organization was able to participate in many virtual education opportunities and resumed participation in events in 2022. Target populations for community education continue to be driven by the Community Health Needs Assessment as well as partner and stakeholder requests. The most common requests include education on nutrition, smoking cessation, exercise, preventive health services, stroke and heart health.

#### **Worksite Wellness**

Tallahassee Memorial supports worksite wellness initiatives through board participation in Working Well, Inc., a local, non-profit organization that helps organizations and businesses design and deliver worksite wellness programs. Working Well also provides free health screenings and other services to employer groups in the community. TMH sponsors the Working Well CEO Breakfast (CEOB) and the Corporate Cup Challenge each year.

The Working Well CEOB is an annual meeting that gathers community business and government leaders to learn about a topic relevant to the health and wellbeing of individuals and functional organizations. The Corporate Cup Challenge is a physical activity challenge that gathers teams of coworkers from different organizations to compete for awards and recognition. In addition, TMH offers customized worksite wellness events, screenings and other activities for employer groups.

## **Implementation and Measurement**

The CHNA Advisory Committee is responsible for oversight of Implementation Strategy execution, measurement and reporting. The Advisory Committee will meet regularly to review processes and progress toward goals. Tallahassee Memorial will report Implementation Strategy progress on each annual Internal Revenue Service Form 990. Resources

Tallahassee Memorial dedicates staff time and financial resources toward programming and services that are executed as part of this Implementation Strategy.

# **Priority Areas Not Being Addressed and Why**

The following are priority areas not being addressed as part of this Implementation Strategy and the reasons they have not been identified as part of the five priority areas.

**Sexually transmitted infections (STI)**: Although STIs are a significant issue in TMH's primary service area, Tallahassee Memorial believes local health departments and other specialized clinical programs are better equipped to address this issue. TMH actively supports the initiatives of the health departments and coalitions doing this work through in-kind and financial contributions.

**Poverty, lower academic attainment and higher unemployment rates in specific locations and populations**: While TMH acknowledges the critical importance these social determinants of health play in one's overall health and wellbeing, we assert that these issues must first be addressed at a higher system-wide level with policy changes and supporting infrastructure.

**Cost of services**: Tallahassee Memorial recognizes this issue and the important role this barrier plays in access to care; however, TMH chose not to address this challenge at this time due to resource constraints and lack of effective interventions to address the needs independently.

**Dental services**: Although stakeholders and providers have expressed that more dental services for underinsured and uninsured individuals are needed to support the current infrastructure, TMH is not able to provide the resources needed to fill this gap in oral health services available in the TMH primary service area. However, TMH will continue to work with local Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to refer patients for dental services needed.



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