

## IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

While an implementation plan was established in the hospital's 2019 CHNA report, Ochsner Stennis Hospital was unable to generate satisfactory responses in these areas. This is due to the hospital shifting its focus in 2019 – 2022 to meet the more pressing needs that arose from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result, the hospital has chosen to continue focusing on these areas noting that these issues are still prevalent as of 2022. Over the next three years, pending a surge in COVID-19 or a new public health emergency, Ochsner Stennis Hospital and its many community partners will concentrate their efforts into these areas:

### INITIATIVE 1: CANCER SCREENING AND EDUCATION INITIATIVES

#### OBJECTIVE

To educate and bring awareness about the most prevalent cancers in Dekalb and Kemper County, which are Prostate, Colorectal, Breast and Tracheal/bronchial/Lung cancers.

#### STRATEGY

- ▲ To start a campaign spreading awareness of the top four cancers in Dekalb and Kemper County.
- ▲ To provide screening opportunities convenient for community members.
- ▲ To host “Lunch and Learn” sessions to educate our community on these cancers and the importance of early detection.
- ▲ To work with businesses in the community to help reach the male population that may be reluctant to seek proper screening. Take the information to them and make screening easily accessible.

### INITIATIVE 2: FLU VACCINES FOR COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL CHILDREN

#### OBJECTIVE

To help provide access and availability to flu vaccines for the community.

#### STRATEGY

- ▲ To screen all patients on admission to JCSMH for Flu and Pneumonia vaccine.
- ▲ To conduct Medicaid EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic Treatment) screening in the DeKalb clinic.
- ▲ Vaccine for Children. Work with The State of MS to obtain the vaccines for the DeKalb clinic to administer to the children. Investigate the possibility of hospital nurses going to the schools to vaccinate.
- ▲ To assist in the search and recruitment of a pharmacy to replace the only one in the county that closed. This effort would drastically increase available vaccines for the community.

### INITIATIVE 3: HEART HEALTH AWARENESS

#### OBJECTIVE

To bring awareness and education to the community by promoting healthy lifestyle choices including the importance of screening and treatment.

#### STRATEGY

- ▲ To participate in community health fair(s), providing education on Ischemic and hypertensive heart disease due to the prevalence in Kemper County.
- ▲ To provide free Heart Health Info and free Cholesterol Screenings along with free Blood Pressure Checks to JCSMH employees.
- ▲ To offer a free lunch for community members to come hear from a Cardiologist about heart disease and how lifestyle has an impact.

### INITIATIVE 4: CREATING A HEALTHY SOUTHERN LIFESTYLE

#### OBJECTIVE

Provide healthy alternatives to traditional southern food, by changing how it is prepared and/or how it is cooked. We will also provide overall healthy lifestyle tips.

#### STRATEGY

- ▲ To have a nutritionist available several times each year for the community come in and visit with and learn.
- ▲ To provide healthy living tips in the local paper each week or month.
- ▲ To provide more healthy options in our facility and cafeteria for staff and community.

The hospital wants the community to know that it takes all health needs within the community seriously. Unfortunately, the hospital is unable to address every health need noted over the course of the next three years covered within the current CHNA but plans to continue reviewing these needs and as resources become available in the future address them accordingly.

The implementation strategy associated with these health initiatives noted above will be developed over the coming months, submitted to the board of directors for approval, and then posted to the hospital's website by the due date of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the fifth month after the end of the taxable year the CHNA is due with said due date being May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## OCHSNER STENNIS HOSPITAL

### COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2022

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