



Community Health Needs Assessment

2023 Efforts in Addressing the Significant Needs Identified in 2022 CHNA

The 2023 Community Health Needs Assessment conducted by the Stevens Community Medical Center (SCMC) identified a wide range of current issues in the county, as well as the residents' and community leaders' concerns for the future. The issues identified included improving access to care in our current healthcare facility, collaborating to provide health education to our community, and making healthy lifestyles accessible to the community as a whole. It was decided these issues are a priority to serving the patients in the community. Each of these priorities will also focus on "addressing language barriers and expanding cultural awareness" into each of these health priorities explained in this document.

1. Improving access to care.

In 2023 SCMC took the following actions to advance improving access to care:

1. Initiated innovative scheduling to improve efficiency with Same-day clinic, telehealth and expanded hours.
2. Implemented same-day clinic in fall of 2023 with a locum provider providing services five (5) days per week allowing for additional access.
3. SCMC added a full-time nurse practitioner into the Urgent & Respiratory Care Clinic in October of 2023.
4. SCMC recruited for two providers in the areas of Optometry and Radiology.
5. SCMC recruited two family medicine with obstetrics doctors to start in the fall of 2024, a general surgeon with a start date January 2024, a psychologist with a start date of January 2024 and an additional bi-lingual nurse for the clinic.
6. Collaboration with public health and community on improving our access to transportation and attending regular meetings with a designated internal staff has been initiated.

2. Collaborating to provide health education to our community.

In 2023, SCMC took the following actions to advance collaborating to provide health education to our community:

1. In November of 2023, SCMC hosted the annual Fall into Health event. Fall into Health is a health-inspired event providing free lab draws, a free community meal, health-related information from SCMC and the community to relay health education out. A keynote

speaker spoke on mental health and resilience during hard times which was attended by 75 community members. In addition, 161 screening labs testing for glucose, hemoglobin, vitamin D, and cholesterol were completed free of charge, 412 complimentary meals were served, and 43 vendors participated in the event.

2. **SCMC is planning an event for October 2023 SCMC became a Naloxone Access Point (NAP) for naltrexone kits which makes SCMC the only place in Stevens County as a NAP site at this time.**

3. Making healthy lifestyles accessible to the community as a whole.

In 2023, SCMC took the following actions to advance making healthy lifestyles accessible to the community as a whole:

1. In September 2023, SCMC partnered in a youth mentorship program with the community RUSC Kinship. They hosted a run/walk geared to kids but over 50 people, kids and adults attended.
2. In October 2023 a grant was approved for a Food Rx program. In December 2023, SCMC started screening for social determinants of health (SDOH) at clinic visits with their Primary Care Provider (PCP) with a focus on food insecurities. In February 2024, SCMC collaborated with the local food shelf to provide shelf stable boxes for people who identify with food insecurity in the SDOH screening. A representative from SCMC also developed plans with community partners to provide additional resources and screenings related to food insecurities which will be implemented in Fall of 2024.
3. SCMC also collaborated with the local 4-H Extension office to provide education at the local farmers market. In the summer of 2023, SCMC provided support for kids to attend a 5-week educational program. Kids who participated in the activity for that week were then given tokens to use at the farmer's market that same day. Each coin was \$2/each and in the 5 weeks 220 coins were used totaling \$440. Collaborators said the program was such a success and it was agreed to do again the following summer.

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