

Community Assessment Health Priorities Strategic Action Plan (2019 – 2021)

Three health priorities were identified in the 2018 Chatham County Community Assessment:

Poverty, Obesity, and Access to Comprehensive Health Services.

Health priorities were determined through surveys and focus groups, review of external data, and input of the Chatham Health Alliance membership. The Chatham Health Alliance is the body of community members formed to carry out the work of addressing the health priorities. The Chatham Health Alliance added the Health Equity Sub-Committee, due to a commitment from the Health Alliance to promoting Health Equity in its work. Chatham Hospital and Chatham County Health Department are the lead not-for-profit entities that carry out the Community Assessment and the action plan to address the identified health priorities.

“As both the Chief Nursing Officer of Chatham Hospital and the Chair of the Chatham Health Alliance, I am thankful for, and impressed by the outcome of the Chatham County Community Needs Assessment and look forward to working with the Chatham Health Alliance in addressing the top identified needs,” said Tammy Needham. “It was obvious to me, sitting in the room with 100 Chatham County residents, that Chatham County is engaged in becoming a healthier county.” Tammy Needham RN MSN

Collaborative Action Plan (Chatham Hospital and Chatham Co. Health Dept.)

Step One: Disseminate community assessment findings to the community.

Step Two: Form new Chatham Health Alliance Subcommittees to address each health impact priority.

Step Three: Continue gathering community input through the Chatham Community Cohort and Community Conversations.

Step Four: Develop Community Health Improvement Plans in each Alliance subcommittee.

Step Five: Create strategic plans for the Chatham County Public Health Department and Chatham Hospital.

Chatham Hospital’s strategic plan to address the identified health priorities:

1. Chatham Hospital CNO/COO will continue as a member of the Chatham Health Alliance Steering Committee.
2. Chatham Hospital CNO/COO will continue as a member of the Chatham Health Alliance.
3. Chatham Hospital Lean Director will become a member of the Poverty Sub-Committee.
4. Chatham Hospital CNO/COO will become a member of the Access to Comprehensive Health Services Sub-Committee.
5. Chatham Hospital Cardiac Rehab Director will continue a member of the Obesity Sub-Committee
6. Chatham Hospital will continue to provide the Charity Care program.
7. Chatham Hospital will implement a new Maternity Care Center in 2020 to meet this identified health service need.
8. Chatham Hospital will provide an improved tele psychiatry program in the Emergency Department through UNC psychiatric providers to help provide this identified health service need.
9. Chatham Hospital will evaluate current specialty services offered in Siler City and Pittsboro. Do these services meet the community need?
10. Partner with Piedmont Health system and Chatham County to develop the proposed community health campus/center.

Step Six: Work collectively to improve the health and well-being of Chatham County residents.

STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTION

This three-year Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) was presented and adopted by the Chatham Hospital Board of Directors on _____ with the vision that Chatham Hospital will use the plan as a road map to track and assess progress towards meeting our community health goals. Chatham CHNA SIP task force will make adjustments along the way enabling collaboration with community partners while responding to local conditions and changes in community priorities and leadership. The Chatham Hospital CHNA SIP task force will evaluate progress at the end of each calendar year and modify the plan accordingly.

Get Involved

Chatham Health Alliance welcomes all interested residents and organizations to join the Alliance and our subcommittees. If you would like to be a part of the Alliance's efforts, we welcome you to join us by completing the survey at [Get Involved](#) or by contacting the Alliance Coordinator, at healthalliance@chathamnc.org or (919) 545-8443.