

Community Assessment Health Priorities Implementation Strategies (2021-2023)

Findings from the 2021 Community Assessment highlight the continued importance of the impact priorities from 2018, specifically access to comprehensive health services, economic resilience, and healthy eating / active lifestyle. However, three priority areas from the 2021 Chatham County Community Assessment that will be approached under the categories of access, economic resilience, and healthy eating / active lifestyle are: **Mental Health, Transportation, and Employment.**

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 four subcommittees of Chatham Health Alliance of access to comprehensive services, equity, healthy eating / active lifestyle, and economic stability will be used to address the 2021 priority areas of mental health, transportation, and employment. As a leader in health in the county, UNC Health Chatham is committed to improving the health of all Chatham County residents and will collaborate with the Chatham Health Alliance on these important issues identified through the 2021 assessment.

Collaborative Action Plan

Step One: Disseminate community assessment findings to the community.

Step Two: Ensure UNC Health Chatham representation on all Chatham Health Alliance subcommittees.

Step Three: Continue gathering community input through the work on subcommittees.

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

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

UNC Health Chatham's strategic plan to address the identified health priorities:

1. UNC Health Chatham COO/CNO will continue as a member of the Chatham Health Alliance Steering Committee.
2. UNC Health Chatham COO/CNO will continue as a member of the Chatham Health Alliance.
3. UNC Health Chatham will have representation on each Health Alliance subcommittees and actively work to address the three main health priorities of mental health, transportation, and employment.
4. UNC Health Chatham will work closely with UNC Physician's Network to increase outpatient behavioral health access.
5. UNC Health Chatham will continue providing tele psychiatry program in the Emergency Department through UNCMC Emergency Department psychiatric providers.
6. UNC Health Chatham will continue to provide the Charity Care program.

7. UNC Health Chatham will continue growing and developing outpatient programs including, but not limited to, imaging, cardiopulmonary, maternal care, and surgical services access.
8. UNC Health Chatham will continue to collaborate with Chatham County Health Department on community health needs including, but not limited to, diabetes and on-going COVID pandemic response.
9. UNC Health Chatham will continue to collaborate with UNC Physicians Network on primary and specialty care services for Chatham County.

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 November 7th, 2022 with the vision that UNC Health Chatham will use the plan as a road map to track and assess progress towards meeting our community health goals. Chatham CHNA 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. UNC Health Chatham will evaluate progress at the end of each calendar year and modify the plan accordingly. The Chatham Health Alliance welcomes all interested residents and organizations to join the Alliance and subcommittees. If you would like to be part of the Alliance's efforts, we welcome you to join us by contact the Alliance Executive Director at jwilkerson@chathamhealthalliancenc.org.