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Introduction

Headquartered in Akron, Ohio, Summa Health is one of the largest integrated healthcare delivery systems in the state. The mission of Summa Health is to provide the highest quality, compassionate care to our patients and members and to contribute to a healthier community. Summa Health has organized all of its medical services under the umbrella of Summa Health System (“Summa”).

Summa has a long history of collaboration on a wide range of projects aimed at improving community health. Together with Summit County Public Health and the Summit Coalition for Community Health Improvement, Summa worked to complete the 2022 community health needs assessment (CHNA) and to prioritize the identified community health needs. The details of the CHNA process, participants and results are available in Summa Health’s 2022 CHNA report available at www.summahealth.org.

Since the passage of the ACA, hospitals and public health departments have been encouraged to align priorities and use common timelines and data metrics to measure health outcomes. Additionally, hospitals and health departments are intentionally aligning with the State of Ohio to ensure that state and local initiatives, including funding, are intentionally designed to collectively impact health outcomes.

This CHNA Implementation Strategies Plan (“Plan”) will address the significant community health needs identified through the CHNA. The 2022 CHNA served as the foundation for developing the Plan to address those needs that (1) Summa Health determines it is able to meet in whole or in part; (2) are otherwise part of its mission; and (3) are not addressed (or are not adequately met) by other programs and services in the Hospital’s service area. The Plan, required by IRS Section 501 (r), and Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) 3701.981 documents the Hospitals efforts to address the community health needs identified in the 2022 CHNA.

Beyond the programs and strategies outlined in this Plan, Summa Health will address the healthcare needs of the community by continuing to operate in accordance with its Mission to provide the highest quality compassionate care to our patients and members and to contribute to a healthier community. This includes Summa’s historic tradition of providing care for all individuals regardless of their ability to pay.

The strategies and tactics of this Plan will provide the foundation for addressing the community’s significant needs between 2023 and 2025. However, we anticipate that some of the strategies, tactics and even the needs identified will evolve over that period. Our flexible approach to addressing significant community needs will enable us to adapt to changes in collaboration with other community partners. The Plan is also in alignment with current community health needs and priorities identified by the Summit County Public Health 2022 Community Health Assessment, the Ohio Department of Health’s 2019 State Health Assessment and the 2020-2022 State Health Improvement Plan, which was the most current plan available.

This assessment builds upon the work that was completed in 2019 and the Implementation Plan that was published in March 2020. At that time, we never could have imagined how dramatically our world was about to change. A time of devastation, exhaustion and uncertainty, the pandemic served as a catalyst for Summa to rapidly change and improve how we deliver care and respond to the needs of our community.

The purpose of this Plan is to ultimately improve the health of our community. This report also will act as a resource for other community groups working toward improving the health of the community. In addition, this report will fulfill the CHNA requirements established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) for the hospital facilities listed for Summa Health System:

- Akron Campus
- Barberton Campus
- Summa Rehab Hospital, LLC



Description of Hospital Facilities

Summa serves hundreds of thousands of patients each year in comprehensive emergency, acute, critical, outpatient and long-term/home-care settings. As of 2021, Summa has 967 registered inpatient beds on the campuses of Summa Health System and Summa Rehab Hospital. In addition, outpatient care is provided in more than 20 community health centers, urgent care facilities, and emergency departments. Summa Health employs more than 8,100 individuals with Summa Health System accounting for the vast majority of these employees. The buildings and facilities on all campuses total more than 3 million square feet. Additional information on the hospital and its services is available at summahealth.org.

Summa supports the education of physicians and other healthcare professionals. Summa Health System is the largest of the major teaching affiliates of the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), and offers education to NEOMED's colleges of medicine students and pharmacy students, as well as to medical students from schools around the country. In addition, Summa Health offers 14 accredited residency-training programs, 8 accredited fellowship-training programs and 1 non-accredited residency training program, in numerous specialties, training the next generation of primary care and specialty physicians for the region and beyond. Nursing education is also offered in collaboration with local and national university partners.

Akron Campus - Summa Health System – Akron Campus was founded in 1892 to provide a place where patients could be treated with compassion, in a manner adhering to best principles of medical practice. Located in the heart of Akron, Ohio, Summa Akron Campus achieved national recognition as a provider of quality, compassionate healthcare. The Akron Campus provides general medical, surgical, obstetrical, trauma, and critical care services on a campus of approximately 60 acres. The campus is home to specialty health centers and offers a wide range of outpatient services.

In January 2023, Summa opened the new Juve Behavioral Health Pavilion on the Akron Campus. This state-of-the-art behavioral health pavilion underscores how we care for our community as a whole and the importance we place on behavioral health treatment.

Barberton Campus - Summa Health System – Barberton Campus has served residents of Barberton and the surrounding communities since its founding in 1915. In December 2007, it became a full member of Summa Health. The hospital is located approximately 10 miles southwest of Akron. The hospital is a 500,000-square-foot facility located on nearly 16 acres. The Barberton Campus provides the community with easy access to comprehensive, high-quality cancer services at the Commission on Cancer-accredited Parkview Pavilion; the full spectrum of cardiovascular disease care, including diagnostic, interventional, and surgical services; and a variety of outpatient services.

Summa Rehab Hospital, LLC - is a joint venture between Summa Health System and Vibra Healthcare. It was founded in 2012. A 60-bed acute medical facility, Summa Rehab Hospital, LLC provides inpatient rehabilitation care and services. The freestanding 65,000-squarefoot inpatient care facility houses a multidisciplinary team of over 250 employees.



Our Methodology

The MAPP Process

The 2022 Community Health Assessment (CHA) was completed using the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) modified- Mobilizing Action through Partnerships and Planning (MAPP) process. MAPP is a community driven planning process for improving community health. This process was facilitated by Summit County Public Health and conducted with the Summit Coalition for Community Health Improvement (SCCHI). SCCHI is a 40+ member collaborative with the mission of identifying key health priorities in Summit County and coordinating action to improve population health and promote health equity for all.

Indicator Selection

The 2022 CHA indicators were selected with the assistance and guidance of SCCHI during an intensive year-long planning process in 2016 and refined in 2022 based on availability of data. SCCHI discussed, proposed, and reviewed indicators for this assessment.

The CHA indicators are organized using the County Health Rankings model of population health, developed jointly by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. This model, outlined below in a graphic reproduced from the County Health Rankings website, provides a comprehensive methodology for understanding how a community's collective efforts to improve health and social conditions interacts with prevailing socioeconomic and health conditions to produce desirable (or undesirable) outcomes in a community's health and quality of life.

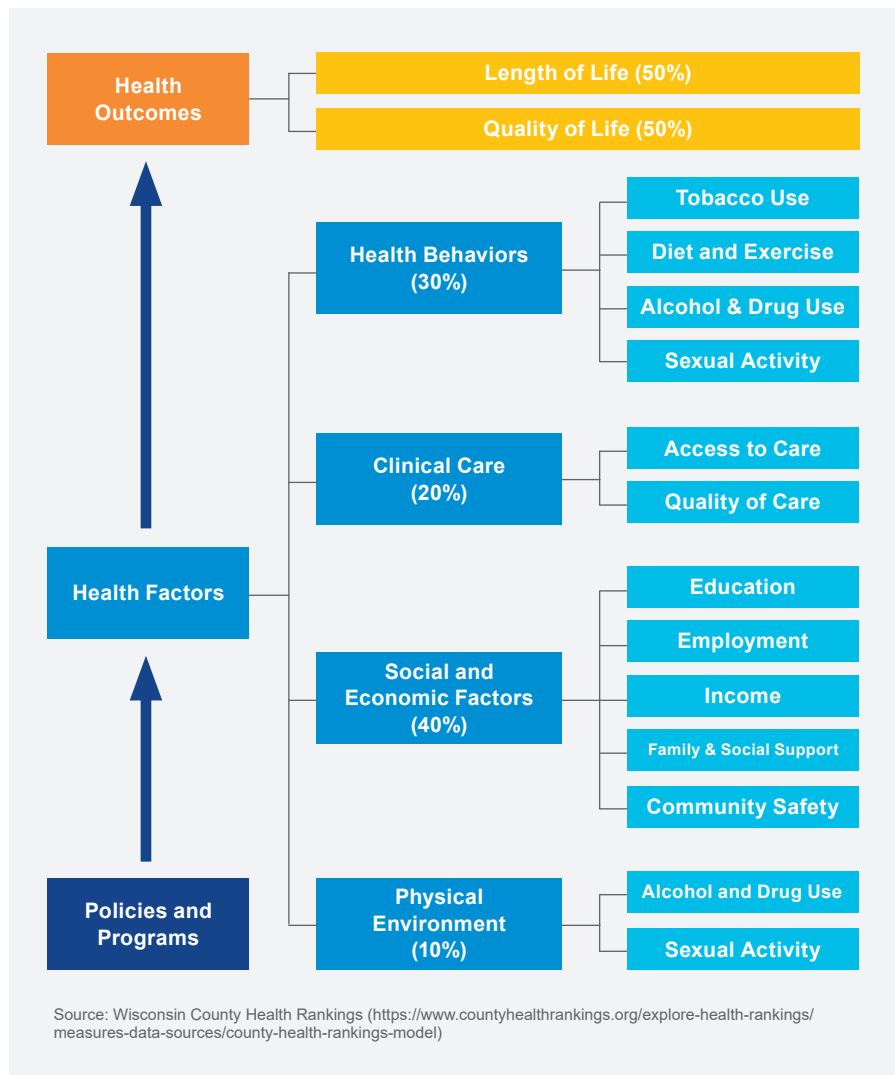
Data Sources

SCPH Epidemiology gathered data from a variety of sources including County Health Rankings, American Community Survey, and Community Health Status Indicators. SCPH also utilized the 2018 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey, the Ohio Department of Health Birth and Death Data, and EpiCenter. A full list of data sources can be found in the Data Appendix.

Qualitative Assessments

SCCHI and SCPH also completed two qualitative MAPP assessments: Community Themes and Strengths and the Forces of Change. These assessments identified key themes regarding Summit County's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Focus groups and surveys were conducted and distributed throughout the community in 2022 to identify barriers and opportunities through the lens of the community member. All information obtained through both quantitative and qualitative data sources are presented in this report.

MAPP Process





Process and Methods

Significant Health Needs Not Addressed

Summa recognizes that no hospital facility can address all of the health needs present in its community. Injuries, accidents, affordable housing, violence and crime will not be addressed directly through our Plan. Resources, as well as available expertise, limit our selection of priorities. Although these health needs will not be directly addressed through our Plan, Summa will consider them while implementing the strategies for the priorities listed below. In addition, Summa will look for opportunities to collaborate with Safe Communities of Summit County, Summit County Safe Kids Coalition, Youth Violence Prevention Task-force, community development corporations, local services agencies and other organizations to address these important health issues whenever possible.

Priority Health Needs Identified in the 2022 Summa CHNA

In collaboration with Summa's internal leadership and departments, assistance from members of the Summa Community Engagement Committee (CEC) and many external partners, Summa's prioritization process included review of the data findings, burden scope and urgency of the health need, the feasibility of intervening, the hospital's strategic priorities, financial and human resources, partner activity, and the local and state health improvement plans.


The outcome of the 2022 CHNA efforts as determined by careful analyses of both the epidemiological and qualitative data yielded the following priorities, in alphabetical order:

- Access to Quality Health Care
- Chronic Disease Prevention and Management
- Health Equity
- Mental Health and Addiction
- Social Determinants of Health

The identified priorities align with the Ohio Department of Health's 2019 State Health Assessment and the 2020-2022 State Health Improvement Plan, (SHIP) which was the most current plan available.

Recommendations of these selected priorities were presented to the Summa Health board of directors for approval on October 27, 2022. In collaboration with Summa Health's internal leadership and departments, and assistance from our CEC and many external partners, Summa entered into the action phase of the MAPP process. This phase included the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the objectives and strategies for each of the identified priority areas. Each prioritized health need are determined to be within the scope of services and aligned with the mission of the system. The MAPP process and County Health Rankings Model provided the guiding principles and framework for developing the Plan and creating evidence-based strategies to mobilize community action toward health improvement.

Priority Health Outcome: Advancing Health Equity by reducing Health Disparities

To align with the SHIP's comprehensive approach to decreasing health disparities, the state prioritized strategies that are most likely to reduce health disparities. In addition to Summa's approach to Advancing Health Equity Goal, evidence based strategies as identified by the state to reduce health disparities are embedded in other priority areas and will be identified by: 

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines Health Disparities as: preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by socially disadvantaged populations. Populations can be defined by factors such as race or ethnicity, gender, education or income, disability, geographic location (e.g., rural or urban), or sexual orientation. Health disparities are inequitable and are directly related to the historical and current unequal distribution of social, political, economic, and environmental resources.

In the summer of 2020, both Summit County Council and the City of Akron formally declared racism as a public health crisis and are taking steps towards allocating resources and implementing change through strategic action. In June of 2020, Summa made a promise to not only acknowledge racism as a public health crisis, but to take swift action in addressing this topic with resources, education and tangible commitments. The Summa Stands With Our Community action plan was created that promotes diversity, reducing health disparities and educating staff, as well as an evaluation metric to track the progress.



CHNA Health Priority: Access to Quality Healthcare

Access to health care is a broad term used to describe the availability, acceptability, affordability and accessibility of health care systems and providers. Adults with poor access to healthcare, or who face barriers to care, have a harder time getting preventative services or medication.

Goal: Improve access and reduce barriers to quality healthcare for the residents of Summit County.

Expected Outcome (s):

- Increased use of healthcare services
- Reduced barriers to accessing care
- Increased access to screenings

Strategies & Tactics:

- Collaborate with local agencies to provide Health insurance enrollment outreach and support to people who need assistance obtaining health care coverage =
- Ensure Medicaid population is aware they need to re-enroll to preserve their health care coverage and other benefits.
- Utilize Community Health Workers (CHWs) to provide culturally competent care in underserved communities. =
- Enhance utilization of existing primary care medical homes. =
- In conjunction with Summa Medical Group, increase the number of primary care providers (PCP) and specialists through targeted recruitment for areas with limited availability. =
- Disseminate information regarding available community resources, providers, and facilities available to assist individuals in connecting with primary care, dental, and mental health providers in their community.
- Provide opportunities for health career recruitment for minority students. =
- Increase utilization of telehealth visits for acute general medical conditions.
- Provide medical and clinical professionals to speak at community events.

Resources:

- Summa Health commits both financial and in-kind resources, including charitable contributions, staff/ physician time and employee volunteerism.

Collaboration and Partnerships:

- Summa Health Medical Group, Accountable Care Organization (ACO) NewHealth Collaborative, Department of Job and Family Services, Akron Public Schools, community agencies, local government, and local Chamber of Commerce.

Note: Listed Collaboration and Partnerships are not an exhaustive list

CHNA Health Priority: Chronic Disease Prevention and Management





Chronic diseases are diseases that a person has for a long time, sometimes indefinitely. People with chronic diseases usually need to see their doctors on a regular basis to monitor the progression of their disease and get treatment.

Goal: Reduce chronic disease and promote wellbeing for the residents of Summit County.

Expected Outcome (s):

- Decrease rates of chronic disease in adults.
- Decrease smoking, tobacco and vaping use in adults.
- Reduce incidence of cardiovascular disease in Summit County.
- Reduce incidence of cancer in Summit County.
- Reduce incidence of diabetes in Summit County.

- **Strategies & Tactics:**

- Preventative care delivered through PCMH  and Comprehensive Primary Care model (CPC).
- Provide community based education and health screenings to prevent and / or manage chronic diseases, particularly for cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.
- Improve access to health care and care coordination to complex care patients through the Complex Care Clinic.
- Provide lifestyle modification programs to reduce the incidence of obesity at the Summa Center for Health Equity.
- Utilize CHW's in community-based settings at the Summa Center for Health Equity to address social determinants of health, chronic disease management, infant vitality and evidence based prevention programs. 
- Provide men's health programs targeting African Americans to connect with the healthcare system and tie to appropriate health services as needed.
- In collaboration with local public health departments, promote legislation to increase smoke free environments within communities and decrease availability of tobacco products. 
- Provide evidence based tobacco cessation programs for the community. 
- Disseminate information regarding available community resources, providers, and facilities available to assist individuals in connecting with primary care, dental, and mental health providers in their community.
- Advance the Food is Medicine pilot program in partnership with local hospitals, the local food bank and the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

Resources:

- Summa Health commits both financial and in-kind resources, including charitable contributions, staff/ physician time and employee volunteerism.

Collaboration and Partnerships:

- Summit County Public Health (SCPH), Project Ujima, Minority Behavioral Health Group, Community Action Akron Summit, Lets Grow Akron, Ohio State University Expanded Food & Nutrition Program (OSU-EFNEP), SipSavorSoul LLC; local support groups, community agencies, local government.

Note: Listed Collaboration and Partnerships are not an exhaustive list



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention define health equity as a state in which everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their highest level of health. Achieving health equity will require focused and ongoing societal efforts to change the systems and policies that have resulted in the generational injustices that contribute to racial and ethnic health disparities.

Goal: Reduce health disparities and advance health equity for the residents of Summit County.

Expected Outcome (s):

- Improve access to health care and care coordination to the LGBTQ community.
- Improve care coordination by utilizing Community Health Workers (CHW).
- Reduce infant mortality.
- Reduce preterm births and low birth-weight births in Summit County.

Strategies & Tactics:

- Provide primary care at Summa Health Pride Clinic specializing in the LGBTQ community.
- Coordinate the care of LGBTQ patients and their families within the Summa System.
- Provide cultural competence training about caring for LGBTQ patients throughout the health system. =
- Monitoring federal and state laws that could affect service scope of the Pride Clinic.
- Provide primary care and multidisciplinary care coordination at Summa Complex Care Clinic specializing in patients who have combinations of medical, behavioral health can social challenges.
- Utilize CHW's in community-based settings at the Summa Center for Health Equity to address social determinants of health, chronic disease management and evidence based prevention programs. =
- Participate in the Pathways Community HUB model.
- Provide Centering Pregnancy and Parenting Programs to improve neonatal outcomes through an innovative program that provides outreach, education, coordination and focuses on reducing the impacts of the social determinants of health for low-income mothers. =
- Link pregnant women and people of childbearing age to smoking cessation support programs. =
- Provide breastfeeding support.
- Provide annual cultural competence training and implicit bias training for health care professionals. =
- In collaboration with county public health agencies, provide education, resources, and programming through the Safe Sleep program to promote safe sleep methods for newborns.
- Implementation of the Women's Inclusion and Respect Pilot.
- Advance diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) through the Summa Stands with Our Community Plan focus areas and analyze impact utilizing the DEI Scorecard.

Resources:

- Summa Health commits both financial and in-kind resources, including charitable contributions, staff/ physician time and employee volunteerism.

Collaboration and Partnerships:

- CHMC Gender Nonconforming Clinic, Kent State LGBTQ+ Center, CANAPI, EQUITAS Health, Plexus, Akron Pride, Black Pride, Pride Clinic Leadership Council, East Ledge Group, Project Ujima, Minority Behavioral Health Group, Full Term First Birthday Collaborative, SCPH, Community Action Akron Summit, local support groups, community agencies, local government.

Note: Listed Collaboration and Partnerships are not an exhaustive list








CHNA Health Priority: Mental Health and Addiction

Goal: Promote mental wellbeing and prevent alcohol and other drug dependence for residents of Summit County.

Expected Outcome (s):

- Reduce incidence of Substance Use disorders, overdoses, and deaths
- Increased knowledge and awareness of mental health issues
- Increased referrals for mental and behavioral health services
- Improved access for mental and behavioral health services.

Strategies & Tactics:

- Care coordination – access to behavioral health services in Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) and Emergency Department 
- Care coordination – access to First Step Addiction Treatment Program 
- Care coordination – access to Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) (Vivitrol, Sublocade) and Intensive Outpatient Therapy 
- Care Coordination – improved access to in-person behavioral health services through the opening of the Juve Family Behavioral Health Pavilion, Stow-Kent Medical Center and Rootstown Medical Center.
- Utilize medically secure online and mobile platforms, connect patients with Summa Health behavioral health providers for telehealth and virtual visits. 
- System wide effort to reduce opioid use during and after medical procedures.
- Provider training on opioid prescribing guidelines and use of OARRS.
- Provide Centering Pregnancy and Parenting Program to improve neonatal outcomes through an innovative program that provides outreach, education, coordination and focuses on reducing the impacts of pregnant mothers struggling with addiction. 
- Through a partnership with Summit County Public Health provide D.U.M.P boxes for community use at the entrance of the Akron, Barberton, Green and Wadsworth Emergency Departments.
- Participate in Drug Enforcement Agency’s National Prescription Pill Take back days
- Offer Detera Bags through our Meds-to-Beds program.
- Increase participation in Project DAWN. 
- Continue to pursue Summit County Opiate Settlement funds to advance Summa behavioral health priorities
- SummaCare Health Insurance supports the Behavioral Health Parity Coverage. 
- Advocate for diverse mental health providers
- Provide community education opportunities focused on health disparities and mental wellness.

Resources:

- Summa Health commits both financial and in-kind resources, including charitable contributions, staff/ physician time and employee volunteerism.

Collaboration and Partnerships:

- Catholic Charities, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.-Zeta Alpha Chapter, Summit County ADM Board, Summit County Community Partnership, Summit County Executive’s Office, Summit County Opiate Task-force, Summit County Public Health, United Way of Summit and Medina Co., Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, community agencies, local government.

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CHNA Health Priority: Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)







The social determinants of health (SDoH) are the conditions in the environment where people are born, live, work, play and age that affect a wide range of health and quality of life outcomes. SDoH include factors such as education, employment and income make up the largest single share of individual health, 50% in the County Health Rankings model. These factors are important to address because access to health care is necessary, but not sufficient, for good health. An estimated 80% of the modifiable factors that affect overall health are attributed to community conditions and the opportunity to make healthy choices

Goal: Enhance population health by addressing the SDoH for the residents of Summit County.

Expected Outcome (s):

- Improve health status.
- Reduce premature death.
- Increase educational and employment opportunities.

Strategies & Tactics:

- Increase academic achievement by partnership with Akron Public Schools as the Summa Health Academy of Leadership and Innovation at Buchtel High School. 
- Partner with Six District Educational Compact to help educate and employ young adults with disabilities. 
- Provide career education and workforce experience opportunities for high school students. 
- Provide career ready engagement and employment opportunities to advance economic stability for residents. 
- Utilize medical-legal partnership at the Family Medicine Center to address the SDoH.
- Employ CHW's in community-based settings at the Summa Center for Health Equity to address social determinants of health, chronic disease management and evidence based prevention programs. 
- Participate in the Pathways Community HUB model. 
- Advance the food is medicine pilot program in partnership with local hospitals, the local food bank and the Ohio Department of Medicaid.
- Participate in the East Akron Neighborhood Assessment planning led by SCPH, to improve the health and lives of residents living in Census Tract 5035 identified as a Ohio Health Improvement Zone.
- Increase access to free and inclusive play opportunities by collaborating with Akron Parks Collaborative and SCPH on neighborhood revitalization projects.
- Utilize EPIC platform to enhance screening patients for the SDoH.
- Analyze impact by creating a SDoH and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Scorecard.

Resources:

- Summa Health commits both financial and in-kind resources, including charitable contributions, staff/ physician time and employee volunteerism.

Collaboration and Partnerships:

- Akron Public Schools, Six District Educational Compact, Four Cities Educational Compact, Community Legal Aid, Community Action Akron Summit, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, Ohio Department of Medicaid, SCPH, United Way of Summit and Medina Co., community agencies, local government, and support groups.

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Priority Health Goal: Increase Access to Quality Healthcare

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES PLAN SUMMA REHAB HOSPITAL, LLC

Due to the nature of the adult rehabilitation specialty services provided by Summa Rehab Hospital, LLC, (“Hospital”) the identified health need in which they have the opportunity to address in this implementation plan for the greatest impact is Access. The community resources provided by a variety of institutions including Summa Akron and Barberton Campus, led to the determination by Summa Rehab Hospital, LLC to not address any other identified health need.

This implementation strategy specific community health needs that the Hospital has determined to meet in whole or in part and that are consistent with its mission. The Hospital reserves the right to amend this implementation strategy as circumstances warrant. For example, certain needs become more pronounced and require enhancements to the described strategic initiatives. During the three years ending December 31, 2025, other organizations in the community may decide to address certain needs, indicating that the Hospital then should refocus its limited resources to best serve the community.

Expected Outcome (s):

- Increase access to care and patient knowledge
- Increase adherence to medications.

Strategies & Tactics:

- Care Coordination: Provide high quality, comprehensive outpatient neurological therapy services in one community location providing a seamless transition of care and services tailored to meet complex needs of patients with neurologic disorders/disease.
- Utilize resources available to insure the patient has assistance with pre-authorization processes for specific medications through their insurance plan.
- Investigate alternatives for expensive medications that patients have indicated they are unable to afford and therefore unable to maintain compliance with their medication regimen. Research alternative drug options with their physicians, identify lower cost retail programs in the community, assist with enrollment in patient assistance programs through drug manufacturers and coupon or voucher systems.
- Offer medication counseling from a Pharmacist regarding any medication prescriptions.
- Provide site hosting and educational topics for Support Groups including: Life After Stroke, Life Goes On - Amputee Support Group, Creative Expressions- Brain Injury Support Group, and Parkinson's Group Exercise Program.
- Participate in Advocacy and Support Group activities through Northeast Ohio Brain Injury Foundation and Summit County TBI Collaborative
- Participate in planning and developing educational opportunities for both professionals caring for brain injured persons and Survivors and their families.
- Volunteer with Brain Injury Advocacy Committee.
- Participate in the American Heart Association community events.

Committed Resources:

- Summa Rehab Hospital commits both staff and physician time.

Collaboration and Partnerships:

Summit County TBI Collaborative, Pharmaceutical companies, local, national community foundations, community agencies, local government and support groups.

Note: Listed Collaboration and Partnerships are not an exhaustive list

