

# **Pratt Regional Medical Center**

## **Implementation Strategy**

*For FY2022-2024*

Pratt Regional Medical Center (PRMC) has been meeting the healthcare needs of the Pratt community since its doors opened on September 11, 1950. A strong community believed in the importance of healthcare. Together they secured funds, collected donations, and built a community hospital. Today, PRMC continues its mission to provide excellent and compassionate healthcare services.

Pratt Regional Medical Center is a 35-bed acute care hospital located in Pratt, Kansas. PRMC is the largest employer in Pratt County with 350 full and part-time employees. PRMC consistently maintains about 70% of the county market share.

This report summarizes the plans for PRMC to sustain and develop new community benefit programs. PRMC is committed to responding to the prioritized needs identified in the 2021-22 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) conducted by the VVV Consultants of Olathe, KS.

### **Target Areas and Populations**

The Pratt County CHNA identified the health needs of the county as a whole. Information was collected from a wide range of community members representing the underserved as well as affluent population. The total county population is 9,656. Median household income for the county is \$35,529. PRMC's Implementation Strategy focuses on residents with the greatest need, no matter where they live within Pratt County.

### **How the Implementation Strategy Was Developed**

PRMC's Implementation Strategy was developed based on the findings and priorities established by the Pratt County CHNA and a review of PRMC's existing community benefit activities.

PRMC provided leadership for the Pratt County CHNA and also chairs the Pratt Health Coalition. Other members of the Health Coalition include representatives from Pratt County, City of Pratt, Pratt County Health Department, Pratt Health Foundation, local school districts, the South-Central Kansas Community Foundation and other community groups and businesses.

After completion of the CHNA Town Hall meeting (*April 2021*), implementation teams were formed by the Pratt Health Coalition. These implementation teams will respond to the community's prioritized needs by developing goals and monitoring action plans.

## Major Needs and How Priorities Were Established

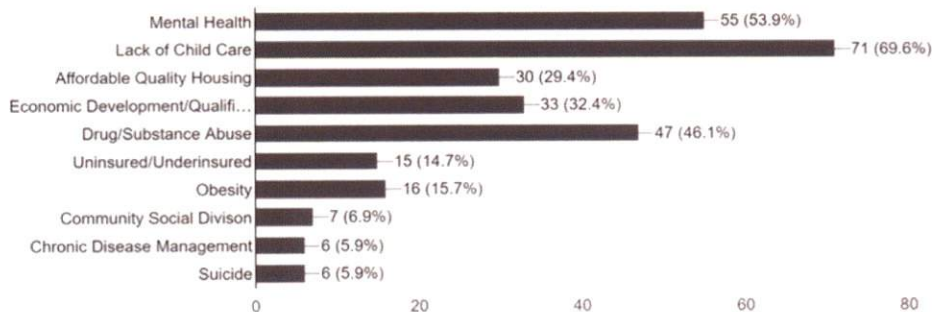
With local support, VVV Consultants reviewed public health data, conducted interviews, distributed surveys to city and county residents and public health officials. This assessment resulted in a list of 17 health needs, which were discussed at a community town hall meeting.

Area stakeholders held a community conversation to review, discuss and prioritize health delivery. The table below reflects stakeholder views and findings. Stakeholders were then given an opportunity to revise their rankings and then these rankings were summed to produce a composite ranking listed on the next page.

Pratt County, KS				
2021 CHNA Priorities - Unmet Needs				
CHNA Wave #4 Town Hall - April 22, 2021				
Pratt Regional Medical Center PSA (36 Attendees, 138 Total Votes)				
#	Community Health Needs to Change and/or Improve	Votes	%	Accum
1	Mental Health (Diagnosis, Placement, Aftercare)	22	15.9%	15.9%
2	Child Care Options	19	13.8%	29.7%
3	Affordable Quality Housing	14	10.1%	39.9%
4	Economic Development / Qualified Workforce	14	10.1%	50.0%
5	Drug / Substance Abuse	12	8.7%	58.7%
6	Uninsured / Underinsured	10	7.2%	65.9%
7	Obesity	8	5.8%	71.7%
8	Community Social Division	7	5.1%	76.8%
9	Chronic Disease Management	6	4.3%	81.2%
10	Suicide	6	4.3%	85.5%
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>138</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
Other Items receiving votes: Parenting, Alcohol Abuse, Domestic Violence, Food Insecurity, Smoking / Vaping, Elderly / Disabled Services and Safety Net Clinics.				

Which are the Top 3 Pratt County Health Needs to Change or Improve?

102 responses



The process identified three priority issues for the community to be addressed in this Implementation Plan over the next 3 years:

1. Mental Health (Diagnosis, Placement, Aftercare)
2. Child Care Options
3. Drug/Substance Abuse

Pratt Regional Medical Center invited public input on the prioritized health needs via electronic comment, community forums and follow-up interviews. These forums confirmed the prioritization presented to the Pratt Health Coalition and identified partners and volunteers for addressing these needs.

## **Description of What Pratt Regional Medical Center Will Do to Address Community Needs**

Pratt Regional Medical Center chairs the Pratt Health Coalition which has formed implementation teams that address Mental Health, Child Care Options and Drug/Substance Abuse.

The Mental Health Team is comprised of the PRMC Psychologist, PRMC President and CEO, the Manager of PRMC Rural Health Clinics, the Executive Director of the Pratt Health Foundation, area School District Administration, the Hope Center board president and other members of the community with additional invitations extended to community partners and residents who could help the team understand the barriers to access and stigma surrounding mental health as well as identify effective solutions and provide resources to implement those solutions. Meetings of the Mental Health Team are open to the public.

The Child Care Options Team is comprised of the Pratt County Health Department Director, the PRMC Safety Officer, Pratt County Extension Agent, PRMC Guest Services Coordinator, members of the PRMC Patient and Family Advisory Council, and a local day care provider, as well as other members of the community with additional invitations extended to community partners and residents who could help the team understand the barriers to adequate childcare options as well as identify effective solutions and provide resources to implement those solutions. Meetings of the Child Care Options Team are open to the public.

The Drug/Substance Abuse Team is comprised of the PRMC Community Relations Manager, the director of the Hope Center, the Pratt County Attorney, Project Director of the Ninnescah Opioid Workforce Coalition, the Executive Director of the South Central Community Foundation, area school district staff and other members of the community with additional invitations extended to community partners and residents who could help the team understand the barriers to adopting healthy lifestyles as well as identify effective solutions and provide resources to implement those solutions. Meetings of the Drug/Substance Abuse Team are open to the public.

In addition, Pratt Regional Medical Center will continue to address community needs by providing charity care and Medicaid services; continuing its community benefit programs such as Bicycle Safety, Well Mother Well Baby Check-ups, Prescription Assistance Program and on-going student shadowing and health professional educational programs.

### **Action Plans**

1. **Mental Health:** Pratt Regional Medical Center will develop a flowsheet with key individuals on what steps look like after it is determined a member of the community needs help.
2. **Mental Health:** Pratt Regional Medical Center will establish a community inventory of services to document the availability of mental health resources, including hours of service.
3. **Mental Health:** Pratt Regional Medical Center will share and educate all local partners and entities the flow sheet and resources available.
4. **Child Care Options:** Pratt Regional Medical Center will work with the Pratt County Health Department to identify available facilities that might be cost effectively renovated for expanded child care services.
5. **Child Care Options:** Pratt Regional Medical Center will cooperate with the Pratt County Health Department to investigate funding to support childcare center development.
6. **Child Care Options:** Pratt Regional Medical Center will cooperate with the Pratt County Health Department and offer support to evaluate what needs truly are to determine number of additional child care providers needed.
7. **Drug/Substance Abuse:** Pratt Regional Medical Center will educate parents and students on the ramifications of substance abuse, by working with schools to expand evidence-based programs and education.
8. **Drug/Substance Abuse:** Pratt Regional Medical Center will support the development of behavioral health programs to increase services.
9. **Drug/Substance Abuse:** Pratt Regional Medical Center will explore grant funding for primary care screening and referral to treatment.

## Next Steps for Priorities

For each of the priority areas listed above, Pratt Regional Medical Center will work with the Pratt Health Coalition and community partners to:

- Identify any related activities being conducted by others in the community that could be built upon.
- Develop measurable goals and objectives so that the effectiveness of their efforts can be measured.
- Build support for the initiatives within the community and among other health care providers.
- Develop detailed work plans.

## Approval

Pratt Regional Medical Center's Governing Board of Trustees includes representatives from Pratt County and the surrounding area. Each year, the Board will review the prior year's Community Benefit Implementation Activities for addressing priorities identified in the most recent Community Health Needs Assessment and other plans for community benefit. This report was prepared for review and approval by the Governing Board's September 2021 meeting.

Pratt Regional Medical Center's Governing Board Approval:



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