

Approval of 2013 Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Strategy

Blue Ridge HealthCare Board of Directors, Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Strategy - Excerpt from December 10, 2013, minutes.

Jerry Davis, Vice President, Corporate Communications and Government Relations, acting as chair of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Task Force, presented BRHC's first CHNA and Implementation Strategy, as required under the Affordable Care Act. The Task Force is comprised of representatives from BRHC, the Burke County Health Department, United Way, Burke Health Solutions, Good Samaritan Clinic and other non-profit organizations who work primarily with medically underserved populations in the county. The CHNA represents an overview of the major health challenges facing Burke County, as well as underlying factors. As part of the CHNA, more than 600 surveys were conducted among a cross-section of Burke County residents. The survey revealed that the chief concerns of this representative sample, in order of priority, are Obesity/Diabetes, Drug abuse, Cancer, Heart Disease and Mental Health. Based on these findings, the Task Force has developed a 3-year Implementation Strategy focused on improving the community's health status for pre-diabetes/diabetes. Mr. Davis shared a working action plan comprised of seven components to implement the diabetes initiative. He also briefed the Board on BRHC's plan to be involved in community wide efforts on the remaining four of the top five concerns identified through the surveys.

ACTION: Following discussion and review, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Strategy. The ensuing vote by the Blue Ridge HealthCare Board of Directors was unanimous.

To be Kept in 2013 Community Health Needs Assessment Office File