Madison County Memorial Hospital

Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Progress

* Physician Recruitment/Access Efforts:

* + The hospital developed a partnership with Florida State University (FSU) College of Medicine for successive physician recruitment planning through a written agreement to allow their medical students to shadow hospital providers on site. One student has successfully completed a rotation at Madison County Memorial Hospital. This agreement allows the students to learn about the many advantages of practicing in rural communities, and hopefully in turn be instrumental in attracting new physicians to consider future opportunities with the hospital.
	+ A new physician with a specialty in geriatrics opened a private practice adjacent to the hospital property May 2016.
	+ The hospital and Tallahassee Memorial Hospital continue discussions on a partnership for mental health and other specialist consults by way of telemedicine.
	+ The last public hearing on a re-zoning proposal by the City of Madison for the purpose of allowing physicians/medical-related businesses to build new offices or purchase existing buildings adjacent to the hospital was December 2016. This is a long-term investment in the area around the hospital to promote land planning that supports the hospital and medical community.
* Diabetes Education and Wellness Program:
	+ The hospital continues to enhance community educational awareness on decreasing the incidence of complications of diabetes. Free educational classes are held with social media posting and advertising via the Chamber of Commerce. In December, 2015 a hospital employee received their certification as a diabetic trainer to satisfy the hospital efforts in promoting and supporting a workforce that is trained as diabetes educators.
	+ Evidence based diabetes guidelines are being developed by the Chief Medical Officer to assist in the monitoring of patients’ adherence to the diabetes standard of care.
	+ The hospital implemented a hospital wellness initiative in conjunction with the local health department and worked closely with the local gyms for health care employee discounts to promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

 Tax Year 2016