

INTRODUCTION

In 2017, in accordance with Section 501(r)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, Raritan Bay Medical Center (RBMC) conducted their second Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) to better understand the needs of the communities within the hospital's Service Area.

A Community Benefit Task Force was convened to oversee development of the CHNA. The Committee is comprised of key county stakeholders (government, civic, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations and health care providers) focused on improving the health of community residents. The findings and recommendations of the Task Force informed the CHNA process and ultimately the selection of community health need priority areas based on capacity, resources, competencies, and needs specific to the population served. After presenting an analysis of key CHNA findings, service gaps and assets across health indicators, the Top 5 Priority Issues determined by the Task Force were:

- 1. Diabetes
- 2. Cardiovascular Disease
- 3. Physical Activity / Obesity
- 4. Mental Health
- 5. Access

This Implementation Strategy is the result of the CHNA which was adopted by the Board of Directors on November 28, 2017. To address the needs of the community, Raritan Bay Medical Center is committed to the strategies outlined in this report. RBMC has allocated resources in the form of staff, facilities, programs and financial support over the next three years to ensure achievement of the implementation strategy goals in order to provide the necessary education and services to the community.

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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP) addresses the manner in which RBMC will approach each priority need and the expected outcome and timeframe for the evaluation of its efforts.

GOAL 1: Reduce Diabetes-related unnecessary ED visits and admissions through education and support.

Priority Need Addressed: Diabetes

	Initiative	Activities	Review Period	Strategic Partners
1.1	Diabetes screening and counseling	a. Participate in Health Fairs events - distribute bi-lingual educational materials	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health Community Partners:
		b. Conduct wellness screenings – distribute bi-lingual educational materials	Ongoing	Joslin Center NJ 2-1-1 Culture of Health
		c. Distribute local resources including NJ 2-1-1 to individuals seeking diabetes support	Ongoing	Central Jersey Family Health Consortium American Diabetes Association Local health Departments Culture of Health
		d. Participate in Diabetes Awareness Month	November	
1.2	Diabetes support groups	a. Promote Joslin Diabetes Center support group (Old Bridge - English speaking)	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health Community Partners: Joslin Center NJ 2-1-1 Culture of Health Central Jersey Family Health Consortium American Diabetes Association Local health Departments Culture of Health
		b. Partner with Joslin Center to conduct needs assessment of Type 1 Caregiver support group	Ongoing	
		c. Distribute local resources including NJ 2-1-1 to individuals seeking diabetes support	Ongoing	

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	Initiative	Activities	Review Period	Strategic Partners
1.3	Diabetes health education programming and services	a. Offer nutrition education classes at Joslin Diabetes Center - Old Bridge	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health
		b. Launch <i>Reshape Your Health</i> - Hackensack Meridian Health nutrition and cooking campaign	March 2018	Community Partners: Joslin Center
		c. Present diabetes-related community lectures via Speakers Bureau	Ongoing	NJ 2-1-1 Culture of Health Central Jersey Family Health
		d. Implement <i>Take Control of Your Health for Diabetes</i> – 6- week self-management course	Ongoing	ConsortiumAmerican Diabetes AssociationLocal health Departments
		e. Engage Hispanic community through faith-based initiative	Ongoing	Wegmans Culture of Health
		f. Distribute local resources including NJ 2-1-1 to individuals seeking diabetes support	Ongoing	
		g. Participate in Diabetes Awareness Month	November	
		h. Disseminate public health messaging – billboards and social media campaigns	Annual	
1.4	Leadership commitment to evaluate need to establish Perth	a. Conduct needs assessment	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health
	Amboy-based diabetes program	b. Secure resources	Ongoing	
		c. Implement findings	Ongoing	

GOAL 2: Reduce community's modifiable risk factors for heart disease and stroke through education and support.

Priority Need Addressed: Heart Disease

	Initiative	Activities	Review Period	Strategic Partners
2.1	Heart and vascular screening and counseling	a. Participate in Health Fairs events - distribute bi-lingual educational materials	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health Community Partners:
		b. Conduct wellness screenings - distribute bi-lingual educational materials	Ongoing	Health department American Heart Association YMCA
		c. Offer AngioScreen – 15-minute noninvasive screening with real time result feedback (cost associated)	TBD	NJ 2-1-1 Culture of Health
		e. Distribute local resources including NJ 2-1-1 to individuals seeking heart health support	Ongoing	
		f. Participate in Heart Awareness Month	February	
2.2	Cardiovascular health support groups	a. Lead Cardiac Club support group	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health
		b. Distribute local resources including NJ 2-1-1 to individuals seeking heart health support	Ongoing	Community Partners: Health department American Heart Association YMCA NJ 2-1-1 Culture of Health

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2.3	Cardiovascular health education programming and services	a. Implement <i>Take Control of Your Health</i> for Cardiovascular Health- 6-week self-management course	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health Community Partners:
		b. Present cardiovascular-related community lectures via Speakers Bureau	Ongoing	Health department American Heart Association YMCA
		c. Launch Reshape Your Health - Hackensack Meridian Health nutrition and cooking campaign	March 2018	NJ 2-1-1 Culture of Health Community of Lifesavers Local EMS
		d. Offer Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes for medical professionals and the public	Ongoing	- Local Eivis
		e. Host stroke education for local EMS	Ongoing	
		f. Engage Hispanic community through faith-based initiative	Ongoing	
		g. Distribute local resources including NJ 2-1-1 to individuals seeking heart health support	Ongoing	
		h. Participate in Heart Awareness Month	February	
		i. Disseminate public health messaging – billboards and social media campaigns	Annual	

GOAL 3: Enhance community awareness of nutrition and increase physical activity to positively impact overall health and well-being through education and support.

Priority Need Addressed: Healthy Nutrition/Obesity

	Initiative	Activities	Review Period	Strategic Partners
3.1	Wellness screening and nutritional counseling	a. Participate in Health Fairs events - distribute bi-lingual educational materials	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health Community Partners:
		b. Conduct wellness screenings - distribute bi-lingual educational materials	Ongoing	SNAP Federally Qualified Health centers including Jewish
		d. Continue Baby Friendly initiative path	Ongoing	Renaissance Central Jersey Family Health
		e. Distribute local resources including NJ 2-1-1 to individuals seeking nutrition and weight management support	Ongoing	Consortium YMCA Culture of Health NJ 2-1-1
		f. Participate in Nutrition Awareness Month	March	
3.2	Weight loss/management support groups	a. Promote Bariatric surgery program support group	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health
		b. Distribute local resources including NJ 2-1-1 to individuals seeking nutrition and weight management support	Ongoing	Community Partners: SNAP Federally Qualified Health centers including Jewish Renaissance Central Jersey Family Health Consortium YMCA Culture of Health NJ 2-1-1

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Priority Need Addressed: Healthy Nutrition/Obesity

	Initiative	Activities	Review Period	Strategic Partners
3.3	Physical activity programming and health education events	a. Present healthy nutrition/obesity-related community lectures via Speakers Bureau	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health Community Partners:
		b. Launch <i>Reshape Your Health</i> - Hackensack Meridian Health nutrition and cooking campaign	March 2018	Sodexo Culture of Health
		c. Engage Hispanic community through faith-based initiative	Ongoing	Mayor's Wellness Campaign Pawsitive Action Team
		d. Utilize public gardens for education and food distribution	Ongoing	SNAP Federally Qualified Health
		e. Engage communities to participate in established walking programs	Ongoing	centers including JewishRenaissanceCentral Jersey Family Health
		f. Partner with local employers on wellness initiatives	Biannually	Consortium YMCA NJ 2-1-1
		g. Collaborate with school-based programs	Biannually	
		h. Participate in Nutrition Awareness Month	March	
		i. Disseminate public health messaging – billboards and social media campaigns	Annual	
3.4	Leadership commitment to evaluate need to provide 24/7	a. Conduct needs assessment	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health
	access to healthy foods on campus	b. Secure resources	Ongoing	
		c. Implement findings	Ongoing	

GOAL 4: Increase community awareness of and engagement with Mental Health, Alcohol and Substance Abuse services while supporting community-based programs.

Priority Need Addressed: Mental Health and Substance Abuse

	Initiative	Activities	Review Period	Strategic Partners
4.1	Behavioral health/substance abuse resource distribution	a. Participate in Health Fairs events - distribute bi-lingual materials	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health Community Partners:
		b. Facilitate a network of community based organizations/agencies and providers	Biannually	Wellspring Pastor Birney Bay Behavioral Health Veterans
		c. Distribute local resources including NJ 2-1-1 to individuals seeking behavioral health/substance abuse support	Ongoing	Crisis Line NJ 2-1-1 Federally Qualified Health centers including Jewish Renaissance
4.2	Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse education and programming	a. Disseminate public health messaging – billboards and social media campaigns	Annual	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health Community Partners: Wellspring Bay Behavioral Health Veterans Crisis Line NJ 2-1-1 Care Transformation Strategy Culture of Health
		b. Present behavioral health/substance abuse-related community lectures via Speakers Bureau	Ongoing	
		c. Engage Hispanic community through faith-based initiative On	Ongoing	
		d. Collaborate with school-based programs	Biannually	Department of Health – Division of Addiction Services
		e. Distribute local resources including NJ 2-1-1 to individuals seeking behavioral health/substance abuse support	Ongoing	Central Jersey Family Health Consortium Healthier Middlesex

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	Initiative	Activities	Review Period	Strategic Partners
4.3	NARCAN Rapid Replacement Program	a. Provide opioid antidote replacement kits	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office
4.4	Leadership commitment of resources to evaluate potential partnership to provide IP/OP detox services	a. Conduct needs assessment	Ongoing	HMH-RBMC Hackensack Meridian Health
		b. Secure resources	Ongoing	
		c. Implement findings	Ongoing	