



CHRISTUS[®] DUBUIS
Hospital of Hot Springs

Community Health Implementation Plan

2017-2019

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MISSION FOR IMPLEMENTATION

CHRISTUS Dubuis of Hot Springs, Arkansas is a long term acute care hospital located within CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs. CHRISTUS Dubuis of Hot Springs is part of CHRISTUS Dubuis Health System, a non-profit long term acute care hospital (LTACH) system sponsored by CHRISTUS Health to provide care to patients who require acute care over an extended period of time. CHRISTUS Health was formed in 1999 to strengthen the Catholic faith-based health care ministries of the Congregations of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word of Houston and San Antonio that began in 1866. Founded on the mission “to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ,” CHRISTUS Health’s vision is to be a leader, a partner, and an advocate in creating innovative health and wellness solutions that improve the lives of individuals and communities so that all may experience God’s healing presence and love.

As part of this effort and to meet [federal IRS 990H requirements](#), this document serves as a community health improvement plan (CHIP) report for CHRISTUS Dubuis of Hot Springs. This report is the companion piece to the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) report that was finalized June 2016 (see separate document), and based, in part, off of several needs identified in that document.

TARGET AREA/ POPULATION

CHRISTUS Dubuis of Hot Springs sees patients from the following counties in Arkansas. Due to the nature of the long term acute care industry, the regulatory bodies that oversee and govern the types of services that are provided, and the limited resources available to address the needs highlighted within the CHNA, patients admitted to CHRISTUS Dubuis of Hot Springs will serve as the target population for most of the implementation strategies discussed in this report.

CHRISTUS Dubuis of Hot Springs Counties	
Clark	Howard
Garland	Montgomery
Hot Springs	Pike

PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS

Leadership for CHRISTUS Dubuis of Hot Springs was provided with a draft community health needs assessment report May 2016. A panel of experts comprised of both CHRISTUS staff and external partners representing various members of the community was tasked with reviewing the findings and determining which priority issues would be selected to address over the next three years as part of a community health implementation plan.

The panel took a number of things into consideration when choosing priorities. Some priorities were selected based off of issue prevalence and severity according to county and regional secondary data. Input provided by key informants, focus group participants, and other community stakeholders was also

heavily considered, especially for priority areas where secondary data were less available. The official Community Health Needs Assessment report was finalized June 2016 (see separate document). Based on the process described above, the priority health needs selected by CHRISTUS Dubuis of Hot Springs are:

1. Poverty
2. Access to Care
3. Chronic Conditions

SELECTED IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The following implementation strategies outline actions CHRISTUS Dubuis of Hot Springs will take over the next three years to address the priority health needs listed above.

POVERTY PRIORITY STRATEGY

Increase community awareness of organizations or programs available in the Hot Springs region that provide assistance or social services to low-income families

Major Actions	Sub-actions
<p>Develop and print a resource guide that lists services available to low-income populations</p>	<p>1. Partner with local United Way or others to assist on gathering a list of services available in the community</p> <p><i>Anticipated Outcome:</i> Partnering with United Way and other organizations to develop a printed list of services and resources for low-income families ensures that the list is inclusive of the many organizations serving the community.</p>
	<p>2. Distribute guide widely by providing to local churches and other organizations, promoting at health fairs, etc.</p> <p><i>Anticipated Outcome:</i> Wide distribution better ensures that more community members can be informed of the many poverty assistance and services for which they are eligible.</p>

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ACCESS TO CARE PRIORITY STRATEGY

Promote and/or provide increased health education and prevention screenings to address chronic conditions and limited access to health services, particularly among the uninsured and underinsured

Major Action(s)	Sub-actions
Develop key partnerships with other clinics and nonprofit organizations to promote preventative health services specifically for the low-income, uninsured, and underinsured	1. Partner with other organizations to sponsor health fairs <i>Anticipated Outcome:</i> Working with other organizations to promote various health services and provide screenings during a health fair is one way to educate the community on what is available to them and engage them in chronic disease prevention.
	2. Partner with Charitable Christian Clinic to provide tools and /or services to address chronic conditions <i>Anticipated Outcome:</i> Supplementing the services Charitable Christian Clinic provides with additional chronic disease prevention and/or management tools and resources could address chronic disease in this patient population.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEEDS THAT CANNOT NOT BE ADDRESSED

In an effort to maximize any resources available for the priority areas listed above, leaders and staff at CHRISTUS Dubuis of Hot Springs determined that the following issues would not be explicitly included in their community health improvement plan (CHIP):

- Accidents
- Transportation

CHRISTUS Dubuis of Hot Springs does not provide emergency or short term acute care that would be needed for accident victims. Additionally, transportation was not selected because the hospital has determined it does not have the resources or ability to impact transportation within the six-county Hot Springs region.