

**Franciscan Healthcare**  
**Community Health Needs Assessment**  
**Summary of Actions Taken in 2023 for the 2022 CHNA**

The 2022 CHNA revealed two main health priorities in our area: 1) Behavioral/Mental Health and 2) Cancer Prevention and Screening. Several overall goals were established based on the preceding health priorities. Actions taken in 2023 to address the health priorities are as follows:

For the health priority of Behavioral/Mental Health we will:

1. Continue providing job shadowing experiences and preceptorship programs for potential behavioral/mental health students entering the pipeline, and for current medical students completing field training. Recruit behavioral/mental health providers.
  - a. *Actions taken in 2023*
    - i. We had one physician assistant student, and one nurse practitioner student complete their psychology rotation with our mental health providers.
2. Continue telemedicine access in the district—focusing on behavioral and mental health services.
  - a. *Actions taken in 2023*
    - i. Mary Brockmann, APRN; Alexis Albrecht, APRN; Tracie Martin, MD; and Pete Thiele, PA-C continue to use telehealth to reach patients and provide access to care for mental health visits.
3. Continued use of clinical assessments for all patient encounters in the medical setting for substance misuse and/or substance abuse disorders and suicide risk and triage.
  - a. *Actions taken in 2023*
    - i. We screen all patients, 12 years of age and older, annually for depression and suicide. If screening is positive, we provide appropriate referral for treatment.

For the health priority of Cancer Prevention and Screening we will:

1. Increase physical activity through instruction of evidence-based curriculums geared towards dietary improvements and healthy lifestyles. Evidence-based curriculums may include:
  - a. National Diabetes Prevention Project (NDDP)—both traditional and hybrid
  - b. Health Coaches
  - c. Eating Smart and Being Active
    - i. *Actions taken in 2023*
      1. Health coaches meet with pre-diabetic and diabetic patients to discuss how they can change their lifestyle to be compliant with their disease. This includes how physical activity can play a part in their lifestyle.
2. Increase creation of (or enhanced access to) public places for public use to increase physical activity and improve physical fitness. Items to consider include creating walking trails, parks improvement, inclusive playgrounds, and partnerships with Core Health.
  - a. *Actions taken in 2023*



The CHNA only focuses on two main health priorities. However, it should be noted that some of the other opportunities for prioritization that were identified during the CHNA such as recruitment and retention of healthcare workforce, home stability, food insecurity, opioid overdose and misuse, Medicaid reimbursement for long-term care facilities, shortage of EMS providers, etc. are still issues that we face and work through often. Just because they are not part of the CHNA, does not mean that we are not focusing on them and working to improve the outcomes.