

## **ThedaCare Community Health Needs Assessment**

## **Healthy Individuals Start with Healthy Communities**

When people have access to the supports they need to realize their full potential, communities and individuals thrive. This starts with access to basic needs such as nutritious food, safety, humane housing and top-quality healthcare. Yet, a community that fosters health and well-being is so much more. There exist ample opportunities for lifelong learning, meaningful work that provides fulfillment and covers the bills, accessible and affordable transportation, environments that encourage activity and recreation, and connection to others - providing a place for all to truly belong.

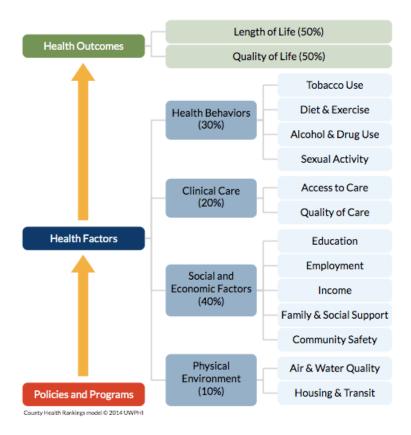
If this is what we know creates health, then this is where ThedaCare's interest belongs — upstream, helping to put in place, across the communities we serve, the conditions that build health in the first place. No longer simply a health care organization, ThedaCare is evolving into a *population health* organization, challenging the antiquated systems that incentivize more procedures over preventative measures. Customers of health services across Northeast and Central Wisconsin want to live healthier, more meaningful lives. It's ThedaCare's purpose to help them do just that.

The best models today suggest only 20% of health is created inside the walls of healthcare systems. That means that 80% of health is a result of what happens in our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our faith institutions, our communities. (See graphic below.)

The World Health Organization defines health as "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."

ThedaCare uses the UW Population Health Institute model below to help build understanding of what creates health and to classify health needs and opportunities. Data collected through the Institute's County Health Rankings serve as one of several data sets that help us understand local health needs.





The three-year plan that follows (Plan to be added to this document early 2020.) is a blueprint for how ThedaCare intends to leverage its distinguished talents inside its walls to team up with community partners across sectors to strengthen the health and well-being within the communities it serves and lay the foundation for health for generations to come.



#### **About ThedaCare**

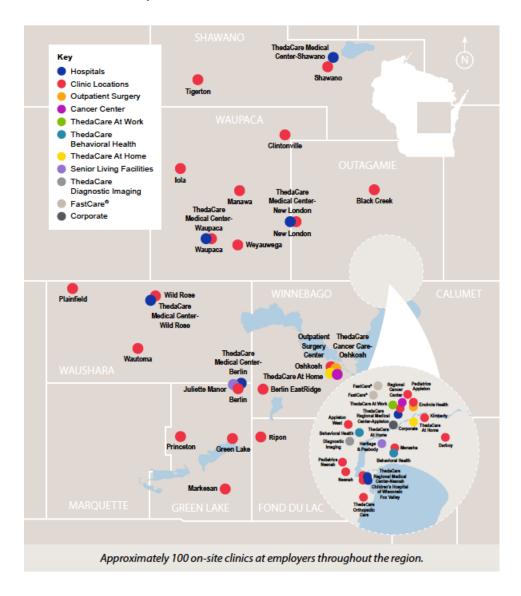
ThedaCare is the region's only locally owned, not-for-profit health system. That means ThedaCare decision-makers, inclusive of leaders, staff and board members, work in this community and call this place home. They have every reason to put the well-being of area residents first because each has a vested personal interest in the current and long-term health and vitality of family, neighbors and friends.

With deep roots dating back more than 110 years, ThedaCare has been committed to improving the health of the communities it serves in Northeast and Central Wisconsin. Each year, ThedaCare's 7,000 team members provide expert medical care to more than 250,000 individuals through more than 180 points of access including seven hospitals located in Appleton, Neenah, Berlin, New London, Shawano, Waupaca and Wild Rose, 35 clinics and ancillary sites, and 100 worksite locations. ThedaCare serves a region of more than 600,000 residents across 14 counties and features a level II trauma center, comprehensive cancer treatment, stroke and cardiac programs as well as a foundation dedicated to community service. In addition, ThedaCare is the first in Wisconsin to be a Mayo Clinic Care Network Member, giving our specialists the ability to consult with Mayo Clinic experts on a patient's care.



### **Locations Map**







## **Care that Spans Beyond Hospital and Clinic Walls**

Well before the Affordable Care Act required health systems to conduct Community Health Needs Assessments and develop corresponding plans, ThedaCare was leading the way in community health improvement efforts. Since 2001, ThedaCare has used its Community Health Action Team (CHAT) model to bring community members together to study critical health needs and co-create effective, sustainable solutions. Leaders across all community sectors, including education, business, healthcare, government, non-profits, faith organizations, and more, participate in day-long field trips called "plunges" to learn firsthand from people with lived experience. This up-close perspective has empowered communities to take ownership of their health and fueled an urgent desire to craft collaborative solutions that have resulted in dozens of high-impact organizations and programs that are building health across the region.

ThedaCare has been a driving force behind development of such efforts as *Imagine Fox Cities* living vision, LiveWell Fox Valley creating a culture of health, the Rural Health Initiative taking care to the farm, the STAR Program reducing the gap in graduation rates between black and white youth, and so much more. As a result, the American Hospital Association and Baxter Health Foundation have twice recognized ThedaCare among the top four candidates in the country for the Foster G. McGaw Prize for Excellence in Community Service.

This commitment to the broader health of the community starts with a Board of Trustees that sees itself as stewards of individual and community well-being. A leadership team puts patient and community health at the center of everything ThedaCare does to ensure this work is embodied in our mission, our vision, our strategy and our plans. Dedicated Community Health staff are resourced to effectively research community need and develop partnerships and solutions that have impact. And, CHAT Teams in each community help ensure that local needs are not overlooked and proposed solutions will matter.

### The Health of Our Community Today

Understanding the health of the community goes beyond data collection and analysis. It entails meeting face-to-face with and listening to the stories of people who live and work in the community, especially people whose voices may be easily overlooked. In what ways are their lives becoming healthier? What stands in their way to achieving health and well-being? What do they need to enhance their ability to lead healthy lives? These are all important questions that, coupled with data, paint a picture of opportunity for action.

#### **Needs Assessment and Prioritization Process**

ThedaCare's Community Health Needs Assessment process was anchored by an Advisory Team of more than 40 community members and ThedaCare professionals from across the nine-county health system primary service area. (See Appendix A.) These individuals represented public health, non-profit organizations, ThedaCare hospitals and clinics, ThedaCare at Work and ThedaCare Board of Trustees. This group established a multiple-meeting process that defined the purpose of the Assessment, the data to be collected and through what methods, laid out how the hospital and community would come together to make sense of the data, and what process would be used to prioritize identified needs and opportunities.



A Core Data Set developed by the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) was used as the starting point for secondary data collection. Public health assessments and plans were reviewed. In addition, interview data, gathered in partnership with all county and city health departments, was layered on, as were data collected through the Fox Valley Community Health Improvement Coalition (FVCHIC), a collaboration of all five health systems and public health organizations in the tri-county region. The FVCHIC conducted a joint behavioral risk survey of 1400 adults and parents of youth, along with 70 interviews of key stakeholders and vulnerable populations to reduce duplication of effort among health organizations. ThedaCare Community Health staff and public health conducted an additional 50 interviews of key stakeholders and vulnerable populations in rural hospital markets to complement the Fox Cities interviews and secondary data. (See Appendix B for list of key stakeholders interviewed.) Final components of the data set included hospital patient data, as well as input from the CHAT teams in each hospital market.

Three 4-hour data workshops were held to make sense of the primary and secondary data and prioritize opportunities. In addition to the Advisory Team, an expanded list of community and ThedaCare representatives was engaged in these workshops to ensure conclusions were accurate and relevant. (See Appendix C.) Representatives from each hospital service area reviewed their market-specific data and formed conclusions. This data was compiled to provide both regional and local landscapes of health need.

Priorities were identified using Impact and Feasibility Criteria. Specific criteria included the number of people affected, how likely to cause death, current trend and comparison to other state and national benchmarks, impact on vulnerable populations, importance to the community, and evidence of success in addressing the issue.

#### Common Needs Across the ThedaCare Service Area

Several themes were consistent across all seven ThedaCare hospital markets. The most significant themes were:

- The average age of residents is increasing and their needs are becoming greater
- Health disparities are significant for people living in rural areas, low-income and people of color
- Adults and youth are struggling to maintain mental health
- Excessive drinking is among the highest in the state and country while drug use is growing with devastating effects on individuals and families
- Obesity and chronic disease are becoming the norm in Northeast Wisconsin
- Lack of access to dental care results in excessive emergency department visits
- Despite low unemployment and growth in household income, families still struggle to support basic needs, including healthcare
- Families are struggling to provide young children with the safe and healthy start needed for lifelong physical and mental health
- Disparities in educational attainment are significant for children in low-income families
- Transportation is a significant barrier to active living and needed services, particularly in rural areas
- Not everyone feels they belong in their community or have needed social supports

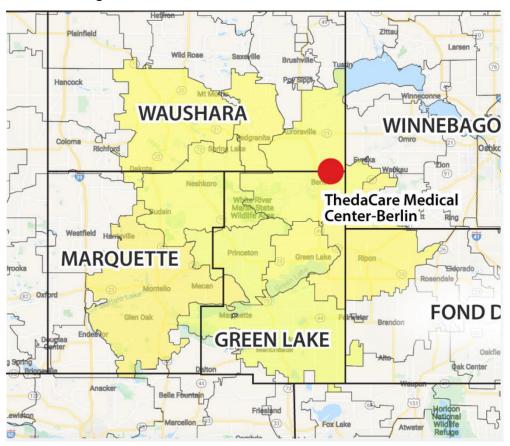


## **Berlin Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan**

#### About ThedaCare Medical Center-Berlin

Since 1911, generations of people have sought quality healthcare at ThedaCare's Berlin hospital. In 2014, the Berlin hospital merged with ThedaCare, and in June 2016 it became ThedaCare Medical Center–Berlin. The 25-bed critical care hospital and local clinics, combined with access to 39 regional specialty services, provide high-quality, expert local care for people throughout the region. The Berlin hospital works with community members to meet the needs of families in Central Wisconsin through a dynamic collage of services ranging from well visits with a primary care provider to specialty services such as orthopedics and cancer care.

#### ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Berlin Service Area



ThedaCare Medical Center–Berlin defines its service area as Green Lake County and portions of Marquette and Waushara counties, with clinics in Berlin, Green Lake, Ripon, Markesan, Princeton and Wautoma. (Map represents zip codes of at least 80% of inpatient base).

For purposes of this plan, in an attempt to avoid duplication with other ThedaCare hospital markets, we will restrict our focus of ThedaCare Medical Center–Berlin's assessment and plan to primarily Green Lake and Marquette counties.



## **Demographics**

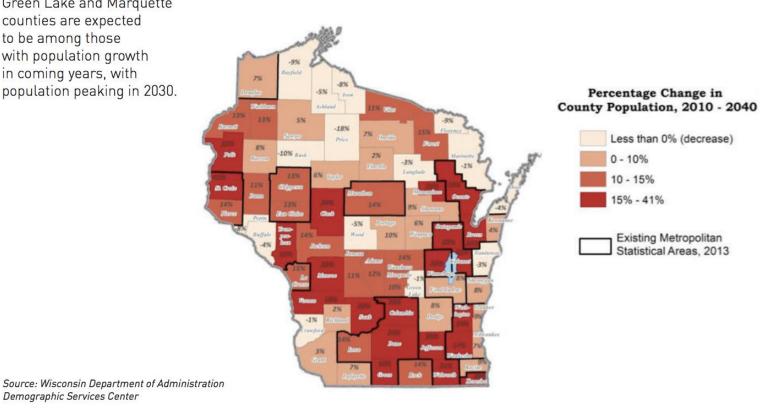
### **Population**

Green Lake County has an estimated population of 18,760 (2018) while Marquette County has a population of 15,308. Both counties experienced stagnant growth since 2010. All of Marquette County is rural, while 74.3% of Green Lake County is rural, comprised primarily of farmland. Since 2010, both counties experienced a negative natural growth rate of births over deaths at -0.8% for Green Lake and -0.9% for Marquette counties. Net migration, however, was positive at 1.3% for Green Lake County and 1.0% for Marquette.

### Green Lake and Marquette County Projections, 2010 - 2040

Green Lake and Marquette counties are expected to be among those with population growth in coming years, with population peaking in 2030.

Demographic Services Center





| Population Projections |        |        |        |        |            |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
|                        | 2010   | 2020   | 2030   | 2040   | Net Change |
| Green Lake             | 19,051 | 19,240 | 19,445 | 18,885 | -166       |
| Marquette              | 15,404 | 16,315 | 17,325 | 17,015 | 1,611      |

Population Projections Department of Administration, State of Wisconsin, 2015

Wisconsin Economic and Workforce Profile, 2017

### **Age Distribution**

Both Marquette and Green Lake counties have significantly older populations on average than the state average of 16%. The percentage of adults over age 65 is 22.5% in Green Lake County and 23.8% in Marquette County. Both counties have a lower percentage of the populations below age 18 than the state average of 22.1%.

| Total Population (2018 est.) |       |       |       |       |        |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
|                              | 0-17  | 18-44 | 45-64 | 65+   | Total  |
| Green Lake                   |       |       |       |       |        |
| Total for Group              | 4,125 | 5,108 | 5,497 | 4,267 | 18,997 |
| Percent of Total             | 21.7% | 26.9% | 28.9% | 22.5% |        |
| Marquette                    |       |       |       |       |        |
| Total for Group              | 2,713 | 3,674 | 5,281 | 3,651 | 15,319 |
| Percent of Total             | 17.7% | 24.0% | 34.5% | 23.8% |        |

Source: www.countyhealthrankings.org (PEP)

### Race/Ethnicity

Green Lake and Marquette counties are predominantly white with 92.7% and 93.7% Non-Hispanic white, respectively. The Hispanic population is the fastest growing minority population, representing 3.2% of Marquette County and 4.8% of Green Lake County.

| Population by Race/Ethnicity*          |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
|  | 2014 (est.) | 2018 (est.) |
| Green Lake                             |             |             |
| Non-Hispanic White                     | 94.0%       | 92.7%       |
| Hispanic                               | 4.1%        | 4.8%        |
| Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 0.0%        | 0.0%        |
| Asian                                  | 0.5%        | 0.6%        |



| American Indian and Alaskan Native     | 0.4% | 0.5%  |
|--|------|-------|
| Non-Hispanic African American          | 0.5% | 0.7%  |
| Marquette                              |      |       |
| Non-Hispanic White                     | 95%  | 93.7% |
| Hispanic                               | 2.8% | 3.2%  |
| Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 0.0% | 0.0%  |
| Asian                                  | 0.4% | 0.7%  |
| American Indian and Alaskan Native     | 0.6% | 0.8%  |
| Non-Hispanic African American          | 0.5% | 0.5%  |

<sup>\*</sup>As some census respondents choose not to disclose ethnicity, percentages may not equal 100% of the population.

Source: www.countyhealthrankings.org (PEP)

#### Income Level

For both Green Lake and Marquette counties, average household income is well below the state average of \$56,800 at \$50,400 and \$50,000 respectively. The percentage of families living below the Federal Poverty Level decreased in Marquette County and remained steady in Green Lake County from 2013 to 2018. An estimated 12% of Green Lake and Marquette counties' populations live below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level.

According to United Way, 41% of Green Lake County and 38% of Marquette County households live below the Assets Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) and poverty thresholds. ALICE represents individuals and families who are working but are unable to afford the basic necessities of housing, food, childcare, health care and transportation. Both are above the state average of 37.5%.

The percentage of children eligible for free and reduced school lunch in both Green Lake and Marquette Counties is rising and exceeds the state average of 40%. The percentage of children living below the Federal Poverty Level also exceeds the state average of 16%, with Green Lake at 19% and Marquette at 20%.

Approximately 10% of Green Lake and 7% of Marquette counties' residents are uninsured.

| Median Household Income |          |          |  |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|--|
|                         | 2013     | 2018     |  |
| Green Lake              |          |          |  |
| Median Household Income | \$47,094 | \$50,400 |  |
| Marquette               |          |          |  |
| Median Household Income | \$41,814 | \$50,000 |  |

Source: www.countyhealthrankings.org (SAIPE); US Census Bureau, United Way



### **Vulnerable Population Groups**

The Community Health Needs Assessment identified several vulnerable populations, including the following potential key targets for our strategy:

- Rural farm families
- Older adult population
- Low income
- Hispanic population

Our plan addresses health needs of the broader population with a special focus on members of the more vulnerable populations identified above.



## **Key CHNA Findings**

## **Berlin Market Community Health Needs Assessment**

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| Demographics ,  |  |  |  |  |
| Conclusions   | Data/Interviews that back this up  | Implications   |  |  |
| Average age of our population is getting older – disproportionately affecting rural areas | What the data says: General With exception of Calumet, all counties saw negative change in population age 0-17 Senior populations are growing faster than the state average  Berlin Market With exception of Green Lake, all counties saw positive increase in population age 65+  What the community says: General "Many folks retire here for the peace and quiet and then age and become frail or have other health issues and then need help accessing services. How do they                   | <ul> <li>Demand for daily living support and healthcare will increase</li> <li>Transportation and social isolation concerns will increase</li> <li>Health needs of Baby Boomers will place greater demands on "sandwich generation"</li> <li>Fewer babies are being born, particularly in rural areas. Forcing healthcare to adjust provider mix.</li> <li>Declining workforce capacity</li> </ul> |  |  |
| While the population is predominantly white, diversity is increasing slowly               | <ul> <li>and then need help accessing services. How do they do this when they can't drive, don't have access to more specialized services that they need?"</li> <li>What the data says:         <ul> <li>General</li> <li>The Non-Hispanic White population has decreased between 0.8-1.5 percentage points across all markets in the last 5 years. The largest non-White populations are Hispanic in rural markets and Hispanic, Asian and African American in urban areas</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Types of health needs will become more varied requiring cultural sensitivity and competence across community services</li> <li>Hispanic community is not seeking services due to political climate</li> <li>Need to grow trust with diverse populations</li> </ul>  |  |  |



| Schools have experienced up to 30% transient population year to year  What the community says: General We need to hire more black and brown teachers. That epresentation is important. If kids can't see it, they won't be it."  |  |
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| Data that backs this up  | Implications   |
| What the data says: General  CHR Outcomes range from #9 of 72 for Calumet to #72 of 72 for Menominee  Gerlin Market  Green Lake County ranked #53 of 72 counties for Health Outcomes  Marquette County ranked #61 of 72 counties for Health Outcomes  What the community says: | A wide array of factors create different health outcomes across our service area. Strategies to address health may need to vary by urban vs rural and among different sub populations  |
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| Health disparities exist for those living in rural areas  | <ul> <li>What the data says:         <u>General</u> <ul> <li>Only the urban counties of Calumet (#9 of 72), Winnebago (#28 of 72) and Outagamie (#15 of 72) appear in the top half of health outcomes rankings</li> <li>People living in rural counties have more years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population than the state average (6,100)</li> </ul> </li> <li>What the community says:         <ul> <li>"Poverty – people under income and ALICE – not making enough money to live healthy life styles – 50% of pop fall into these categories combined – poor links to everything-activities, healthy eating"</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                           | • | Across health factors, including access to care, income levels, education, access to recreation facilities, etc., rural areas are more challenged to lead healthy lives  |
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| Adults and youth are struggling to maintain mental health | <ul> <li>What the data says:         General         <ul> <li>Self-reported number of mentally unhealthy days in past 30 days has been increasing across markets since 2012, (with the exception of Calumet and Winnebago). The number of days range from 3.1 (Calumet) to 5.8 (Menominee)</li> <li>Mental health was identified by key stakeholders as among top three health problems across all seven hospital markets</li> </ul> </li> <li>What the community says:         <ul> <li>"Folks that are mentally well are more willing to educate/better themselves, more willing to accept services when needed, more likely to make positive/healthy decisions"</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | • | There is no health without mental health. Mental and physical health are intertwined Declining mental health affects all aspects of life including family and friend relationships and workplace productivity Adverse Childhood Experiences are major cause of mental health issues Declining mental health, hopefulness, ability to cope leads to increased substance abuse Our youth are struggling to cope with life stressors and need enhanced protective factors including resiliency, knowledge, communication, relationships and support Entire families, schools and communities are seriously impacted by suicide  Sends message to other youth that suicide is an answer to their problems Demand for mental health services will grow, including at earlier ages |
| Diabetes rates are high in our service area               | What the data says: General  The percent of adults age 20+ with diagnosed diabetes is at or above the state average (9%) across all markets   | • | We can anticipate an increase in health implications including heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, hypoglycemia, neuropathy, eye problems and more. Also, will likely reduce life expectancy  |



|   | What the community says: "Diabetes is unrealized issue; type 2 diabetes is affecting law enforcement workforce and the stress of the job adds to issue, lifestyle - eating meals at odd hours, have to be more planful, shift work"   | • | Will increase demand for healthcare services  |
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| Falls among older adults are an increasing cause of death | <ul> <li>What the data says:         General         <ul> <li>In six of nine counties, fatal falls exceeds the state average of 410 per 100,000 population in 2016.</li></ul></li></ul>   | • | Falls are not only a risk factor for fractures, they can lead to irreversible health, social, and psychological consequences, with profound economic effects More falls are likely with aging population  |
| Cerebrovascular disease hospitalization rates are high    | <ul> <li>caregiver to help them"</li> <li>What the data says:         <ul> <li>General</li> </ul> </li> <li>2015 Cerebrovascular Disease Hospitalization         <ul> <li>Rate is higher than the state average of 11.3 per 1,000 population in five of eight counties. (No data available for Menominee). Calumet, Waushara and Winnebago were only three below state average</li> </ul> </li> <li>What the community says:         <ul> <li>"There is a high incidence of death related to heart failure or disease. However, many other disease</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | • | Strokes can result in death or serious disability including loss of cognitive functions, partial paralysis in some limbs, speech difficulties, memory loss and more Higher incidence may require expanded rehab and therapy services to recover functioning for the patient as well as support services for family care providers |



While new diagnoses of cancers are better than the state across most markets, the incidence of various types of cancer is increasing. Urban vs rural data varies. Nationally, incidence of certain cancers is increasing at a younger age due to obesity epidemic

processes contribute to this placing individuals at high risk for a heart attack."

# What the data says: (Incidence per 100,000) General

- Cancers declining across markets
  - Colorectal
- Cancer increasing across markets
  - o Oral
  - Melanoma incidence higher than state average in six of seven counties for which have data
  - Uterine incidence rising in five of seven counties for which have data
- Cancer above state average in Urban
  - o Breast
  - Ovarian
  - Prostate incidence declining across markets; higher than state average in urban
- Cancer above state average in rural counties
  - Lung declining across markets; above state average in some rural areas
- Nationally, cancer incidence significantly increased for six of 12 obesity-related cancers (multiple myeloma, colorectal, uterine corpus, gallbladder, kidney, and pancreatic cancer) in young adults (25–49 years) with steeper rises in successively younger generations

#### Berlin market

Oral, pancreatic and uterine cancer rate exceeds other counties

## What the community says: General

"Cancer – not sure what is causing – not a factory causing pollution..."

- Cancer rates are generally higher in urban areas with exception of lung cancer which is higher in rural areas
- Signals importance of early detection and screening as well as focus on root cause related to diet, exercise and tobacco



| Health Behaviors Individual actions that impact health   |  |  |
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| Conclusions  | Data/Interviews that backs this up   | Implications   |
| Excessive drinking (includes binge and heavy drinking) is among highest in state and country   | <ul> <li>What the data says:         <ul> <li>Excessive drinking surpasses national benchmark by more than two times across all markets</li> <li>Urban markets have highest excessive drinking rates at 24-29%</li> </ul> </li> <li>Berlin Market         <ul> <li>Alcohol-impaired driving deaths have been declining across markets with the exception of Green Lake and Waupaca counties. Four counties exceed the state average of 36% - Winnebago (38%), Waupaca (43%), Calumet (44%) and Menominee (56%)</li> <li>What the community says:</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul> <li>Excessive drinking contributes to other health factors including violence, motor vehicle crashes/deaths, increased STIs, increased suicide and mental health issues, and chronic disease</li> <li>Alcohol abuse is an Adverse Childhood Experience, fostering cycle of long-term health implications</li> <li>Healthcare providers can play a greater role in screening and referral</li> </ul>   |
| The consequences of drug use are becoming more serious leading to more fatalities and hospitalizations. Drug use among adults appears to be increasing, impacting children and families. Opioids and heroin continue to plague communities. Marijuana is becoming more socially acceptable among youth | <ul> <li>What the data says: General <ul> <li>Drug abuse was named among top 3 health problems across all markets</li> <li>Drug overdose death rate in Northeast Wisconsin has quadrupled from 2000 to 2016, rising from 2.7 deaths/100,000 population in 2000 to 12.5 deaths/100,000</li> <li>The rate of opioid related hospital discharges in NE Wisconsin has more than doubled in last 10 years, from 122/100,000 population in 2006 to 331/100,000 in 2016</li> </ul> </li></ul>   | <ul> <li>Along with the individual impacts of drug use, the societal impacts are increasing as well such as children in families not receiving the parent support they need; Foster care demand is rising; burglary and theft increasing as drug users seek to fund drug habits, for example</li> <li>Demand for prevention, treatment and recovery services grows</li> <li>Drug abuse is an Adverse Childhood Experience, fostering cycle of long-term health implications</li> </ul> |



|  | <ul> <li>The heroin poisoning discharge rate has jumped from 0.6/100,000 population in 2007 to 16.1/100,000 population in 2016</li> <li>Wisconsin foster care placements due to caretaker drug use have risen from 15% of placements in 2012 to 29% of placements in 2016</li> <li>Number of opioid prescriptions written in Wisconsin declined by 32% in past year</li> <li>Hepatitis C rates are higher than state average of 68 per 100,000 population across all markets with exception of Calumet</li> </ul> |   |
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|  | What the community says: "Even though we are a small rural community we are still impacted by drug and alcohol use/abuse. I think this is going to continue to be a trend into the future."   |   |
| While cigarette use is declining among youth, vaping is dramatically on the rise and kids and parents don't know the risks | What the data says: (2018 Tri-County Youth Data Only:)  27% of youth report vaping in the past month, up from 18% in 2016. This is significantly above the state average of 12%   | <ul> <li>Most e-cigs contain nicotine, which is addictive and can harm the developing brains of kids and could affect memory and attention</li> <li>Some brands contain additional chemicals that can be dangerous</li> </ul> |
| Tobacco use among pregnant women is high   | <ul> <li>What the data says: General <ul> <li>Tobacco use is at or below the state average of 17% across all markets except Menominee (33%)</li> <li>Smoking rates among pregnant women is above state average of 13% across all markets with exception of Outagamie (11%) and Calumet (9%)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Increase in low birth-weight babies</li> <li>Increased rates of asthma, chronic lung disease, cancer, stroke</li> </ul>  |
|  | Berlin market     The percentage of low birth weight babies is rising   |   |
|  | What the community says: General "Tobacco – really high esp while pregnant, overall gone down, vaping and pregnant women still high"  |   |



Overweight and Obesity continue to increase reaching new epic levels year after year

- · Access to physical activity limited
- Fruit and veg consumption declining
- Access to affordable healthy foods declining

# What the data says: General

- Self-reported obesity levels are rising across all markets and exceed the national benchmark of 25% across all markets
- Self-reported obesity levels meet or exceed the state average of 31% across all markets with the exception of Outagamie County (30%)
- Adults who report no leisure time physical activity exceeds state average of 21% across all markets with exception of Winnebago and Outagamie
- Only 2 counties report exceeding the state average of 86% who live reasonably close to a location for physical activity – Winnebago (90%) and Outagamie (93%)

# What the community says: General

"Obesity leads to other problems – diabetes, cancer, aging problems (mobility, access, socialization); heart disease/stroke top death in county; mental health based on stats and surveys also isolation in rural areas, teens bullied, suicide attempts, aging MENTAL HEALTH issues, depression and isolation"

- Rates of chronic disease increase including cardiovascular disease, Type II diabetes, cancers, hypertension, osteoarthritis, sleep apnea, etc.
- Poor quality of life due to obesity can lead to depression and/or other mental health issues
- Increase in demand for healthcare services

Youth risky sexual behavior rising in some markets

## What the data says:

#### <u>General</u>

- While teen sexual intercourse is declining (27% have ever had sex), the percent of sexually active youth reporting using a condom is 55%, below the state average of 63%.
   Earlier YRBS data suggest not using a condom is high across some markets including Marquette (26.7% of HS seniors who've had sexual intercourse) and Outagamie (25.2%).
   Data is not available for all counties
- 9% of sexually active youth report no method used to prevent pregnancy

- Increase in STDs/STIs, Hep C, HIV and long-term health
- Risk of teen pregnancy

#### Berlin market



|   | The percentage of illegal tobacco sales to minors is more than three times the state average  What the community says:  General  "Physical, emotional and sexual abuse are all common amongst our population. Providing access to care to help people adequately deal with their pain from trauma is key. It is often the root of all of their issues. If we deal with trauma first, we will likely see less of an  |   |
|---|---|---|
| Clinical Care   | occurrence of addiction, instability, etc."   |   |
| Access to Quality Health Care   |   |   |
| Conclusions   | Data/Interviews that backs this up  | Implications  |
| Hospitalization rate for ambulatory- sensitive conditions is improving across almost all markets; however, rates continue to be higher in rural vs. urban markets | <ul> <li>What the data says:         General         <ul> <li>Hospitalization rate for ambulatory-sensitive conditions range from 33-39 per 1000 Medicare enrollees in urban markets vs. 39-106 in rural counties.</li> <li>Ratio of population to primary care physicians exceeds state average in 6 of 9 counties; however a mix of urban and rural. (Does not include other providers such as Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Berlin market         <ul> <li>Injury hospitalization rate is 50% above state average</li> <li>In Marquette County, the hospitalization rate for ambulatory sensitive conditions per 1,000 is significantly higher</li> </ul> </li> <li>What the community says: n/a</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>High rate may suggest access to care or insurance issues</li> <li>Significant opportunity to treat people at a lower le of acuity</li> </ul> |
| A large number of people across markets are not receiving dental care. Many show up in the Emergency Department in crisis   | What the data says: General   | <ul> <li>Poor dental health increases risk of inflammation,<br/>infection and hardening of arteries decreasing bloc<br/>flow.</li> </ul>              |



|  | <ul> <li>The percentage of people age 2+ that did not receive a dental visit in the past year meets or exceeds the state average of 26% in five of nine counties including Marquette</li> <li>The percent of Medicaid members receiving a dental service in past year is declining across all counties and is worse than state average in five of nine counties</li> <li>Oral disease is top Level 5 acuity Emergency Department visit by volume in six of seven hospitals</li> <li>While improving across all markets, the ratio of population to dentists exceeds the state average in six of nine counties, including Marquette and Green Lake. Many dentists do not accept Medicaid patients, or accept very limited number</li> <li>What the community says:</li> <li>General</li> <li>"biggest need over last few years is dental"</li> </ul> | • | Untreated dental issues often result in expensive emergency department visits, driving up the cost of care   |
|--|---|---|--|
| While uninsured rates have declined across markets, many people are still not accessing care due to out of pocket cost, transportation, political climate or other access issues | What the community says:  General  "Insurance barriers prevent many patients from getting appropriate care and/or having extended hospital admissions."   | • | Health needs go unaddressed until reaching critical levels at which point more expensive and intensive care may be needed  |
| Many children across the service area are not receiving recommended healthcare services including Well Child checks and immunizations  | What the data says: General  25% of children in ThedaCare system do not attend all seven Well Child visits in first 15 months  Childhood immunization rates are below state average of 73% across all rural markets  Berlin market  Lower immunization rates may be due to large Amish population, which does not immunize  What the community says:  | • | Children with developmental delays or early health concerns may not receive the support needed for the optimal start to life  New parents may not receive the support needed; may feel more isolated and stressed increasing risk of child abuse and neglect  Not receiving vaccinations leads to reduced immunity and increased risk of life-threatening disease for individual and community |
|  | General   |   |  |



| While population to mental health provider ratios are improving across all markets, access to timely mental health and AODA services remains a major concern | "One strategy I recommend to improve the health of the community is to educate people about immunizations. This is a top health concern."  What the data says:  General;  The ratio of population to mental health providers exceeds the state average in eight of nine counties  Berlin market  In the Berlin market:  The ratio of population to primary care providers is more than 10 times the state average  The ratio of population to mental health providers is more than two times the state average  The ratio of population to dental providers is more than three times the state average  Access to affordable mental health care was among the top three social determinants of health people are most concerned about across all markets  What the community says:  General  "Schools have mental health counselors substance abuse counselors available to see youth right at school. Lots of community education and family programs-back to school bash, blue ribbon kids day, etc." |   |
|--|---|---|
| Socioeconomic Factors Underlying Causes of Health/Health   | 3ehaviors   |   |
| Conclusions  | Data/Interviews that backs this up  | Implications  |
| A greater percentage of families across all markets are struggling to financially support their basic needs, despite employment and growth in household      | What the data says: General   | Health and healthcare is not a priority for people living in poverty. Attention to basic needs is. Health issues are often ignored until they reach crisis level. Then the ED serves as primary care access |



| income. Children and people living in rural markets are particularly vulnerable                             | <ul> <li>Poverty is listed among top three social determinants of greatest concern in eight of nine markets</li> <li>With the exception of Winnebago, the percentage of families living below the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) and poverty level rose in every market from 2014 to 2016. Rural markets are all above state average of 38% Percents range from 29% of families in Calumet to 62% in Menominee</li> <li>Median household income is below state average of \$56,800 across rural markets</li> <li>The percent of children eligible for free school lunch is rising across markets and exceeds the state average of 40% in six of nine counties, including Green Lake and Marquette</li> <li>The percent of children living below the Federal Poverty Line exceeds the state average of 16% in all rural markets with the exception of Waupaca</li> <li>What the community says:         <ul> <li>"There has been a break down in the fabric of families. Many struggle with how to be a supportive family. Poverty causes much of the stress in this community. Many people do not know how to maintain a family budget, they may not know what services are available to help them. Many AODA issues stem from stress/finances"</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Poverty is a root cause or barrier to many health problems including mental health   |
|---|---|--|
| Educational attainment among adults in rural markets is significantly below urban markets and state average | What the data says: General  All rural counties are dramatically below state average/national benchmark of 68% of adults age 25-44 with some college or associate's degree  What the community says:  | Lower educational attainment levels are associated with diminished levels of health. Adults with higher levels of education are less likely to engage in risky behaviors, such as smoking and drinking, and are more likely to have healthy behaviors related to diet and exercise |
| Economically disadvantaged youth across all markets are at higher risk of not graduating high school        | n/a What the data says: General   | High school graduates tend to lead longer and healthier lives than their peers who drop out, partly  |



| Children across markets are struggling   | While 4-year graduation rates are holding steady, the 4-year graduation rate of economically disadvantaged youth is 15-20% below the rates of economically advantaged      Berlin market     Marquette County's 4-year high school graduation rate of economically disadvantaged youth are below state average of 77%  What the community says: n/a  What the data says: | due to a graduate's ability to earn more money and afford better health care and housing in safer neighborhoods. Graduates also have an opportunity to learn and practice more about healthy behaviors  • A student who can't read on grade level by 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade   |
|--|--|--|
| with reading, especially those who are economically disadvantaged                    | The percent of economically advantaged 4 <sup>th</sup> grade students reading at proficient levels is below state average of 60% across counties with the exception of Winnebago and Green Lake. Percentages for economically disadvantaged students are significantly lower than for economically advantaged students across markets. (Menominee data not available)    | is four times less likely to graduate by age 19 than a child who does read proficiently by that time. Add poverty to the mix, and a student is 13 times less likely to graduate on time than his or her proficient, wealthier peer <a href="http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/inside-school-research/2011/04/the_disquieting_side_effect_of.html">http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/inside-school-research/2011/04/the_disquieting_side_effect_of.html</a> |
|  | Marquette County has significantly lower 4th grade reading proficiency percentage (45.1%) among economically advantaged youth. This county has one of the two lowest percentages among economically disadvantaged students, as well, at 24.5%.  What the community says:   |  |
| A significant percentage of people across the service area are dealing with multiple | n/a What the data says: General  | An ACE score of 4 or more increases risk for chronic diseases such as heart disease, lung disease, cancer  |
| Adverse Childhood Experiences  | Seven of nine ThedaCare counties report 10% or more of the population having 4+ Adverse  | and diabetes by 3.9x. High ACE scores also increase risk for depression, substance abuse, and other mental health conditions   |



|  | Childhood Experiences, with exceptions of Shawano and Calumet  What the community says:  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Safety of youth is declining                                 | <ul> <li>What the data says: 2018 Data from Tri-County Area only <ul> <li>The percent of youth who report they feel they belong in school declined from 71% in 2016 to 67% in 2018</li> <li>The percent of youth reporting emailing or texting while driving in past month, 54%) exceeds state average of 46% and national average of 39%</li> <li>20% of youth agree/strongly agree that violence is a problem at school</li> <li>11% report they did not attend school at least one day is last month because did not feel safe.</li> <li>10% of youth report physical dating violence; 12% report sexual dating violence</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |
|  | What the community says:<br>n/a  |  |
| Families are struggling to maintain stable home environments | What the data says: General From 2012 to 2016, the number of children in out- of-home care in Wisconsin (not including Milwaukee County) has increased 25%   |  |
|  | Berlin market     Green Lake child abuse rate of 7/1,000 population exceeds state average of 4/1,000 population  |  |
|  | What the community says: General "Parents are not parenting properly - not sending kids to school. Parents having mental health/drug problems. Drug problems increasing - particularly in workforce - can't pass drug test. Lots of stress."   |  |



| Conclusions  | Data/Interviews that backs this up   | Implications  |
|--|--|---|
| Access to quality housing is a challenge in several rural markets  | <ul> <li>What the data says:</li> <li>The percent of housing built prior to 1980 exceeds state average of 25.5% in Waupaca, Shawano, Green Lake and Winnebago</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Greater risk of lead poisoning, mold, asthma</li> <li>Higher costs to heat and maintain</li> <li>Increased risk of infestation, etc.</li> </ul>  |
|  | What the community says: "Young families will not move to the area if there aren't quality/affordable rentals to establish their families. Much of the quality housing stock is older and occupied."   |   |
| Transportation is a significant barrier to healthcare access as well as social supports, particularly in rural markets | What the community says: Transportation was identified among top 3 social determinants of greatest concern in 3 of 9 markets.  "Many folks retire here for the peace and quiet and then age and become frail or have other health issues and then need help accessing services. How do they do this when they can't drive, don't have access to more specialized services that they need?" | Lack of transportation limits ability to get to medical<br>and other necessary appointments. It also leads to<br>isolation and reduced well-being   |
| At least 10% of people in the service area struggle to access food   | <ul> <li>What the data says:</li> <li>In all but one county (Calumet), 10% or more of the population did not have adequate access to food during the past year</li> <li>What the community says:</li> <li>General</li> <li>"Lot of food available, but mostly junk food – leads to obesity."</li> </ul>  | Access to healthy food has a direct impact on health<br>Nutrition is critical to address many chronic diseases<br>such as high blood pressure or diabetes. It is also<br>essential to maintaining good health and prevention<br>of disease. |
| People living in rural markets are more challenged to find ways to be physically active                                | What the data says: Counties range from 0.04 facilities per 1,000 population in Waushara to 0.14 per 1,000 in Outagamie County   | Lack of physical activity impacts both physical and mental health   |



 The percent of population potentially exposed to water exceeding a violation limit during the past year is 28% in Green Lake, above the state average of 5%

# What the community says: **General**

"Lack of exercise & poor eating habits go hand in hand – exercise is worse; don't see people out and about, very rural, no sidewalks"



## **Information Gaps**

While we believe the volume and variety of data gathered to support the Community Health Needs Assessment was comprehensive, gaps in available data did exist.

- Not all school districts in our service area participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. This limits information related to school-aged children.
- A local BRFSS survey is not conducted in this hospital market, so statewide results were used. This limited the ability to analyze results from some populations because sufficient data was not available.
- Limited data was available on the following:
  - o Social support, relationships, connectedness, isolation
  - Vulnerabilities and resiliency of populations
  - Health literacy
  - o Completed referrals from rural areas to regional medical centers

#### 2020-2022 Priorities

Over the next three years, ThedaCare will focus on addressing the following top three health priorities as identified by the communities it serves:

- Mental health
- Substance use
- Obesity and chronic disease



## **Potential Resources to Address Prioritized Health Needs**

Many healthcare facilities and services are available in Green Lake and Marquette Counties to respond to the health needs of the community and assist ThedaCare in achieving its mission. They include:

| Healthcare Facilities and Community Resources |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| AA  |  |  |
| ADRC  |  |  |
| Advocap                                       |  |  |
| Berlin Chamber of Commerce                    |  |  |
| Berlin CHAT Team                              |  |  |
| Berlin Parks and Rec                          |  |  |
| Birth to 3 Program                            |  |  |
| Cap Services                                  |  |  |
| Care4U Clinic                                 |  |  |
| Catalpa Health                                |  |  |
| CESA 5 & 6                                    |  |  |
| Children's Hospital of Wisconsin              |  |  |
| Christine Ann                                 |  |  |
| City and County Government                    |  |  |
| Faith Communities                             |  |  |
| Family Health LaClinica                       |  |  |
| Farm to School Program                        |  |  |
| Farmers Markets                               |  |  |
| Food Pantries                                 |  |  |
| Fox Valley Technical College                  |  |  |
| Goodwill Industries                           |  |  |
| Green Lake DHHS                               |  |  |
| Green Lake Greenways                          |  |  |



| Green Lake Public Health  |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Head Start  |  |  |
| Law Enforcement - City and County   |  |  |
| Marquette County Public Health  |  |  |
| Marquette DHHS  |  |  |
| NAMI  |  |  |
| Options Counseling  |  |  |
| Prenatal Care Coordination  |  |  |
| Reach Counseling  |  |  |
| Rural Health Initiative   |  |  |
| School districts of Green Lake, Markesan, Princeton, Berlin, Montello and Westfield |  |  |
| Sexual Assault Crisis Center  |  |  |
| ThedaCare at Home   |  |  |
| ThedaCare at Work   |  |  |
| ThedaCare Behavioral Health   |  |  |
| ThedaCare Medical Center Berlin   |  |  |
| ThedaCare Physicians  |  |  |
| Tri-County Boys and Girls Club  |  |  |
| University of Wisconsin Extension Offices   |  |  |
| Wautoma Chamber of Commerce   |  |  |
| WIC   |  |  |
| Wisconsin Partners  |  |  |



### **Needs Identified and Not Addressed in This Plan**

Significant needs identified through our assessment that will not be addressed in the current three-year plan are listed below.

**Community Needs and Reasons Needs Not Addressed** 

| Community Need                              | Why Not Addressed                                   |
|---|---|
| ACES/Early Childhood                        | Work in this area has been initiated and is ongoing |
| Isolation/Community Connections             | Work in this area has been initiated and is ongoing |
| Families struggling to maintain stable home | Interwoven into existing work; partnering as        |
| environment/financial sustainability        | resources allow                                     |

## 2107-2019 Community Health Implementation Plan Progress Report

(A detailed progress report on the 2017-2019 Community Health Implementation Plan is included in Appendix D.)

ThedaCare received no written comments on the hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment or implementation plan.



# **Appendix A**

## **Community Health Needs Assessment Advisory Team 2018**

| Advisory Team Member | Organization                                 |
|----------------------|--|
| Tim Galloway         | CHAT/TC Foundations/Galloway Company         |
| Maureen Markon       | CHAT/TC Foundations; Waupaca School District |
| Brenda Haines        | Consulting                                   |
| Kristene Stacker     | Partnership Community Health Center FQHC     |
| Vicki Dantoin        | Public Health–Shawano/Menominee              |
| Mary Dorn            | Public Health–Outagamie County               |
| Cathy Ellis          | Public Health–Calumet County                 |
| Doug Gieryn          | Public Health–Winnebago County               |
| Nancy McKenney       | Public Health–City of Menasha                |
| Bonnie Kolbe         | Public Health–Calumet County                 |
| Kurt Eggebrecht      | Public Health–City of Appleton               |
| Kathy Munsey         | Public Health–Green Lake County              |
| Jayme Sopha          | Public Health–Marquette County               |
| Patty Wohlfiel       | Public Health–Waushara County                |
| Jed Wohlt            | Public Health-Waupaca County                 |
| Julia Carroll        | Public Health–Green Lake County              |
| Bill Schmidt         | ThedaCare Medical Centers-New London and     |
|                      | Shawano                                      |
| Tammy Bending        | ThedaCare Medical Centers–Wild Rose and      |
|                      | Berlin                                       |
| Dr. Dave Krueger     | ThedaCare ACO                                |
| Patty Vanbeek        | ThedaCare at Home                            |
| Gina Augustine       | ThedaCare at Work                            |
| Jim Meyer            | ThedaCare Board of Trustees                  |
| Dr. Doug Moard       | ThedaCare Board of Trustees                  |
| Ryan McCartney       | ThedaCare Brand, Marketing, Communications   |
| Dr. Jennifer Frank   | ThedaCare Clinically Integrated Network      |
| Don Waldrop          | ThedaCare Clinically Integrated Network      |
| Randy Roeper         | ThedaCare Clinically Integrated Network      |
| Paula Morgen         | ThedaCare Community Health                   |



| Kaye Thompson        | ThedaCare Community Health                     |
|----------------------|--|
| Jean Blaney McGinnis | ThedaCare Community Health                     |
| Tracey Ratzburg      | ThedaCare Community Health/Children's Hospital |
|                      | of Wisconsin                                   |
| Laura Owens          | ThedaCare Data Resources                       |
| Brian Sterns         | ThedaCare Executive Leadership Team            |
| Julia Garvey         | Partnership Community Health Center FQHC       |
| Phil Hollar          | ThedaCare Medical Center–Emergency–            |
|                      | Shawano  |
| Tracy Jurgens        | ThedaCare Medical Center–Emergency–            |
|                      | Shawano  |
| Ashton Reno          | ThedaCare Medical Center–Emergency–Appleton    |
| Kelly Smudde         | ThedaCare Medical Center–Emergency–Berlin      |
| Ann Younger Crandall | ThedaCare Medical Center–Emergency–Neenah      |
| Shane Kohl           | ThedaCare Family of Foundations                |
| Jodie Rietveld       | ThedaCare Information Systems                  |
| Dr. Kay Theyerl      | ThedaCare at Work                              |
| Peter Kelly          | United Way Fox Cities                          |
| Rachel Podoski       | United Way Fox Cities                          |



# **Appendix B**

## **Key Stakeholder and Vulnerable Population Interviews**

| Berlin Service Area  |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Bridget Adams        | United Migrant Opportunities Services,<br>Administrator   |
| Sue Allen            | University of Wisconsin Extension, Family Living Educator |
| Betty Bradley        | Green Lake County, ADRC Unit Manager                      |
| Dawn Buchholz        | Waushara County, Human Services, Director                 |
| Lola Burmeister      | Drops of Kindness, Director                               |
| Jennifer Dillard     | Green Lake & Marquette Counties ADRC Director             |
| Julie Felix          | ThedaCare   |
| Katie Gellings       | University of Wisconsin Extension, Family Living Educator |
| Nichol Grathen       | Green Lake County DHHS, Mental Health Therapist           |
| Shelby Jensen        | Green Lake County, Economic Support, Unit Manager         |
| Jason Jerome         | Green Lake County DHHS, Director                          |
| Dr. Jared Kohlenberg | ThedaCare   |
| Ted Kubiak           | Care4U Clinic, Clinician                                  |
| Kathy Munsee         | Green Lake County, Health Officer                         |
| Mark Podoll          | Green Lake County, Sheriff                                |
| Stephanie Prellwitz  | Green Lake Association, Executive Director                |
| Ed Schuh             | Fox River Industries, Unit Manager                        |
| Sue Sleezer          | Green Lake County DHHS, Unit Manager                      |
| Keri Solis           | Marquette County, Economic Development                    |
| Jayme Sopha          | Marquette County, Health Officer                          |
| Mandy Stanley        | Marquette County Human Services, Director                 |
| Amanda Thoma         | Green Lake County, Coroner                                |





# **Appendix C**

## **Community Health Needs Assessment Data Workshop Participants 2018**

| Name             | Organization                        | Hospital Market         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ryan McCartney   | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| Mary Ann Siebert | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| Gina Augustine   | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| Randy Roeper     | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| Brian Sterns     | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| Tracy Ratzburg   | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| Jeanine Knapp    | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| Wendy Krueger    | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| Shane Kohl       | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| David Krueger    | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| Kay Theryerl     | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| Don Waldrop      | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| Julie Meyer      | ThedaCare                           | All                     |
| Catherine Ellis  | Calumet County Public Health        | Appleton                |
| Heidi Keating    | Outagamie County Public Health      | Appleton                |
| Kurt Eggebrecht  | City of Appleton Public Health      | Appleton                |
| Kimberly Barrett | Lawrence University                 | Appleton                |
| Montgomery Elmer | ThedaCare                           | Appleton                |
| Dennis Episcopo  | Appleton Alliance/Common Ground     | Appleton                |
| Kristene Stacker | Partnership Community Health Center | Appleton and Neenah     |
| Rachel Podoski   | United Way Fox Cities               | Appleton and Neenah     |
| Beth Clay        | NEW Mental Health Connection        | Appleton and Neenah     |
| Nancy McKenney   | City of Menasha Public Health       | Appleton and Neenah     |
| Mary Dorn        | Outagamie County Public Health      | Appleton and New London |



| John and Sally Mielke | Mielke Family Foundation                   | Appleton and Shawano            |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Tammy Williams        | Community Foundation                       | Appleton, Neenah and New London |
| Mindy Collado         | Boys & Girls Club                          | Berlin                          |
| Katie Gellings        | Green Lake County Public Health            | Berlin                          |
| Julia McCarroll       | Green Lake County Public Health            | Berlin                          |
| Kathy Munsey          | Green lake County Public Health            | Berlin                          |
| Kelli Tarlton         | ThedaCare                                  | Berlin                          |
| Tammy Bending         | ThedaCare                                  | Berlin                          |
| Kelly Schmude         | ThedaCare                                  | Berlin                          |
| Jaime Sopha           | Marquette County Public Health             | Berlin                          |
| Tammy Bending         | ThedaCare                                  | Berlin and Wild Rose            |
| Doug Gieryn           | Winnebago County Public Health             | Neenah                          |
| Jodie Rietveld        | ThedaCare                                  | Neenah                          |
| Kari Smith            | ThedaCare                                  | Neenah                          |
| Tim Galloway          | Galloway Company                           | Neenah                          |
| Greg Watling          | First United Church                        | New London                      |
| Ginger Arndt          | City of New London                         | New London                      |
| Bill Schmidt          | ThedaCare                                  | New London and Shawano          |
| David Corso           | ThedaCare                                  | New London and Waupaca          |
| Jed Wohlt             | Waupaca County Public Health               | New London and<br>Waupaca       |
| Margo Dieck           | Waupaca County Public Health               | New London and<br>Waupaca       |
| Becky Heldt           | Clean Slate                                | Shawano                         |
| Vaughn Bowles         | Menominee Tribe                            | Shawano                         |
| Tracy Jurgens         | ThedaCare                                  | Shawano                         |
| Nick Mau              | Shawano and Menominee County Public Health | Shawano                         |



| 15.11.5              | Shawano and Menominee County Public |                       |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Vicki Dantoin        | Health                              | Shawano               |
| Philip Hollar        | ThedaCare                           | Shawano               |
| Myrna Warrington     | Menominee Tribe                     | Shawano               |
| Drew Lacefield       | Independent Counselor               | Shawano               |
| Julie Chikowshi      | ThedaCare                           | Shawano               |
| Chris Anthony        | Community Foundation                | Waupaca               |
| Maureen Markon       | Waupaca School District             | Waupaca               |
| Heidi Cuff           | ThedaCare                           | Waupaca               |
| Jesse Cuff           | Waupaca Veterans Services           | Waupaca               |
| Sue Heideman         | Volunteer                           | Waupaca               |
| Amanda Williams      | ThedaCare                           | Waupaca and Wild Rose |
| Brian Friebel        | Family Health LaClinica             | Wild Rose             |
| Stacey Westphal-Dunn | Waushara County                     | Wild Rose             |
| Patti Wohlfeil       | Waushara County Public Health       | Wild Rose             |
| Jeff Martz           | Martz Insurance                     | Wild Rose             |
| Jennifer Sigourney   | ThedaCare                           | Wild Rose             |
| Mary Ann Schilling   | UW Extension-Waushara County        | Wild Rose             |
| Tom Rheinheimer      | Wautoma School District             | Wild Rose             |



# **Appendix D**

**Community Health Implementation Plan 2017-2019 Progress Report** 

# **Early Childhood/Youth**

Goal: Children age 0-5 in ThedaCare 9-county service area have a healthy start to life.

### **Community Level Indicators**

- 4th Grade Reading Proficiency
- Child Abuse and Neglect Rate
- Well-child visit % (TC Pop Health)

|  | Baseline<br>1/1/17   | Target<br>12/31/19 | Current<br>11//19   | The Why   |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| Action: Reach Out and Read   |                      |                    |   | The well-being of young children was identified as one of top health concerns in 2015 and 2018 CHNAs. Improving early   |
| <ul> <li>Number of TC clinics</li> <li>Fully implemented</li> <li>In training</li> </ul> | 4 of 27 clinics<br>0 | 25of 25<br>0       | 23 of 25 clinics<br>2<br>All 25 expected to<br>complete training<br>by 12/31/19 | childhood addresses root cause of multiple long-term physical and mental health issues.  Reach Out and Read is proven to increase parents reading to their children by 2.5 times, |



| - Dools distribution  |       |        |                     | improve children's language                               |
|---|-------|--------|---------------------|---|
| Book distribution     Number of books                                       | 5,115 | 23,194 | 7,516               | improve children's language development by 3-6 months and |
|   | 89%   | 100%   | 94%                 | increase the likelihood of                                |
| <ul> <li>Rate -% of eligible well child visits where book handed</li> </ul> | 0970  | 100 /6 | (As of 6/30/19)     | children's books in the home by                           |
| out   |       |        | (AS 01 0/30/19)     | 2.5 times. A child's language                             |
| out   |       |        | (21% Medicaid/      | development and vocabulary are                            |
|   |       |        | uninsured families) | directly linked to 3rd grade                              |
|   |       |        | uninsured ramilles) | reading scores which predict                              |
|   |       |        |                     | high school graduation rates, a                           |
|   |       |        |                     | critical indicator of health. A                           |
|   |       |        |                     | child entering kindergarten one                           |
|   |       |        |                     | year behind in reading has a                              |
|   |       |        |                     | 26% chance of dropping out of                             |
|   |       |        |                     | high school and a child three                             |
|   |       |        |                     | years behind has a 55% chance.                            |
|   |       |        |                     | In comparison, a child reading at                         |
|   |       |        |                     | grade level or better has a                               |
|   |       |        |                     | dropout rate of less than 10%.                            |
|   |       |        |                     | •   |
|   |       |        |                     | According to Healthy People                               |
|   |       |        |                     | 2020, individuals who do not                              |
|   |       |        |                     | graduate high school are more                             |
|   |       |        |                     | likely to self-report overall poor                        |
|   |       |        |                     | health. They also more                                    |
|   |       |        |                     | frequently report suffering from                          |
|   |       |        |                     | at least 1 chronic health                                 |
|   |       |        |                     | condition—for example, asthma,                            |
|   |       |        |                     | diabetes, heart disease, high                             |
|   |       |        |                     | blood pressure, stroke, hepatitis,                        |
|   |       |        |                     | or mental health challenges—                              |
|   |       |        |                     | than graduates. Ultimately,                               |
|   |       |        |                     | finishing more years of high                              |
|   |       |        |                     | school, and especially earning a                          |
|   |       |        |                     | high school diploma, decreases                            |
|   |       |        |                     | the risk of premature death.                              |



| Action: Early Childhood Home Visitation Expansion  • Number of hospitals with Home Visitation referral  • Number of annual Home Visitation assessments | 2<br>45 | 300 | 317<br>As of 9/30/19                             | 90% of brain development happens by age 5. By identifying the most vulnerable new families and infants early, steps can be taken to help ensure these children have a strong start that fosters a lifetime of health. High risk families with first time births receive up to weekly home visits to educate parents on child development and parenting  |
|--|---------|-----|--|---|
| Number of Child Abuse and Neglect substantiations among enrolled Home Visitation families  | n/a     | 0   | O<br>In 2018, data for 2019<br>not available yet | practices, provide health and development screenings and referrals, and provide support needed to create a stable, nurturing early environment. Evaluation of Parents as Teachers home visitation model shows:  • Children's developmental delays and health problems are detected early (Well Child Visit rates improved) • Children enter kindergarten ready to learn and the achievement gap is narrowed • Children achieve school success into the elementary grades • Parents improve their parenting knowledge and skills • Child abuse and neglect is prevented • Parents are more involved in their children's schooling • Families are more likely to promote children's language and literacy |



- Improve Well Child Visit rate from 77.52 in 2018 to 79.4% as part of TC primary care population health improvement effort
- 2018 Read Well Be Well employee volunteer reading initiative in 7 elementary schools across all markets. 208 team members read to 2,268 children in grades 4K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Totaled 6700 minutes over 336 reading sessions.
- 2019 Make a Difference Day "Mystery Buses" engaged 300 TC and Partner Business employees volunteering at 10 non-profit locations across all hospital markets focused on early childhood and youth.
- Hosted 25 matches through Backyard Buddies, mentoring partnership with TCRMC Neenah, Children's Hospital Fox Valley, Roosevelt School and Best Friends
- 2017 Fox Cities CHAT plunge on Early Childhood prompted effort to improve ASQ screening process/rate; piloted ASQ screening process with Winnebago County and Oshkosh TC clinic
- New London and Shawano CHAT Teams leading Trauma Sensitive Community efforts. New London educated 3,000+ in ACEs and TIC. Shawano hosting St A's statewide training for 30 trainers October 2019. Majority from Shawano area. UW Extensions in both communities serving as sustainable hub for TIC education.
- Shawano CHAT Team led Shawano Area School District policy change resulting in later school start times for teens.
- 2017-2019 Sponsorship of local non-profit initiatives related to early childhood/youth: \$188,693
- 2017-2019 ThedaCare employee volunteer hours related to early childhood/youth: 52,472



# **Mental Health/Opioids**

Goal: People in ThedaCare 9-county service area have the support they need to lead mentally healthy lives free of reliance on alcohol or drugs.

### **Community Level Indicators:**

- Self-Reported Poor Mental Health Days
- Rate of opioid related discharges in NEW
- Rate of high school seniors who report being sad or hopeless for 2 weeks in row/stopped activities

|  | Baseline<br>1/1/17 | Target<br>12/31/19 | Current<br>10/30/19 | The Why  |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| Action: Access to  |                    |                    |                     | The state of mental health,                                    |
| <b>Behavioral Health Services</b>                              |                    |                    |                     | access to mental health services and drug abuse, in particular |
| NEW Mental Health Connection     Website (myconnectionNEW.org) |                    |                    |                     | opioid addiction, were named among top 3 health problems       |
| o # hits   | 0                  | n/a                | 143,000 (2017-      | across all markets in both the                                 |
| <ul><li># online screenings</li></ul>                          | 0                  | n/a                | present)            | 2015 and 2018 CHNAs.   |
| completed  • % will seek help                                  | 0                  | n/a                | 1400<br>64%         |  |



| Behavioral Health treatment access LM Julie  Outpatient psychiatry  Number on wait list  Days to initial evaluation  Days to urgent evaluation  Recovery  Days to 3 <sup>rd</sup> next available  Outpatient Mental Health  Days until 3 <sup>rd</sup> next initial evaluation | 685 (Sept 2016) 171 16 13 Midway 18 Waupaca 26 New London 45 Shawano 32 Encircle 20 Cancer Center 18 Oshkosh 28 Neenah N/A | 0 Same day/week (all referrals touched) Same day/same week Same week | 110 n/a  1  Midway 0 Waupaca 7 New London 4 Shawano 3 Encircle 11 Cancer Center n/a Oshkosh 1 Neenah 29 | Self-reported number of mentally unhealthy days in past 30 days has been increasing across almost all markets since 2012. People in need of behavioral health services have waited months to receive care and access to care in rural markets has been particularly challenging. |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| Action: Substance Abuse – Opioids  |  |  |   | The drug overdose death rate in<br>Northeast Wisconsin has<br>quadrupled from 2000 to 2016,<br>rising from 2.7 deaths/100,000  |
| "Sources of Strength" High School Program     # Urban High Schools implementing (thru NEW MH Connection)     # Rural High Schools implementing   | 0  | 14<br>6<br>rural schools<br>implementing<br>(by 12/31/19)            | 17<br>6   | population to 12.5<br>deaths/100,000. These deaths<br>were largely driven by<br>prescription opioids. The rate of<br>opioid related hospital<br>discharges in NE Wisconsin has<br>more than doubled in last 10<br>years, from 122/100,000  |
| Opioid Awareness Campaign     Calls to WI Addiction     Recovery Hotline      Drug Drop Boxes  | 0  | 300  | 271<br>(Campaign launch<br>March 2019)  | population in 2006 to 331/100,000 in 2016.  Curtailing the amount of opioids available through prescribing   |



| <ul> <li>Clinical initiatives         <ul> <li>% of call groups to receive metrics on opioid prescribing</li> <li>their appropriate use once prescribed, and providing effective treatment, including Medically Assisted Treatment options for those who become addicted are all important strategies to address the epidemic. In addition, working upstream to build resiliency in youth to strengthen mental health, and reduce risky</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | <ul> <li># Hospitals with boxes</li> </ul>      | 0   | 6                 | 6                | practices and drug take-           |
|---|---|-----|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| <ul> <li>% of call groups to receive metrics on opioid prescribing</li> <li># certified Medically Assisted Treatment providers (with infrastructure support)</li> <li>% of call groups to receive metrics on opioid prescribing</li> <li>100</li> <li>Prescribing data dashboard to be available 11/19</li> <li>6</li> <li>Medically Assisted Treatment options for those who become addicted are all important strategies to address the epidemic. In addition, working upstream to build resiliency in youth to strengthen mental health, and reduce risky</li> </ul> |   |     | (WR not eligible) |                  | back/drop-box efforts, ensuring    |
| metrics on opioid prescribing  of # certified Medically Assisted Treatment providers (with infrastructure support)  Prescribing data dashboard to be available 11/19  of # certified Medically Assisted Treatment options for those who become addicted are all important strategies to address the epidemic. In addition, working upstream to build resiliency in youth to strengthen mental health, and reduce risky  | <ul> <li>Clinical initiatives</li> </ul>        |     |                   |                  | their appropriate use once         |
| prescribing  # certified Medically Assisted Treatment providers (with infrastructure support)  # Certified Medically Assisted Treatment providers (with infrastructure support)  # Medically Assisted Treatment options for those who become addicted are all important strategies to address the epidemic. In addition, working upstream to build resiliency in youth to strengthen mental health, and reduce risky  | <ul> <li>% of call groups to receive</li> </ul> | 0   | 100               | 0                |                                    |
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| providers (with infrastructure support)  epidemic. In addition, working upstream to build resiliency in youth to strengthen mental health, and reduce risky   | <ul> <li># certified Medically</li> </ul>       | n/a | 5                 | 6                | addicted are all important         |
| support)  upstream to build resiliency in youth to strengthen mental health, and reduce risky   | Assisted Treatment                              |     |                   |                  | strategies to address the          |
| youth to strengthen mental health, and reduce risky   | providers (with infrastructure                  |     |                   |                  | epidemic. In addition, working     |
| youth to strengthen mental health, and reduce risky   | support)  |     |                   |                  | upstream to build resiliency in    |
|   | , ,   |     |                   |                  | youth to strengthen mental         |
|   |   |     |                   |                  | health, and reduce risky           |
| behaviors in the first place  |   |     |                   |                  | behaviors in the first place       |
| provides the greatest return. This  |   |     |                   |                  | provides the greatest return. This |
| is the purpose of the Sources of  |   |     |                   |                  | is the purpose of the Sources of   |
| Strength evidence-based   |   |     |                   |                  | • •                                |
| program.  |   |     |                   |                  |                                    |

- Fox Cities and Wild Rose CHAT Teams hosted Addiction Plunge August 2019. More than 100 community leaders participated resulting in new efforts to develop recovery coaching capacity, explore a Substance Use Coalition, expand sober living options, and improve access. The FC CHAT Team approved \$3000 toward facilitation of Substance Use coalition development.
- Waupaca CHAT supported launch of recovery coalition. Explored a recovery coach pilot for Waupaca ED.
- Provided promotional support for Shawano Drug Take back campaigns in Waupaca and Shawano.
- TCBH working with Catalpa and Shawano School District to explore providing MH counselors in Shawano schools. Catalpa Health launched in Waupaca in 2019.
- Shawano and Waupaca CHAT Teams led launch of Drug Courts in their respective counties.
   Waupaca 2017-19 to date 56 referrals, 27 enrolled, 8 graduated. Known savings for 8 graduates totals \$606,447.36 (incarceration cost vs drug court participation costs)
   Shawano -launched in October 2018, 6 enrolled and 38 referrals to date (October 2019), no graduates yet
- MAT use of Vivitrol piloted in Waupaca and expanded to Shawano and Appleton North
- Provided \$5000 in financial support of study regarding teen suicide-related behaviors in partnership with Medical College of Wisconsin/NEW Mental Health Connection
- Waupaca CHAT established two Oxford Recovery Houses. Men's house opened in October 2019 and has served 12 people; Women's house opened May 2019 and has served 9 people. 5 of the participants have also been involved with Drug Court



- Waupaca CHAT hosted Social Connection Plunge that launched community book read on "Deepening Community" by Paul Born, a Neighborhood Partners initiative, support for Rock the Block, and "Turquois Tables" at community events
- Mentoring initiatives launched through CHAT Teams in Berlin, Waupaca, Oshkosh and Wild Rose serving more than 500 youth. Waushara County –Multigenerational Mentoring Program for 2019 has had 23 volunteers and 309.5 hours volunteered by the Seniors. Student volunteer hours total 20.25.
  - Berlin B&GC 2018-19 school year served 28 matches, 2019-20 school year, to date, served 18 matches; expanded to Green Lake School District in 2019-20 school year, served 10 matches
  - Waupaca Big Brothers Big Sisters new partnerships with Waupaca Foundry and Waupaca Middle School resulted in more "littles" being matched. 35 kids served by 35 mentors for a total of 1225 hours. The new partnerships more than doubled the kids served from 13 in 2017 and 12 in 2018.
- Existing mentoring efforts supported in Shawano and Fox Cities. Matched physician funding for Boys & Girls Club Shawano totaling \$60,000 over 3 years.
- Launched Trauma Sensitive Communities in New London and Shawano. Supported TIC in Fox Cities through United Way. Trauma Sensitive Community curriculum from NL is expanded to Waupaca County in a new partnership with UW Ext and Leadership Waupaca County.
- Participating in leading efforts for Regional Social Connection/Belongingness
- 2017-2019 Sponsorship of local non-profit initiatives related to mental health/substance abuse:\$106,300
- 2017-2019 ThedaCare employee volunteer hours related to mental health/substance abuse: 2,278



# Obesity

Goal: People in ThedaCare 9-county service area live at a healthy weight.

## **Community Level Indicators:**

- Overweight and obese (2017 data)
  - o Adult (75.1%)
  - o Children (28.65%)

|  | Baseline<br>1/1/17 | Target<br>12/31/19 | Current<br>10/23/19 | The Why  |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| Action: "Weight of the Fox   |                    |                    |                     | Overweight and obesity are drivers of preventable chronic  |
| Valley" Tri-County Initiative  |                    |                    |                     | disease and reduced quality and  |
| <ul> <li>Additional organizations offering<br/>obesity-related worksite wellness<br/>programs</li> </ul>                     | 0                  | 30                 | 23                  | length of life. It was ranked among the top 3 health priorities in both the 2015 and 2018 CHNAs. Diseases linked to obesity are many including heart |
| <ul> <li>Early Care &amp; Education programs<br/>adding strategies for serving WI<br/>grown fruits and vegetables</li> </ul> | 21                 | 31                 | 29                  | disease, cancer, diabetes, osteoarthritis, orthopedic problems, high blood pressure, stroke, sleep apnea, and mental                                 |
| <ul> <li>Breastfeeding friendly designations</li> </ul>  | 29                 | 39                 | 37                  | illness such as clinical   |
| <ul><li>Early Care &amp; Education programs</li><li>Worksites</li></ul>  | 0                  | 10                 | 4                   | depression, anxiety, and other mental disorders. Obesity also contributes significantly to healthcare costs. Each year                               |
| Wayfinding signage on bicycle and  | 0                  | 50                 | 25.1                | obesity-related conditions cost  |
| pedestrian trails  o Linear miles  | 0                  | 100                | 101                 | over \$150 billion and cause an estimated 300,000 premature  |



| o # signs                                     |   |   |   | deaths in the US. As a person's  |
|---|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
|   | 2 | 7 | 5 | BMI increases, so do the number  |
| <ul> <li>Complete Streets policies</li> </ul> |   |   |   | of sick days, medical claims and |
| <ul> <li># Municipalities passing</li> </ul>  |   |   |   | healthcare costs. For instance:  |
| policies                                      |   |   |   | Obese adults spend 42% more      |
|   |   |   |   | on direct healthcare costs than  |
|   |   |   |   | adults who are a healthy weight. |
|   |   |   |   | •Per capita healthcare costs for |
|   |   |   |   | severely or morbidly obese       |
|   |   |   |   | adults (BMI >40) are 81% higher  |
|   |   |   |   | than for healthy weight adults.  |

- Provided financial support of Farmers Markets across service areas
- Along with United Way, championed transformation of "Weight of the Fox Valley" into more robust "LiveWell Fox Valley" model. Pending commitment from 5 health systems.
- Waupaca Living the Waupaca Way hired a Farmer's Market Coordinator, more than doubled vendor participation, improved music and activities at the market; hired a Community Garden coordinator; Farm to Table dinner 100 tickets sold and raised \$1,292 in 2019; participated in Healthy WI Leadership Institute; took on leadership of the Fun Run
- Attained Preliminary Status as Diabetes Prevention Program provider by CDC. Thoughout application phase of 2017-2019 enrolled 159 people. On average participants reduced risk of developing diabetes by 58%. Lifestyle Intervention Program enrolled 172 people since 2017 with average weight loss of 22 lbs, HAT score improvement of 15 points, reduction of prediabetes among 53%, and 44% reduction in metabolic syndrome. Enhancing process to allow providers to more readily refer people to the program. The Coronary Health Improvement Program enrolled 308 people since 2017 with an average drop in BMI of 5% and 20% drop in lipids.
- Major sponsor of American Heart Association resulting in \$203,500 in fundraising from Heart Ball, Go Red For Women and Heart & Stroke Walk; more than 2.6 million impressions on social media and traditional media; 450 people trained in hands only CPR including 35 students from Little Chute High School who continue to train Fox Cities community members at local businesses/schools/churches/community events
- Financial and in-kind Support of rural nutrition and physical activity coalitions including FRESH- Shawano, Living the Waupaca Way-Waupaca which included securing grant from Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute training and hosting annual Farm to Table dinner
- Sponsor multiple Walks and Runs including Bike the Barn Quilts in Shawano; Waupaca Triathlon; American Cancer Society Sole Burner, Fox Cities Marathon
- 2017 Good to Go ThedaCare employee volunteer initiative in 7 area schools to encourage healthy eating, active living 289 TC team members donated 757 volunteer hours
- 2018 Sponsorship of local non-profit initiatives related to obesity: \$153,900
- 2017-2019 ThedaCare employee volunteer hours related to obesity: 2,534



# **Disparities**

Goal: All people within ThedaCare 9-county service area have the opportunity to achieve optimal health.

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| Community Level Indicators:  • High School graduation rates • Percent of families living below ALICE and poverty levels    | Baseline<br>1/1/17              | Target<br>12/31/19 | Current<br>1/1/19         | The Why   |
| Action: STAR Program   |                                 |                    |                           | The 2015 and 2018 CHNAs   |
| (Addressing African  |                                 |                    |                           | indicates that not all people in the ThedaCare service area are                                       |
| American academic  |                                 |                    |                           | achieving comparable levels of  |
| success)   |                                 |                    |                           | health. People of color, low-income, less education and   |
| STAR Program   |                                 |                    |                           | those living in rural markets face  |
| <ul> <li># African American students<br/>enrolled</li> </ul>   | 190 (May 2018)                  | 400                | 450<br>(2018-2019 year)   | greater struggles to achieve optimal health. Addressing   |
| Graduation rate  | 72.5% Appleton<br>70.0% Menasha |                    | 86% (Appleton and Menasha | health disparities is increasingly important as the population  |
|  |                                 |                    | combined)                 | ThedaCare serves becomes more diverse. These vulnerable   |
| <ul><li>#/% on track to graduate</li></ul>   | 51%                             |                    | n/a                       | populations are more likely to be   |
| (Discontinued this metric; found not applicable)   |                                 |                    |                           | uninsured, face barriers to accessing care, and have higher rates of certain conditions               |
| Of those not on-track to graduate<br>from semester 1 to 2, % made<br>progress toward being on-track with<br>credit accrual | n/a                             |                    | 40%                       | compared to Whites and those at higher incomes.   |
| Action: Rural Health Initiative  |                                 |                    | As of 10-21-19            | Access to healthcare services is particularly challenging for farm families and those living in rural |
|  |                                 |                    |                           | communities. Higher poverty   |



| Number of rural individuals                           | 339        | 230 (90 Latino) | 176                | rates, a growing aging                                       |
|---|------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| served per year LM Rhonda                             |            |                 | (2016-18: 7,651)   | population, proximity to services                            |
| <ul> <li># health screenings per year</li> </ul>      | 548        | 375             | 323                | coupled with the independent                                 |
| <ul> <li>Unmanaged chronic</li> </ul>                 |            |                 | (2016-18: 1,838)   | nature of farmers and cost of                                |
| health conditions                                     | 290        | 170             | 145                | care lead to low utilization of                              |
| identified  |            |                 | (2016-2018: 691)   | services important to understand                             |
| <ul> <li>Number of referrals made to</li> </ul>       | 212        | 165             | 116                | personal health and stay healthy.                            |
| health care providers per year                        |            |                 | (2016-2018: 728)   |  |
|   |            |                 | /1                 |  |
|   |            |                 | (Lower annual #s   |  |
|   |            |                 | due to 11%         |  |
|   |            |                 | decrease in farms) | - II III   |
| Action: POINT (Poverty                                |            |                 |                    | Poverty and health are                                       |
| <b>Outcomes Improvement</b>                           |            |                 |                    | inextricably linked. The                                     |
| •   |            |                 |                    | difference in life expectancy                                |
| Network)  |            |                 |                    | between the poorest and richest                              |
| <ul> <li>POINT Regional Poverty Initiative</li> </ul> |            |                 |                    | people in the United States is                               |
| •   |            |                 |                    | between 10 and 15 years.                                     |
| <ul> <li>% living below poverty rate</li> </ul>       |            |                 |                    | Early childhood adversity  and poverties a factor that       |
| <ul> <li>Outagamie</li> </ul>                         | 9.9        | n/a             | 7.1 (12/31/18)     | and poverty is a factor that                                 |
| <ul><li>Winnebago</li></ul>                           | (12/31/15) | n/a             | 11.1%              | affects not only brain                                       |
|   | 11.7       |                 | (12/31/18)         | architecture and [neurologic and                             |
| <ul> <li># Homes in poverty with</li> </ul>           | (12/31/15) |                 |                    | endocrine] function, but affects                             |
| female head of household                              |            |                 |                    | the probability of lifelong illness,                         |
| <ul> <li>Outagamie</li> </ul>                         | 2,582      | 1,937           | 1,316              | including cardiac disease and                                |
| ■ Winnebago   | 1,407      | 1,055           | 1,342              | diabetes.  |
|   |            |                 |                    | Adults living in poverty                                     |
| <ul><li>% of individuals earning &gt;</li></ul>       | 3.5        | 7               | 5                  | are much more likely to have                                 |
| \$18/hour   |            |                 |                    | inflammatory diseases with an                                |
| ·   |            |                 |                    | increased risk for heart attack                              |
|   |            |                 |                    | and stroke.  |
|   |            |                 |                    | People living in poverty  are more likely to smalle putting. |
|   |            |                 |                    | are more likely to smoke putting                             |
|   |            |                 |                    | them at higher risk for lung                                 |
|   |            |                 |                    | cancer and respiratory                                       |
|   |            |                 |                    | conditions.  |



|  | People in poverty have increased hunger and tend to purchase the cheapest food available which is usually empty calories – high-calorie, high-fat food. In addition, people may live in food deserts with nowhere to get fresh vegetables but plenty of access to fast food.  Almost half of children who live in poverty have mothers with at least some symptoms of depression, because of the stresses of raising a family in poverty. Mothers who are depressed interact with their children differently. Those |
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|  | poverty. Mothers who are depressed interact with their  |

- Continue support of Cuidate Latino Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program at FQHC
- New London CHAT Team hosted plunge on Rural Transportation in 2018 resulting in new bike-share program with Tyson Foods and proposed expansion of Fox Cities-based "Making the Ride Happen" services to Waupaca County.
- 2018 Sponsorship of local non-profit initiatives related to disparities:\$96,000
- 2017-2019 ThedaCare employee volunteer hours related to disparities: 8,709



## **Additional Strategic Initiatives**

### Imagine Fox Cities

ThedaCare played a critical role in the development and launch of *Imagine Fox Cities* visioning initiative which engaged the entire Fox Cities region in a discovery and discernment process to understand what people think about their well-being today, what they expect their well-being to be in the future, and articulate a vision for generations to come that will guide local decision-making. This vision sets the larger context for advancing health and well-being across the region.

### ReThink Health

Through consultants engaged with Imagine Fox Cities, brought leaders from ReThink Health to Fox Cities to participate in RWJF grant to explore how local institutions can invest differently to propel our community toward the new vision. ThedaCare will play a future lead role.