



# Douglas County Memorial Hospital Implementation Strategy

This Implementation Strategy report summarizes Douglas County Memorial Hospital's plans to address the prioritized needs from the 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment. The hospital recognizes that the Implementation Strategies in this report are to be used as a guide and will serve as a framework in addressing the identified needs. As the hospital moves forward, many resources, on-going commitments and partnerships will be necessary to effectively assist in creating healthier communities in Douglas County.

## 1) Mental Health Issues

- The Douglas County Hospital is currently working with Sanford Health to identify potential mental health groups who may be interested in providing mental health services through tele-medicine which the Douglas County Memorial Hospital currently has. Once a group has been identified, we will be able to provide this service to members of our community.
- To have these services available it roughly costs the facility \$33,000 per year.

## 2) Shortage of Dental Resources

- The Douglas County Memorial Hospital administrator is part of the development corporation team and they have recently purchased a building on Main Street that could be utilized as a dental clinic. The Platte Dental Clinic dentist group have been contacted about the possibility of a new outreach clinic in the recently purchased building. Governing board members will be appraised as to the development of the potential dental clinic.

## 3) Wellness Issues

- The Douglas County Hospital offers its wellness equipment to the public for \$10/month. Hospital administration also wrote a letter of support for the Armour High School to apply for grants so their current track could be resurfaced and members are allowed to utilize the track at no cost. Fundraising efforts continue to move forward.
- Hospital staff also give talks to students regarding hygiene, importance of exercise and sexually transmitted diseases.

## 4) Increased Access to Specialty Services

- An ENT physician has been contacted about visiting the clinic one time per month but has no availability at this time but will reconsider as his schedule changes.



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- Many specialties have been added through the telemedicine program which decreases the cost of travel and saves time for our patients. New specialists continue to be added based on their commitment to provide these services to our rural area.
- To have these services available it roughly costs the facility \$33,000 per year.

## 5) Increased MD Coverage

- Recruitment of a new physician continues with advertisements on the 3Rnet along with the National Health Service Corp. The USD School of Medicine had also been contacted to see if any of their students are interested in doing rotations at our facility and we have had several students do their family practice rotations with us which should increase our chances of one of them practicing at our facility upon obtaining their license. The hospital governing board is also looking at the potential of signing with a professional recruitment agency to help with recruitment efforts.

Approved by the Board of Directors for the Douglas County Memorial Hospital.