

## **Minnie Hamilton Health System**

### **December 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Strategy**

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The 2019 Calhoun, Gilmer, and Wirt Counties CHNA is a comprehensive completion of data that explains the current state of health, wellbeing, and factors affecting health of those who live, learn, and work in Calhoun, Gilmer, and Wirt Counties, West Virginia. The 2019 CHNA process was modeled after the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) framework.

The purpose of the organizing for success and partnership development phase is to ensure the community puts into place a process that builds commitment, engages participants as active members of the process, uses participants' time appropriately and well, and results in a plan is supported by the community and will actually be implemented.

After reviewing the results of the health care need assessment, priorities for action steps were determined. The following gaps in health services were identified as a priority in future planning efforts.

1. Illegal drug use/substance abuse
  - MHHS will continue to provide behavioral health services as well as utilize Westbrook Health Services for substance abuse when possible.
  - MHHS will utilize community outreach and education to help curb the opioid epidemic.
  - MHHS will utilize the MAT program
2. Poverty/Family Income and Unemployment
  - MHHS will offer free/low cost screenings to individuals that meet the criteria for financial assistance programs.
  - MHHS will work closely with the farmers market to provide access to healthy food for low income families.
3. Tobacco Use
  - MHHS will educate students and the community about the effects of tobacco use.
  - MHHS will give access to free/reduced cost with tobacco cessation program.
4. Obesity and Related Diseases
  - MHHS will promote community fitness programs.
  - MHHS will hold community educational events to give citizens resources to educate on weight management.
  - MHHS will work closely with the farmers market to provide access to healthy food.
  - MHHS will support local youth activities to promote physical activities and healthy living.
5. Depression and Behavioral Health Needs
  - MHHS will continue to expand and utilize our behavioral health department.

- MHHS will continue to provide educational measures to providers for properly diagnosing and treating patients with behavioral health needs.

Ongoing efforts from the CHNA steering committee which consists of the following organizational members: Calhoun County FRN, Gilmer County FRN, Calhoun County Extension, Gilmer County Extension, WV BCCA, Genesis, Gilmer County Schools, Calhoun County Schools, Gilmer County Health Department, Calhoun County Health Department, MHHS, Glenville State College, Calhoun County Parks, local Business leaders, Committee on Aging, Local government leader, State government leader, Physician, Behavioral Health, Faith Community, Economic Development, Vulnerable population representatives, and the Court system. These efforts, meetings and concurrent needs development and evaluation continues with these partners. The progress made upon these action steps will be evaluated during the annual strategic planning sessions for Minnie Hamilton Health System by the administrative team.