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McLean County Community Health Improvement Plan Released

Plan outlines three-year focus

BLOOMINGTON, IL- In the second phase of the joint community health needs assessment (CHNA) process for McLean County involving the collaborative efforts of the McLean County Health Department, Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, and the United Way of McLean County, a three-year community health implementation plan (CHIP) has been developed. Through expanded collaboration with key stakeholders associated with each of the three CHNA health priorities, the CHIP outlines specific objectives toward achieving the high-level goals that had been set. By increasing the number of collaborative partners for the development of the CHIP it is hoped the resulting plan will be successful in making impactful and sustainable community health improvements.

As identified in the CHNA, the top three health priorities for McLean County were determined to be:

- Access to Appropriate Healthcare for the Underserved and Areas of High Socioeconomic Need
- Behavioral Health (including mental health and substance abuse)
- Obesity

The newly released CHIP delves into the high level goals for each health priority and identifies measurable outcome objectives, measurable impact objectives, measurable process indicators and measurable outcome indicators. The full 2017 - 2019 Community Health Improvement Plan can be viewed on any of the participants' websites:

Advocate BroMenn Medical Center: <http://www.advocatehealth.com/bromenn-chna-2016>

McLean County Health Department: <http://health.mcleancountyil.gov/Archive.aspx?ADID=395>

OSF St Joseph Medical Center: <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/about/community-health/>

United Way of McLean County: <http://www.uwaymc.org/community-assessments>

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The executive steering committee will continue to meet as needed with the stakeholder groups for each health priority to implement the interventions in CHIP. The committee will also focus on identifying areas needing funding and investigate available sources. On an annual basis progress will be reported to the stakeholder groups and the McLean County Community Health Council.

The innovative collaboration brings clarity and focus to the community as a whole, and ensures stakeholders can rally around a unified plan over the next three year cycle to address the county's top three health priorities.

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