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## First-Ever Joint Community Health Needs Assessment Just Released

*A rich resource of local-level data yields in-depth report on top health priorities in McLean County*

**BLOOMINGTON, IL-** For the first time ever, the McLean County Health Department, Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, and the United Way of McLean County partnered with local stakeholders to produce a comprehensive, joint community health needs assessment for McLean County. While each organization has previously offered its own individual community health needs assessment focused on its healthcare role in the county, the collaboration enabled them to:

- Establish the McLean County Community Health Council
- Analyze data collectively
- Prioritize and select the top three health needs for McLean County
- Generate one community health needs assessment for McLean County
- Begin to work collaboratively on a community health implementation plan addressing each of the top three health priorities with other key community stakeholders

The joint approach meets the requirements reportable to the Internal Revenue Service as outlined by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and is possible because all four entities define their service area as McLean County. Additionally, all four organizations play a vital role in improving the health of McLean County residents and each strongly believes in the philosophy of collaboration. Together, they could more efficiently and effectively conduct a community health needs assessment for McLean County by pooling resources, and through increased collaboration they could develop a successful implementation plan with a goal of making impactful and sustainable community health improvements.

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At least one representative from each organization was on the Executive Steering Committee that was charged with analyzing the extensive amount of data from July of 2015 until February of 2016. Their findings were further analyzed by the McLean County Community Health Council, a group of 33 individuals from 13 organizations in the county representing public entities, faith-based and private organizations, social service organizations, healthcare facilities, and city and regional planning. The Council prioritized the health issues via a rigorous process called the Hanlon Method, generating the top three health priorities for McLean County. These priorities 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

This fall, work will be underway to develop a community health implementation plan and set specific objectives toward achieving the high-level goals that have been set for each of the three health priorities. The innovative collaboration brings clarity and focus to the community as a whole, and ensure stakeholders can rally around a unified plan over the next three year cycle to address the county's top three health priorities.

To read the full 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment report and/or to make comments, please visit any of the participants' websites:

Advocate BroMenn Medical Center: <http://www.advocatehealth.com/documents/CHNA/2016-mclean-chna.pdf>

McLean County Health Department: <http://health.mcleancountyil.gov>

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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## Background

### 2016 McLean County Community Health Lead Executive Steering Committee Members:

Advocate BroMenn Medical Center: Sally Gambacorta, MS, MA, Community Health Manager

McLean County Health Department: Cathy Coverston Anderson, RN, BSN, SM, Assistant Administrator  
Nicole Aune, MPH, Health Promotion Manager

OSF St. Joseph Medical Center: Meridith Nelson, MHA, MBA, Director of Strategic Planning

United Way of McLean County: Holly Ambuehl, MSW, Vice President of Impact

### 2016 McLean County Community Health Council Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Stakeholder Role</u>
Holly Ambuehl	United Way of McLean County	Convener; funder; collective impact
Kim Anderson	McLean County Health Department	Public health; maternal & child health
Nicole Aune	McLean County Health Department	Public health; health education
Laura Beavers	McLean County Health Department	Public health; mental health
Dayna Brown	McLean County Unit Dist. No. 5	Schools; youth
Bonnie Condon	Advocate Health Care	Healthcare, community health
Barb Giloth	Advocate Health Care	Healthcare, community health
Cathy Coverston Anderson	McLean County Health Department	Public health; communicable disease
Tom Dabareiner	City of Bloomington	City planning
Renee Donaldson	Advocate BroMenn Medical Center	Healthcare; behavioral health
Logan Frederick	Advocate BroMenn Medical Center	Healthcare
Sally Gambacorta	Advocate BroMenn Medical Center	Healthcare, community health
Sue Grant	McLean County Health Department	Public health; oral health & vaccinations
Leslie Hanson	Bloomington School District 87	Schools; youth
John Hesse	Advocate BroMenn Medical Center	Healthcare
Walt Howe	McLean County Health Department	Public Health; systems & policy
Aimee Ingalls	Economic Development Council	Business; demographics
Dawn Irion	OSF Healthcare System	Healthcare
Michelle Carrothers	OSF Healthcare System	Healthcare
Paula Corrigan	OSF Saint James Hospital	Healthcare
Cheree Johnson	Advocate BroMenn Medical Center	Healthcare; faith-based community
Erin Kennedy	OSF St. Joseph Medical Center	Healthcare; worksite wellness

Christy Kosharek	Marcfirst SPICE	Developmental disabilities; early childhood
Dietra Kulicke	Chestnut Health Systems	Mental health; FQHC
Katie McHugh	McLean County Health Department	Health Promotion
Angie McLaughlin	Community Health Care Clinic	Underserved; uninsured
Megan Moser	McLean County Center for Human Services	Mental health
Meridith Nelson	OSF St. Joseph Medical Center	Healthcare
Vasu Pinnamaraju	McLean County Regional Planning Commission	Planning
Trina Scott	Immanuel Health Center	Underserved
Katie Simpson	City of Bloomington	City planning
Deborah Skillrud	Bloomington Township; John M. Scott Health Commission	Underserved
Karen Stipp	Illinois State University School of Social Work	Social work & health research
David Taylor	United Way of McLean County	Convener; funder; collective impact
Diane Wolf	Regional Office of Education	Schools; youth