

2025 CHNA Implementation Plan -Amberwell Hiawatha PSA (KS)

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	CHNA Health Areas of Need	T	"Specific Actions" to Address Community Health Need or "Reasons Why Hospital Will Not"	Identified "Lead"	Identified Partners	Timeframe	(Hours)
1	Poverty / Economic Development	a	Continue to develop a PSA Economic Development Plan to decrease poverty / increase employment readiness. Continue to report PSA business growth / expansion plans.	Brown Co / Chamber	AAA, Aux, Chamb, City, Clergy, Clinic, Club, College, Co, EcDev, DOH, Hosp, Ind, School, Senior, SS, ST, Trans, Others		
	This health need is a community Social determinant, thus not part Hospital's Mission or Critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	b	Work with city and county leaders on joint advocacy to promote policies that reduce poverty, such as affordable housing, workforce funding, and living wages, leveraging the hospital's influence.				
		c	Continue to support school career development. Launch classes in the high school setting and continue hospital shadowing program.				
		d	Launch money management education seminars or classes. Encourage individuals to open up a savings account and offer tips on paying off debt.				
		e	Expand transportation services to impoverished individuals seeking work to assist with getting to and from employer.				
		f	Continue to promote WIC / SNAP programs, Farmers Market, Backpack Program, and Annual Food Drive at the schools.				
		g	Continue to provide free prescription delivery for city residents				
		h	Develop online credential depository for career development. Partner with organizations to continue classes that offer help on resume and interview skills. Continue to promote / utilize Library resources.				
		i	Continue to offer and fund youth employment programs, mentorship, and leadership development, particularly for teens in high-poverty neighborhoods. Build pipelines from high school to college and careers.				
		j	Continue to seek grants, low-interest loans, and technical assistance to small businesses owned by residents of underserved communities.				
2	Housing (Safe & Affordable)	a	Prepare and launch a Countywide Housing Development Plan that would address affordable / safe housing for residents. Research zoning models in other rural communities for affordable housing policies and solutions	Brown Co / HFED	AAA, Aux, Chamb, City, Club, College, Co, EcDev, DOH, Hosp, Ind, SS, ST, Others, KANZA, NEKAP		
	This health need is a community Social determinant, thus not part Hospital's Mission or Critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	b	Explore and encourage "Habitat for Humanity" program and "Rebuilding Together" to teach technical skills (weekend workshops) to rehab houses for resell.				
		c	Recruit Builders to County. Research options for housing estates new building development. Explore potential new apartment complex development.				
		d	Continue to encourage FDA and banks to offer mortgage loans to first time home buyers and/or allow loans which aid in improvement of existing housing.				
		e	Develop housing coalition properties to enhance housing in PSA. Explore safe rental inspections set-ups. Re-instate code officer.				
		f	Continue to utilize NEK-CAP home repair / rental assistance programs. Partner with local businesses for appliance donation options (if someone buys a new appliance, donate the old one to those who need it).				

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		g	Continue City effort to buy empty lots to sell to a developer. Research possible housing options for vacate buildings to turn into affordable & safe housing. Ask County to share in development.				
		h	Explore building a new apartment complex for young families and potentially the elderly as two separate developments.				
		i	Continue with grant writing to fund public / safe housing. Explore Moderate Income Housing Grant.				
3	Health Delivery Funding	a	Continue local care navigation and financial counseling program. Utilize proactive navigators who screen for insurance eligibility, enroll uninsured residents in Medicaid/Marketplace plans, and connect patients to charity care, prescription assistance, and sliding fee programs. Formalize charity care, flexible billing, and transparent price lists across providers.	Amberwell / KHA	AAA, Aux, Chamb, Clinic, EcDev, HC_Extend, DOH, HH_Hosp, Ind, BH, School, Senior, SS, ST, Trans, Others		
		b	Continue to negotiate discounts, mail order options, and explore bulk purchasing for common chronic meds. Maximize 340B savings. Continue to support global pricing for selective services at the hospital.				
		c	Continue to monitor / understand OBBBB impact. Support Kansas Hospital Association lobbying efforts. Rural Health Transformation.				
		d	Expand income-based (federal poverty level) primary care and explore bundled visit pricing. Offer income based fees and standardized bundled pricing for common visits (well visits, chronic care follow ups, behavioral health) at community clinics.				
		e	Continue chronic disease management programs / education classes. Continue to utilize telehealth services where appropriate to offer affordable consultations, especially for uninsured patients.				
		f	Explore transportation and tele visit supports tied to affordability. Vouchers, volunteer driver programs, or contracted rides for medical visits plus subsidized broadband/telehealth kiosks to reduce indirect costs of care.				
4	Mental Health (Diagnosis, Providers, Placement, Aftercare)	a	Maintain a Community Inventory of Services to document the availability of mental health resources, including hours of service. Make the Inventory available to the public as needed. Document mental health services by age categories.	Kanza/Horizon	AAA, Aux, Chamb, Clergy, Clinic, Club, College, EMS, HC_Extend, DOH, HH_Hosp, Hosp, Ind, LawEnf, BH, School, Senior, SS, ST, Trans, Others		
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		c	Continue depression screenings during annual primary care physicals.				
		d	Recruit additional mental health professionals to serve the community.				
		e	Investigate grant writing to fund mental health education and services. If available, designate community lead to attain the necessary grant.				
		e	Continue to promote and expand Senior Life Services at Amberwell Hiawatha.				
		g	Continue and grow support groups (such as families with mental health crises, grief group led by licensed social worker				

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		h	Continue Suicide prevention training at schools. Develop and sponsor an anti-suicide campaign. Continue with education campaigns in schools in an effort to de-stigmatize mental health conditions.				
		i	Engage a well known Guest Speaker to come to community to share on de-stigmatize mental health treatment.				
5	Food (Health Education & Access)	a	Continue to support for local food bank and/or other food giveaway options. Utilize harvesters and various church giveaways. Continue to support the Trinity Center and AAA Congregant Dinning Progress.	DOH / Schools	AAA, Aux, Chamb, City, Clergy, Clinic, Club, College, Co, EcDev, Fit, HC_Extend, DOH, HH_Hosp, Hosp, Ind, School, Senior, SS, ST, Others		
	This health need is a community Social determinant, thus not part Hospital's Mission or Critical operations. Will partner with others as appropriate.	b	Continue backpack food programs to close the gap in meals for children over weekends as well as for longer breaks during the school year.				
		c	Continue to advocate for SNAP & WIC benefits for seniors to ensure all who are eligible are registered				
		d	Explore a program with the school to donate unused but safe food to local food pantry, reducing waste and addressing food insecurity. Coordinate logistics, ensure proper food safety protocols, and promote the partnership within the community.				
		e	Launch a food bag assembly project to provide nutritious, ready-to-distribute meal kits for families in need. Partner with volunteers, schools, or local organizations to gather supplies, assemble bags, and distribute them regularly. Food drive at schools.				
		f	Continue to ask large employers to start annual food drives to stock area food pantries.				
		g	Launch a "No Kid Hungry" initiative in county. Utilize clergy and other resources to increase access to healthy foods. Partner with schools.				
		h	Explore a community garden where locals can grown and produce their own food to decrease meal costs and increase healthy eating.				
		i	Explore a program to teach people how to shop on a budget and eat healthy. Begin can redemption to donate funds towards food panty. Partner with DOH				
		j	Pursue grants to fund local food pantries and food distribution for low income residents				
6	Fitness (Awareness)	a	Launch a County-Wide Campaign Promote walking, biking, and active living through monthly challenges, social media spotlights, and community pledges. Include incentives like local business discounts or prize drawings for participation.	Parks & Rec	AAA, Aux, Chamb, City, Clinic, Club, College, Co, Fit, HC_Extend, DOH, Hosp, Ind, School, Senior, SS, ST, Trans, Others		
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		c	Explore fitness into chronic disease programs at Health Dept. Work with local clinics and public health departments to prescribe physical activity as part of diabetes, heart disease, and mental health management. Include referrals to community fitness resources				

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		d	Apply for rural health outreach and wellness grants. Target HRSA, USDA, or Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) funding to support mobile fitness units, walking trail development, or senior wellness programming.				
		e	Explore a collaboration with regional health systems or philanthropic organizations to co-fund fitness infrastructure, such as outdoor exercise stations, senior-friendly walking paths, or community fitness instructors.				
		f	Continue student fitness programs over the summer through the schools.				
7	Uninsured and Underinsured	a	Continue to educate public on payment options at the hospital and how to properly navigate the using your health insurance coverage properly.	Amberwell / KHA	AAA, Aux, Chamb, City, Clinic, Co, EcDev, HC_Extend, DOH, HH_Hosp, Hosp, Ind, BH, School, Senior, SS, ST, Others		
		b	Continue to partner with KHA to advocate for Medicaid Expansion. Serve on lobby state committees and engage with local legislators with special attention to newly elected local politicians.				
		c	Expand PSA Economic Development to decrease poverty / increase access to health insurance.				
		d	Explore debt relief program in partnership with a local bank to assist uninsured patients.				
		e	Monitor how uninsured residents access care, what barriers persist, and where interventions are working. Use this data to adjust tactics and secure funding.				
		f	Organize community fairs with on-site enrollment assistance, bilingual support, and incentives like free flu shots or grocery cards.				
		g	Use local funding or grants to subsidize preventive care visits, prescriptions, or dental services for uninsured residents. Partner with providers willing to accept vouchers.				
			Continue to enhance CMS Transparency web reporting and price transparency. (Utilize Hope Fund / Patient Financial Asst.)				
		h	Publish and distribute a guide listing free or low-cost clinics, mental health services, dental care, and prescription assistance programs. Include eligibility criteria and contact info.				
8	Childcare (Safe, Affordable, and Access)	a	Collaborate with local schools, churches, fitness centers etc. to consider / provide child care services for community residents. Focus service delivery on ages 0-5 years old.	Health Dept.	Aux, Chamb, City, Clergy, Club, Co, EcDev, DOH, Hosp, Ind, School, SS, ST, Others		
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		c	Continue to support business / local schools in providing after hours programing / child care services for community. Encourage local firms to establish affordable child care "on site" options to support employees.				
		d	Assist economic development council in recruitment of childcare providers. (Comm College and DOH - education, grants, start-ups)				
		e	Conduct Child Care Support education i.e., teen babysitting classes etc. Continue to provide support for licensure i.e., CPR classes.				
		f	Educate young families on childcare community options / resources.(Tap Parents as teachers program / DECAT / Ext)				

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		g	Research / access child care needs in the community to determine number of child care providers needed, especially with extended hours for employees that work 9-5 shifts.				
Overall Total Contributions							

Brown County, KS - CHNA Stakeholder Reference Listing

Code	Stakeholder Description
AAA	Area Agency of Aging
Aux	Amberwell Auxiliary
Chamb	Hiawatha and Horton City Chamber
City	Hiawatha, Horton, Everest, and Robinson
Clergy	Ministerial Alliance, Local Clergy
Clinic	Holton Direct Care in Fairview, Ks Amberwell Hiawatha Clinic - Primary Care in Hiawatha Amberwell Horton Clinic - Primary Care in Horton Kickapoo Nation Health Center White Cloud Indian Health Services in White Cloud KS
Club	4H, FFA, Lions, American Legion
College	KU, Wichita State, Kstate, Creighton,
Co	Brown County
EcDev	Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Dev, HIDC (Horton)
EMS	Private firm (subsidized by the county)
Fit	Fitness Den, Central Fitness
HC_Extend	
DOH	NEK Multi-County Health Department
HH_Hosp	NEK Multicounty Health Dept
Hosp	Amberwell Hiawatha
Ind	Horton Industrial Development Corporation, Koch Cabinets, ADM, Hiawatha Implement, Ag Partners, Bruna Implement, Wilde Tool
LawEnf	Local / County Law Enforcement
BH	Horizon Mental Health, Kanza Mental Health
School	Hiawatha, South Brown
Senior	The Grey Ladies
SS	DCF, NEKAP, BCDS (Brown County Developmental Services)
ST	Kansas
Trans	General Transportation, Elder Care (County / Meals on Wheels / Senior Transportation)
Others	Kickapoo Nation, North East Kansas Community Action Program, The Trinity Center (Food Bank & Outreach Services), Little Hands
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