

FY 2017 Community Health Needs Assessment Action Plan

The 2016 CHNA identified 5 issues that should be the focus of Munising Memorial Hospital action for the 2017 Fiscal Year. The 2016 CHNA was presented to the Board in March 2016 and due to severe financial issues the proposed action plan was tabled for a month. At present Munising Memorial Hospital has a projected \$600,000 LOSS for its FY 2017. Prior to FY 2017 MMH administration has taken any and all actions to reduce operating expenses. Consequently, unless there is a significant change in revenue and or volume there is no current way for the loss to be reduced and it will only take a couple years of such losses to render MMH unable to continue to function. With this reality in mind the following CHNA Action Plan is proposed.

A. Areas of Identified Need

1. Increase Mental Health provider access to the community, primarily to low income residents
2. Increase Medical provider access to the community, primarily to low income residents
3. Establish a means by which the community residents can easily access knowledge of health services available in the community and how to acquire them.
4. Evaluate in more depth the need and scope of relevant preventative health services to the community.
5. Increase Dental providers access to the community, primarily to low income residents.

B. Action Plan

Increase community access to Dental Providers. MMH will arrange with the FQHC in Gwinn Michigan to accept Alger County low income residents who require dental services. MMH will also contact the public transportation system, Alger Regional Transit, and make arrangement to subsidize regular scheduled service OR as needed bus service to the FQHC in Gwinn, MI.

Should MMH be able to find a way to get its FY 2017 Loss down to less than \$200,000 then it should address the establishment of a means for community residents to easily access health information and knowledge of health service availability. The preferred method will be to partner with the Upper Peninsula Health Plan who already has a 24 hour a day phone service to answer any health questions and provide information to callers of available services. This is the best solution for the issue but will cost as much as \$30,000 a year to provide to the community. Consequently, MMH cannot attempt this issue or any other issue until it reduces its financial losses to a sustainable level.