

## **Summary of MMH Fiscal Year's 2022 – 2025 Community Health Needs Action Plan**

The Munising Memorial Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment was conducted during the autumn of 2022. The items identified in the action plan to be addressed during the subsequent 3 years are stated below along with the action plan for many of the items.

### **1. Improve the Availability of and Access to Primary Care Physicians and Other Primary Care Providers throughout the county.**

- MMH will continue to recruit primary care physicians to the rural health clinic.
- A new primary care physician will begin to offer primary care services in the RHC in November 2023. This physician will also work in the Emergency Department of the hospital.
- In addition to the outreach clinic in Grand Marais, MMH will continue to evaluate options to expand primary care services to other outlying areas throughout Alger County.
- MMH is evaluating the possibility of employing future nurse practitioners in the RHC to expand primary care services throughout the county.

### **2. Improve Access to Behavioral / Mental Health Services, Addiction Counseling, and Suicide Prevention Services throughout the county.**

- MMH will continue to partner with Great Lakes Recovery to provide services at the hospital for those individuals seeking substance abuse treatment.
- MMH will continue to work with Pathways Mental Health Services to come up with solutions regarding mental health treatment needs in Alger County.
- MMH will continue the existing relationship of having periodic consultations between rural health clinic physicians and advanced practice providers and a regional psychiatrist.
- MMH will initiate a senior outpatient behavioral health program in January 2024.

### **3. Improve Access to Specialty Care at the Hospital.**

- MMH currently offers ENT, Dermatology, and Endoscopy specialist services at the hospital.
- MMH will continue to evaluate the incorporation of additional specialty services at the hospital. Dependent upon referral patterns, affordability, and specialist availability.

### **4. Improve Access to Dental Care in Alger County.**

- The local dental office in Munising is currently accepting new patients.
- MMH will have discussions with the local provider regarding options for the possible expansion of dental services that may help the people who live in Alger County.

### **5. Increase the Availability of Additional Services at the Hospital.**

- MMH will continue to incorporate additional services into organization as part of the MMH strategic plan and in accordance with the viability of those services.

### **6. Improve Opportunities for Senior Services, Nutrition, Physical Activity, Transportation, Housing, Health Fairs, and Other Opportunities to Assist in the Improvement of the Health and Well Being of People who Live and Work in Alger County.**

- As part of the MMH Strategic Plan, opportunities will continue to be evaluated and improved upon as possible. This will require partnerships with other service organizations throughout Alger County.