

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle

*2016 Community Health Needs Assessment:
Implementation Strategy Report*



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Background

About Texas Health Resources

Mission

To improve the health of the people in the communities we serve.

Vision

Texas Health Resources, a faith-based organization joining with physicians, will be the health care system of choice.

Values

- **Respect** – Respecting the dignity of all persons, fostering a corporate culture characterized by teamwork, diversity and empowerment.
- **Integrity** – Conduct our corporate and personal lives with integrity; Relationships based on loyalty, fairness, truthfulness and trustworthiness.
- **Compassion** – Sensitivity to the whole person, reflective of God's compassion and love, with particular concern for the poor.
- **Excellence** – Continuously improving the quality of our service through education, research, competent and innovative personnel, effective leadership and responsible stewardship of resources.

Your feedback on this report is welcomed and encouraged. Please direct any questions or feedback to:

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About Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle serves the communities of Azle, Lake Worth, Springtown and communities in Parker County with advanced medical treatments and an experienced staff that provides compassionate care.

With a mission of improving the health of the people in the communities we serve, Texas Health Azle and the physicians on its medical staff are committed to your well-being and the health and wellness of your family.

Texas Health Azle offers:

- [Community Engagement](#)
- [Digestive Health](#)
- [Ear, Nose and Throat](#)
- [Emergency Services](#)
- [Imaging](#)
- [Intensive Care Unit](#)
- [Laboratory Services](#)
- [Heart and Vascular](#)
- [Azle Minor Care](#)
- [Neurology](#)
- [Orthopedics](#)
- [Outpatient Sports and Rehabilitation Program](#)
- [Pain Management](#)
- [Podiatry](#)
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- [Wound Care](#)



Texas Health Azle is designated a Level III Stroke Center by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The hospital has been named a 100 Top Hospital in the nation, an award given by Truven Health Analytics to recognize an organization's performance, including patient care and operational efficiency.

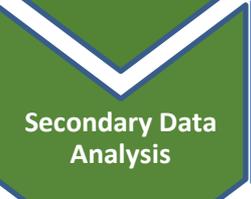
Texas Health Azle is conveniently located in northwest Tarrant County on the corner of Jacksboro Highway and Denver Trail.

CHNA & IS Process Overview

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- In depth **interviews** and **focus groups** were conducted with individuals. An **online community survey** was also distributed to collect input on **community health needs, assets, and barriers** from **community members**. Each form of community input was analyzed, and **significant health needs, barriers, and assets/resources** were identified.



- The **Healthy North Texas platform** was leveraged along with **PQI data from The DFW Hospital Council**. HCI's **data scoring methodology** was used to **compare indicator values** at **national, state, and county levels** as well as **trends over time** and **HP2020 targets**. HCI's **data scoring methodology** was used to **compare indicator values** at **national, state, and county levels** as well as **trends over time** and **HP2020 targets**.



- The **qualitative (community input/primary data)** and **quantitative (secondary data)** analysis findings were **synthesized to identify significant community health needs**. Health needs were considered **“significant”** if at **least two** of the following **data types** cited the **topic** as a pressing health concern: **Key Informant/Focus Group Findings, Survey Findings, Secondary Data Findings**.



- **Key hospital staff and stakeholders** utilized the **data analysis and synthesis findings** to **vote** on which **significant health needs will be prioritized for implementation strategy** development consideration. Participants engaged in **multiple rounds of voting and discussion**, and **considered specific system-wide criteria for prioritizing** significant health needs.

Texas Health Azle's Priority Health Needs for 2016 CHNA		
Exercise, Nutrition, & Weight	Heart Disease	Access to Health Services

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- **Key hospital staff and stakeholders** considered the **prioritized health needs** in developing an implementation strategy. Participants examined **current initiatives and resources**, discussed **potential new programs and partnerships** within the community, and considered overall **Texas Health strategic planning process** to determine which **needs to address in the Implementation Strategy**.

This report summarizes the plans for Texas Health Resources to address the prioritized needs identified in the 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Texas Health developed a system-wide community benefit strategy to leverage internal and external resources and increase its ability to impact community health needs.

The top prioritized health needs across the system were:

1. Mental Health & Substance Abuse
2. Exercise, Nutrition, & Weight
3. Access to Health Services and Healthcare Navigation & Literacy

From 2017-2019, Texas Health will implement strategies and activities aimed at addressing these areas. Mental Health & Substance Abuse is categorized as **Behavioral Health**; Exercise, Nutrition, & Weight is grouped under **Chronic Disease**, which has been a strategic area of focus for Community Health Improvement since the 2013 CHNA; and Access to Health Services and Healthcare Navigation & Literacy is jointly titled **Awareness, Health Literacy, & Navigation**.

In accordance with requirements in the Affordable Care Act and IRS 990 Schedule H requirements, this plan was approved by the Texas Health Board of Directors on April 24, 2017.

Implementation Plan

Priority Area 1: Behavioral Health

Priority Area #1:	Behavioral Health
Need Statement	Mental disorders and substance abuse problems are among the most common forms of disability. Key informants and focus group participants noted the lack of local mental health services, as well as the limited availability of mental health assessments and screenings. The Healthy People 2020 goal is to improve mental health and reduce substance abuse through prevention and by ensuring access to appropriate, quality behavioral health services.
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income, uninsured/underinsured populations • Zip codes 76085 • African American and Hispanic populations • Low-income older adults and disabled populations • Hispanic women with less than a high school education
Goals	Improve quality of life through awareness, detection, treatment, and management of behavioral health conditions; address social determinants of health by partnering with community organizations.
Strategic Alignment	Consumer Focus
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Health Azle Community Health Improvement Advocate & Staff • System-Level Community Health Improvement Staff • Educators and Other Staff • Texas Health Azle Community Health/Community Benefit Budget • Internal Service Lines • Community Partner Organizations/Agencies • Texas Health Buildings • Partner Organization Locations • Community Locations
Timeline	2017-2019

Priority Area 1: Behavioral Health (cont'd)

Priority Area #1: Behavioral Health						
Strategies	Activities	Lead Dept / Staff	Process Objectives (SMART)	Anticipated Impact		
				Short-Term Outcomes (1 year)	Intermediate Outcomes (1-3 years)	Long-Term Outcomes (3+ years)
1.1 Explore opportunities for new system-wide behavioral health community program(s)	1.1.1 Define behavioral health topic area for strategic implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Health Azle Community Health Advocate • System-Level Community Health Improvement/ Vice President, Program Directors, Program Manager, Community Health Specialists, and Data Analyst 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete detailed assessment of behavioral health needs and barriers in primary and secondary service area zip codes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase understanding of behavioral health needs and evidence-based behavioral health programs both internally with Texas Health Azle staff and externally with community partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase both Texas Health Azle and community capacity to address behavioral health needs, targeting underserved populations • Increase capacity to evaluate behavioral health programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance health equity by improving access to behavioral health services for underserved populations • Reduce the stigma associated with behavioral health conditions through community education and support
	1.1.2 Collaborate with System Services and other entities to determine appropriate system-wide approach to addressing behavioral health needs with particular attention to evidence-based programs and leverage internal and external partnerships to implement		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete comprehensive inventory of evidence-based behavioral health community programs and current and potential collaborators • Assess internal resources • Improve linkage between internal clinical and community service lines to better address community behavioral health needs • Identify appropriate behavioral health-specific program curriculum • Pilot program • Create training and have Community Health Advocate and educators trained • Partner with Faith Community Nurses/Community Health Workers, Behavioral Health service line, community partners and others to implement program prioritized to underserved populations 			
	1.1.3 Collaborate with System Services and other entities to develop evaluation framework to track and report program impact to both internal and external stakeholders					
	1.1.4 Engage partners through behavioral health coalitions within service areas		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research behavioral health-focused coalitions within Texas Health Azle service areas • Assess appropriate involvement or mobilize community partners in creation of new behavioral health-focused coalition 			

Priority Area 1: Behavioral Health (cont'd)

Priority Area #1:		Behavioral Health				
Strategies	Activities	Lead Dept / Staff	Process Objectives (SMART)	Anticipated Impact		
				Short-Term Outcomes (1 year)	Intermediate Outcomes (1-3 years)	Long-Term Outcomes (3+ years)
1.2 Strengthen Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program	1.2.1 Continue partnership with counseling center to address depression in HELP clinic patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Texas Health Azle Community Health Advocate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 93% of achievement of available dollars for DY6 Proactively prepare for anticipated changes to DSRIP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% improvement over baseline in selected bundle measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% improvement over baseline in selected bundle measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15% improvement over baseline in selected bundle measures

Priority Area 2: Chronic Disease

Priority Area #2:	Chronic Disease (Heart Disease) Prevention & Management, including Exercise, Nutrition & Weight
Need Statement	Chronic conditions are a significant public health issue and societal cost. However, regular physical activity, a healthful diet, and the maintenance of a healthy body weight can lower a person's risk of several chronic conditions and improve health and quality of life for those already diagnosed. 29% of adults in Parker County are obese. Community survey participants named weight/obesity as the first most pressing health need for the community and noted heart disease and stroke as side effects of obesity and poor diet. The Healthy People 2020 goal to reduce chronic conditions - such as heart disease - and complications from chronic conditions through better prevention, detection, treatment, and education efforts. <i>Source: County Health Rankings</i>
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income, uninsured/underinsured populations • Zip codes 76085* • African American and Hispanic populations • Low-income older adults and disabled populations • Hispanic women with less than a high school education
Goals	Improve quality of life and reduce healthcare overutilization through the continued prevention and management of chronic conditions; address social determinants of health by partnering with community organizations.
Strategic Alignment	Consumer Focus, Exceptional Care, Value Creation, Culture of Excellence
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Health Azle Community Health Improvement Advocate & Staff • System-Level Community Health Improvement Staff • Educators and Other Staff • Texas Health Azle Community Health/Community Benefit Budget • Internal Service Lines • Community Partner Organizations/Agencies • Texas Health Buildings • Partner Organization Locations • Community Locations
Timeline	2017-2019

Priority Area 2: Chronic Disease (cont'd)

Priority Area #2: Chronic Disease (Heart Disease) Prevention & Management, including Exercise, Nutrition & Weight						
Strategies	Activities	Lead Dept / Staff	Process Objectives (SMART)	Anticipated Impact		
				Short-Term Outcomes (1 year)	Intermediate Outcomes (1-3 years)	Long-Term Outcomes (3+ years)
2.1 Continue implementation of Stanford University's Chronic Disease/Diabetes Self-Management Programs (CDSMP/DSMP)	2.1.1 Hold CDSMP/DSMP workshops under the Texas Health program license and collaborate with community organizations/agencies to hold workshops under partners' program licenses; partner with Faith Community Nurses/Community Health Workers, community partners and others to deliver workshops to underserved populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Health Azle Community Health Advocate • System-Level Community Health Improvement/Program Manager <p>Partner Organization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Live Parker County • Community Council of Greater Dallas/Area Agency on Aging of Dallas County • North Central Texas Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of workshops will be held between 2017-2019 in zip codes with the highest socioeconomic need* • 75% of participants enrolled in a workshop between 2017-2019 will complete 4 out of 6 sessions ("graduate") • 90% of program graduates between 2017-2019 will complete both a pre- and post-survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of program graduates will indicate an increase towards the total confidence rate in self-managing their chronic condition • Increase Texas Health Azle and community capacity to address the management of chronic conditions in underserved populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% of program graduates will self-report "always" or "often" taking medications exactly as prescribed • 60% of DSMP graduates will self-report an A1C level below 9.0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30% decrease in preventable participant healthcare utilization related to chronic conditions in zip codes with the highest socioeconomic need • 50% decrease in overall preventable participant healthcare utilization related to chronic conditions following the completion of CDSMP/DSMP
	2.1.2 Collaborate with Texas Health Physician Group (THPG) to recommend patients to CDSMP/DSMP workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tarrant County Public Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% of program participants between 2017-2019 will be patients from THPG 			
	2.1.3 Collaborate with System Services to develop evaluation plan to track workshop participants' sustained behavior changes related to the management of chronic conditions and self-reported biometrics at various intervals following completion of the workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Way of Tarrant County/Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of program graduates between 2017-2019 will be contacted for follow-up evaluation at various intervals following workshop completion 			

Priority Area 2: Chronic Disease (cont'd)

Priority Area #2:		Chronic Disease (Heart Disease) Prevention & Management, including Exercise, Nutrition & Weight				
Strategies	Activities	Lead Dept / Staff	Process Objectives (SMART)	Anticipated Impact		
				Short-Term Outcomes (1 year)	Intermediate Outcomes (1-3 years)	Long-Term Outcomes (3+ years)
2.2 Improve the availability and affordability of healthy food options through the implementation of community gardens, a farmer's market, and food hubs	2.2.1 Continue implementation of Eat Healthy Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Health Azle Community Health Advocate Partner Organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azle Arts Association • Azle Christian Church • La Juanita Volunteer Fire Department • Green Apple Therapy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with 12 community organizations to host food hubs, community gardens, and a farmer's market accessible to community members • Supplement fruit purchased with fruit grown on 80 fruit trees planted by Texas Health Azle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Texas Health Azle and community capacity to address food insecurity as a social determinant of health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% increase in self-reported number of servings of fruits and vegetables consumed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% increase in number of servings of fruits and vegetables consumed reported by Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
2.3 Strengthen Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program	2.3.1 Continue implementation of HELP clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSRIP Project Lead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 93% of achievement of available dollars for DY6 • Proactively prepare for anticipated changes to DSRIP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5% improvement over baseline in selected bundle measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% improvement over baseline in selected bundle measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% improvement over baseline in selected bundle measures

Priority Area #3:	Awareness, Health Literacy & Navigation
Need Statement	<p>17% of Parker County residents lack health insurance, and 14.2% of residents of Texas Health Azle's service area live below the Federal Poverty Level. But coverage is not the only need. Low health literacy--an individuals' ability to obtain, process, and understand basic health information--has been linked to poor health outcomes such as higher rates of hospitalization and less frequent use of preventive services. Increased access to comprehensive, quality health care services and improved health literacy are part of the Healthy People 2020 goals and objectives and are important measures to improve health equity and quality of life.</p> <p><i>Sources: County Health Rankings, Healthy North Texas Dashboard</i></p>
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income, uninsured/underinsured populations • Zip codes 76085* • Zip codes 76020** • African American and Hispanic populations • Low-income older adults and disabled populations • Hispanic women with less than a high school education
Goals	<p>Increase individuals' awareness of and access to health information that is accurate, accessible, and actionable; address social determinants of health by partnering with community organizations.</p>
Strategic Alignment	<p>Consumer Focus</p>
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Health Azle Community Health Improvement Advocate & Staff • System-Level Community Health Improvement Staff • Educators and Other Staff • Texas Health Azle Community Health/Community Benefit Budget • Aunt Bertha Platform and Other Technologies • Internal Service Lines • Community Partner Organizations/Agencies • Texas Health Buildings • Partner Organization Locations • Community Locations
Timeline	<p>2017-2019</p>

Priority Area 3: Awareness, Health Literacy & Navigation (cont'd)

Priority Area #3: Awareness, Health Literacy & Navigation						
Strategies	Activities	Lead Dept / Staff	Process Objectives (SMART)	Anticipated Impact		
				Short-Term Outcomes (1 year)	Intermediate Outcomes (1-3 years)	Long-Term Outcomes (3+ years)
3.1 Continue investment in Community Connect Online Resource Guide	3.1.1 Collaborate with System Services to raise awareness and disseminate information on Community Connect to internal and external stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Health Azle Community Health Advocate • System-Level Community Health Improvement /Program Manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate resources to external stakeholders, particularly those working with underserved populations • Develop standard protocols for utilization and programmatic integration of tool internally and externally • Adapt tool to meet the needs of target populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase overall utilization of tool • Increase strategic utilization with particular focus on underserved populations • Increase Texas Health Azle capacity to provide consumers with information on navigating the healthcare system that is accurate, accessible and actionable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase community capacity to provide consumers with information on navigating the healthcare system that is accurate, accessible and actionable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% increase in use of tool by individuals living in zip codes with the highest socioeconomic need* • Advance health equity by improving access to healthcare resources for underserved populations • Improve discharge planning through integration of tool into internal processes

Priority Area 3: Awareness, Health Literacy & Navigation (cont'd)

Priority Area #3: Awareness, Health Literacy & Navigation							
Strategies	Activities	Lead Dept / Staff	Process Objectives (SMART)	Anticipated Impact			
				Short-Term Outcomes (1 year)	Intermediate Outcomes (1-3 years)	Long-Term Outcomes (3+ years)	
3.2 Continue implementation of Maine Health's A Matter of Balance Fall Prevention Program (AMOB)	3.2.1 Hold AMOB workshops under the Texas Health program license and collaborate with community organizations/agencies to hold workshops under partners' program licenses; partner with Faith Community Nurses/Community Health Workers, community partners and others to deliver workshops to underserved populations, as well as those living in high fall rate areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Health Azle Community Health Advocate • System-Level Community Health Improvement/ Program Manager Partner Organization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Live Parker County • Community Council of Greater Dallas/Area Agency on Aging of Dallas County • North Central Texas Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging • Sixty and Better • Tarrant County Public Health • United Way of Tarrant County/Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of workshops held between 2017-2019 will be held in zip codes with the highest socioeconomic need* or the highest incident rates of falls** • 80% of participants enrolled in a workshop between 2017-2019 will complete 5 out of 8 sessions ("graduate") • 90% of program graduates between 2017-2019 will complete both a pre- and post-survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of program graduates will report that they are "not at all" concerned that they will fall in the three months following the last class • 60% of program graduates will report that they are "absolutely sure" that they can find a way to get up if they fall • 50% of program graduates will report that they are "absolutely sure" that they can increase physical strength and become steadier on their feet • Increase Texas Health Azle and community capacity to address the fear of falling and fall prevention in underserved populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30% decrease in overall participant healthcare utilization associated with falls or fall-related injuries of participants following the completion of AMOB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% decrease in healthcare utilization rate related to falls or fall-related injuries for older adults living in zip codes with high economic need • 30% decrease in healthcare utilization rate related to falls or fall-related injuries for older adults living in zip codes with the highest fall incident rates 	
	3.2.2 Collaborate with THPG to recommend patients to AMOB workshops						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% of program participants between 2017-2019 will be patients from THPG
	3.2.3 Collaborate with System Services to develop evaluation plan to track workshop participants' sustained behavior changes related to fall prevention and fear of falling at various intervals following completion of the workshop						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of program graduates between 2017-2019 will be contacted for follow-up evaluation at various intervals following workshop completion

Priority Area #3: Awareness, Health Literacy & Navigation						
Strategies	Activities	Lead Dept / Staff	Process Objectives (SMART)	Anticipated Impact		
				Short-Term Outcomes (1 year)	Intermediate Outcomes (1-3 years)	Long-Term Outcomes (3+ years)
3.3 Strengthen Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program	3.3.1 Continue implementation of emergency department (ED) navigation program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSRIP Project Lead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 93% of achievement of available dollars for DY6 • Proactively prepare for anticipated changes to DSRIP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5% improvement over baseline in selected bundle measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% improvement over baseline in selected bundle measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% improvement over baseline in selected bundle measures
	3.3.2 Continue implementation of Azle Minor Care clinic					

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HCI's mission is to improve the health, vitality, and environmental sustainability of communities, counties, and states

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