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Introduction

In 2013, Barlow Respiratory Hospital (Barlow) conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) to comply with state and federal regulations guiding tax-exempt hospitals. The Community Health Needs Assessment incorporated existing demographic and health data for the community served by the hospital. It included collection and analysis of input from persons who represent the broad interests of the community served by the hospital, including those with special knowledge of public health.

The health needs were identified from issues supported by primary and secondary data sources gathered for the Community Health Needs Assessment. The needs were indicated by stakeholder interviews and secondary data sources. The needs were confirmed by more than one indicator or data source (i.e., the health need was suggested by more than one source of secondary or primary data). In addition, the health needs were based on the size of the problem (relative portion of population afflicted by the problem); or the seriousness of the problem (impact at individual, family, and community levels). The health needs were prioritized through a structured process using defined criteria. This Implementation Strategy addresses the health needs identified through the CHNA.

Health Needs

Barlow will address the following health needs through our community benefit programs and activities:

- Access to care
- Chronic disease conditions
- Smoking

Addressing the Health Needs

Barlow Respiratory Hospital plans to meet the identified priority health needs through a commitment of resources with the following programs and services.

Access to Care

Barlow will continue efforts to bring its expertise in ventilator weaning, pulmonary rehabilitation, and treatment of the chronically critically ill to other communities by expanding its service delivery system. We will accomplish this by actively seeking opportunities to open satellite sites to offer our specialized services throughout Los

Angeles County. Barlow has a financial assistance policy that supports access to long-term care for uninsured and underinsured patients who do not have the resources to pay for their care.

Chronic Disease Conditions

Barlow will offer support groups for those dealing with multiple chronic health conditions. Support groups are offered free of charge and are open to the community. With a focus on prevention of chronic diseases, Barlow Respiratory Hospital will offer community health fairs that include health education and preventive screenings.

Smoking

Barlow Hospital will develop collaborative partnerships with community organizations to prevent and treat a number of respiratory conditions. We will explore the development of programs that focus on smoking cessation as a strategy to prevent future respiratory diseases and other chronic conditions.

Other Health Needs

Barlow Respiratory Hospital has chosen not to actively address the remaining health needs identified in the CHNA as they were not selected as priority health needs: homelessness, mental health, nutrition and physical activity, overweight and obesity and preventive practices. Taking existing community resources into consideration, Barlow has selected to concentrate on those health needs that we can most effectively address given our areas of focus and expertise. Therefore, the hospital's charitable resources will be placed on the selected priority health needs.

The Board of Directors of Barlow Respiratory Hospital met and approved this Implementation Strategy on September 19, 2013.

Attested to by:

Signature

Date

Chairman of the Board of Directors

