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Southern Crescent Hospital

Community Health Needs Assessment



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Long term acute care hospitals meet a need within the community of those patients who require acute care, but require the service for an extended period of time. Many of these patients are referred directly from an intensive care unit or may be admitted directly to the facility when requiring extensive and extended acute care services. These patients clearly require extended complex medical care that is not typical for (nor reimbursed within) short term acute care hospitals.

The majority of patients who come to long term acute care are elderly (greater than 65 years of age) and meet the same requirements for short term acute care. At the present time, the only differentiator is the amount of time that will be required in the acute care setting and this is usually determined by the complexity of the patient.

Because Southern Crescent Hospital is located within Southern Regional Medical Center, serves the same population, the hospital uses the data from the host hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment to determine the health needs and future community benefit plans.

The Southern Crescent Board Directors approved this Community Health Needs Assessment on October 14, 2014.

Annual community benefit plans for Southern Crescent Hospital will be developed based on the Southern Regional community health needs assessment and within the scope of services permitted as a licensed long term acute care hospital.

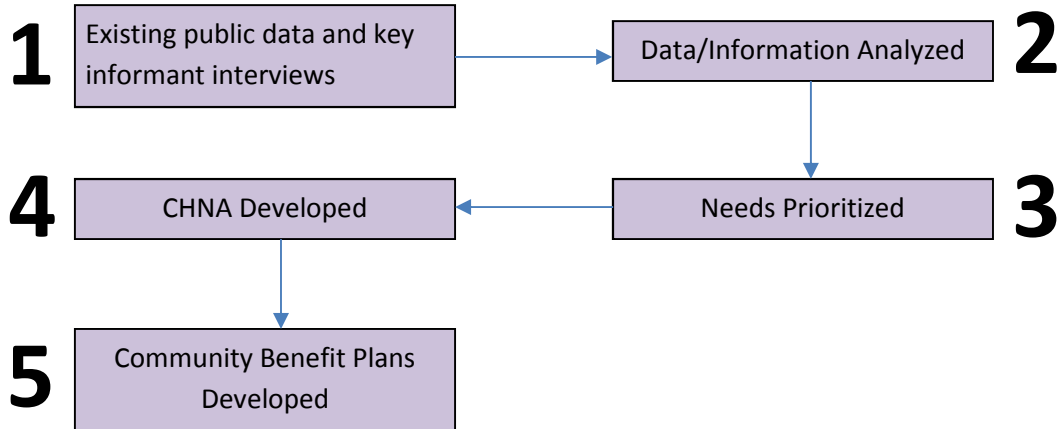
Purpose

This community needs assessment was developed for the purposes outlined below:

- To ensure that the mission of the organization is extended in the service area defined as it relates to improving the health care needs in the community.
- To identify areas of focus that exists in the community as they relate to health care and within the scope of service of the facility.
- To ensure the facility is in compliance with the required standards under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.
- To ensure the health care needs of individuals in the community are met with the assistance of other health care providers, and to eliminate the possibility of duplicative services.

Process

Southern Crescent Hospital adopted the host hospital's community health needs assessment. Based on the community health needs assessment, annual community benefit plans will be developed to address priorities and community needs in accordance with the limited services provided by long term acute care hospitals.



Heritage

Dubuis' hospitals are part of a system of long-term acute care hospitals located in multiple states. This system is sponsored by CHRISTUS Health, whose heritage began more than 130 years ago with the calling of Bishop Claude Marie Dubuis to its first members: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, suffering in persons of a multitude of sick and infirm of every kind, seeks relief at your hands." We at Dubuis are committed to this spiritual tradition of healing in each of our sites in collaboration with the mission of the host hospital. This is the basis for our mission today.

Mission

Consistent with the heritage of its Sponsors, the mission of Dubuis Health System is to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ across the continuum of care.

We are an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals who enable patients to achieve medical and rehabilitation goals.

We are committed to individualized, quality care that is provided in a compassionate and holistic manner.

Vision

We envision long-term acute care as a ministry that is —

- Spiritually rooted
- Fully integrated in the continuum of care
- Supportive of healthier communities
- Innovative and interdisciplinary in our holistic approach to care
- Compassionate in response to the needs of our patients in their life journey

Our Mission and Vision are lived out daily through the practice of our core values in partnership with the host hospital.

Values

- Dignity – We believe that each person is created in the image of God; therefore we value the sacredness of life and treat each person with respect
- Compassion – We respond to needs in a creative way, and advocate for patients, especially those who are poor and underserved
- Excellence – We strive to provide quality services and create an environment that inspires all persons to reach their fullest potential
- Hospitality – We welcome each person with warmth and gentleness, nurturing hope and healing
- Collaboration – We cooperate and work with others who share our values to maximize holistic care and stewardship of resources

Organizational Description

Southern Crescent Hospital is managed by CHRISTUS Dubuis Health System, a non-profit long term acute care hospital (LTACH) system which provides care to patients who require acute care over an extended period of time. Our dedicated staff provides specialty care that is tailored to the individual needs of every patient, resulting in excellent clinical outcomes.

The hospitals within the CHRISTUS Dubuis Health System are dedicated to providing the highest quality, compassionate care to our patients and families we are privileged to serve. Our dedication is evident by our quality indicators, which exceed national averages in key clinical areas and in our patient satisfaction scores, which are nationally recognized.

Southern Crescent Hospital is located within the host facility, Southern Regional Medical Center, which has been recognized as a high-quality health care provider in the southern section of the Atlanta, GA metropolis. Southern Crescent Hospital opened in December of 2003 and has a total of 30 beds to provide care to medically complex patients.

Due to the nature of the long term acute care industry and the regulatory bodies that oversee and govern the types of services that are provided, the hospital has a limited scope of service and is subject to penalties if serving patients that do not meet the strict requirements for admission. The hospital only provides inpatient acute care services to patients whose length of stay exceeds 25 days and fall into a limited number of diagnoses.

Long term acute care hospitals meet several bodies of rules and regulations in order to operate. These facilities are subject to the same standards for any hospital as outlined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid; they comply with respective state rules and regulations for hospitals (most states have additional requirements for hospitals located within other hospitals); they are subject to the local Quality Improvement Organization; and most meet the requirements of The Joint Commission.

Southern Crescent Hospital Services

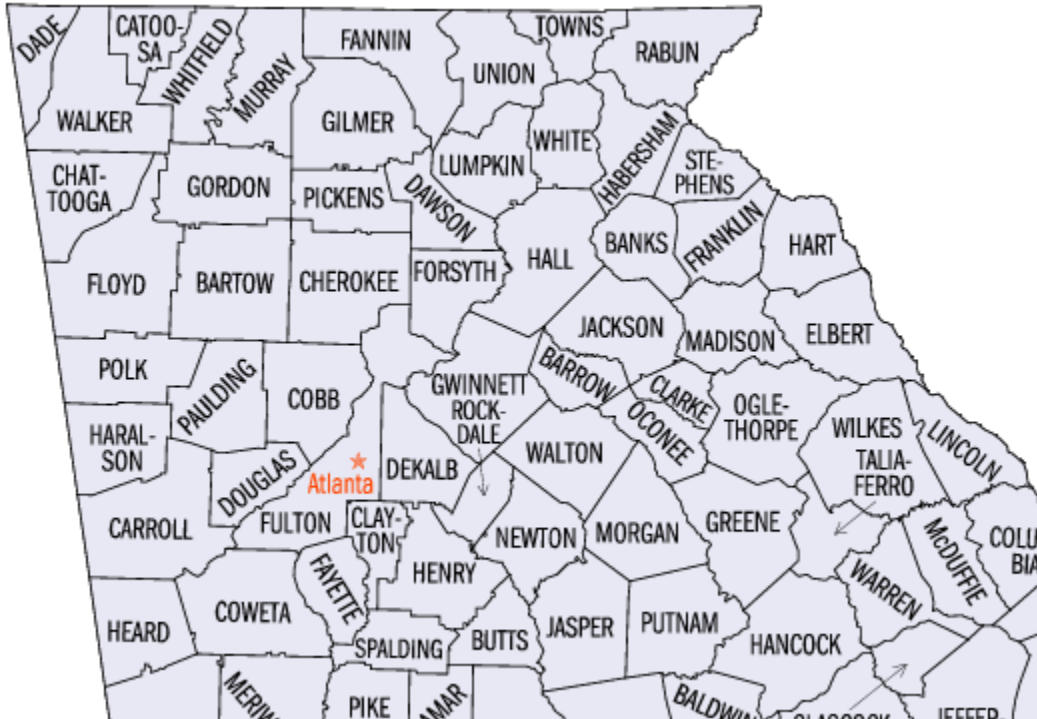
The hospital currently provides services and programs to residents in the service area that target care for those patients requiring acute care services for an extended period of time. The services provided will help to meet needs that have been identified through the community health needs assessment. These patients require extended acute care hospitalization with specialty programs focusing on ventilator dependency, wound care, and rehabilitation.

Services provided by Southern Crescent Hospital include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 24-hour nursing care
- Acute and post-ICU medical care
- Ventilator care and weaning with 24-hour respiratory care
- Wound care
- Comprehensive inpatient physical, occupational, and speech rehabilitation
- Cardiac monitoring
- IV therapy
- Blood transfusions
- Dialysis
- Therapeutic nutritional support
- Pain management
- Case management
- Social work services
- Patient and family education.




Service Area/Community Served

Dubuis Hospital of Corpus Christi primarily serves Clayton and Fulton counties from which it receives the majority of its patients, but it also receives patients from many of the surrounding counties.




County Health Rankings





Clayton









Clayton County	Trend(Click for info)	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers*	Georgia	Rank (of 159)
Health Outcomes					44
Length of Life					39
Premature death	7,780		7,427-8,132	5,317	7,697
Quality of Life					67
Poor or fair health	17%		15-20%	10%	16%
Poor physical health days	3.3		2.8-3.8	2.5	3.5
Poor mental health days	3.7		3.1-4.3	2.4	3.3
Low birthweight	10.6%		10.3-11.0%	6.0%	9.5%
Health Factors					129
Health Behaviors					75
Adult smoking	17%		14-21%	14%	18%
Adult obesity	36%		33-40%	25%	28%
Food environment index	4.9			8.7	6.8
Physical inactivity	28%		25-31%	21%	25%
Access to exercise opportunities	84%			85%	66%
Excessive drinking	10%		8-12%	10%	14%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	17%			14%	24%

Clayton County	Trend(Click for info)	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers*	Georgia	Rank (of 159)	
Sexually transmitted infections	873			123	554	
Teen births	58		57-60	20	48	
Clinical Care						119
Uninsured	25%		24-27%	11%	22%	
Primary care physicians	3,583:1			1,051:1	1,598:1	
Dentists	4,220:1			1,392:1	2,145:1	
Mental health providers	3,021:1			521:1	1,440:1	
Preventable hospital stays	56		52-61	46	65	
Diabetic screening	84%		79-88%	90%	84%	
Mammography screening	49%		45-54%	71%	61%	
Social & Economic Factors						136
High school graduation	51%				68%	
Some college	52%		50-55%	70%	60%	
Unemployment	11.1%			4.4%	9.0%	
Children in poverty	41%		36-46%	13%	27%	
Inadequate social support	24%		21-27%	14%	21%	
Children in single-parent households	50%		47-54%	20%	36%	
Violent crime	546			64	401	
Injury deaths	49		45-53	49	60	
Physical Environment						141

Clayton County	Trend(Click for info)	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers*	Georgia	Rank (of 159)	
Air pollution - particulate matter	13.2			9.5	12.8	
Drinking water violations	0%			0%	7%	
Severe housing problems	23%		22-24%	9%	17%	
Driving alone to work	76%		74-77%	71%	79%	
Long commute - driving alone	47%		45-49%	15%	38%	

Fulton

Fulton County	Trend(Click for info)	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers*	Georgia	Rank (of 159)
Health Outcomes					29
Length of Life					42
Premature death	7,874		7,676-8,073	5,317	7,697
Quality of Life					26
Poor or fair health	11%		9-13%	10%	16%
Poor physical health days	2.4		2.1-2.8	2.5	3.5
Poor mental health days	2.7		2.3-3.1	2.4	3.3
Low birthweight	10.7%		10.5-10.9%	6.0%	9.5%
Health Factors					21
Health Behaviors					8
Adult smoking	13%		11-16%	14%	18%
Adult obesity	23%		21-25%	25%	28%
Food environment index	6.4			8.7	6.8
Physical inactivity	20%		18-22%	21%	25%
Access to exercise opportunities	91%			85%	66%
Excessive drinking	18%		16-20%	10%	14%
Alcohol-impaired driving deaths	21%			14%	24%
Sexually transmitted infections	785			123	554

Fulton County	Trend(Click for info)	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers*	Georgia	Rank (of 159)	
Teen births	44		43-45	20	48	
Clinical Care						11
Uninsured	22%		21-24%	11%	22%	
Primary care physicians	1,039:1			1,051:1	1,598:1	
Dentists	1,564:1			1,392:1	2,145:1	
Mental health providers	795:1			521:1	1,440:1	
Preventable hospital stays	48		47-50	46	65	
Diabetic screening	85%		82-87%	90%	84%	
Mammography screening	62%		60-64%	71%	61%	
Social & Economic Factors						44
High school graduation	64%				68%	
Some college	75%		74-77%	70%	60%	
Unemployment	9.6%			4.4%	9.0%	
Children in poverty	26%		23-29%	13%	27%	
Inadequate social support	21%		18-24%	14%	21%	
Children in single-parent households	41%		40-43%	20%	36%	
Violent crime	841			64	401	
Injury deaths	60		58-62	49	60	
Physical Environment						153
Air pollution - particulate matter	13.2			9.5	12.8	
Drinking water	36%			0%	7%	

Fulton County	Trend(Click for info)	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers*	Georgia	Rank (of 159)	
violations						
Severe housing problems	21%		20-21%	9%	17%	
Driving alone to work	73%		72-73%	71%	79%	
Long commute - driving alone	36%		35-37%	15%	38%	

Community Health Needs Identified

Based on the community health needs assessment conducted on behalf of the host hospital, the following community health needs were identified as primary areas of focus for the service area.

Health Concerns:

- A. Obesity – Approximately 25.2% of the population in the Atlanta MSA service area are considered obese with a mass body index of 30.0 or higher.
- B. Smoking and Tobacco Use – Fulton County – 15% and Clayton County – 21%.
- C. Cardiovascular/Heart Disease – Approximately 6.7% of the population in the Atlanta MSA service area are considered to have some form of cardiovascular or heart disease.
- D. Cancer - Georgia ranks number 19 out of 50 states for cancer deaths.
- E. Respiratory Disease – Asthma and COPD are significant health problems. In 2012, 10.3% of adults reported asthma as a chronic condition and 3.5% of the adult population reported COPD as a chronic condition.
- F. Diabetes – Georgia ranks 33rd out of 50 states for diabetes prevalence, with 10.1 5 of the adult population reporting affliction with diabetes.
- G. Mental Health – Approximately 12.8% of the population has a prevalence of depression and 14.6% for those individuals considered low income.

Areas of Focus

The areas of focus for Dubuis Hospital of Corpus Christi will be in the areas related providing access to long term acute care for those individuals who are low income or poor insurance to ensure they have appropriate access to care across the continuum.