

ADVOCATE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL 2021 COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A PROGRESS REPORT ON OUR 2020-2022 IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

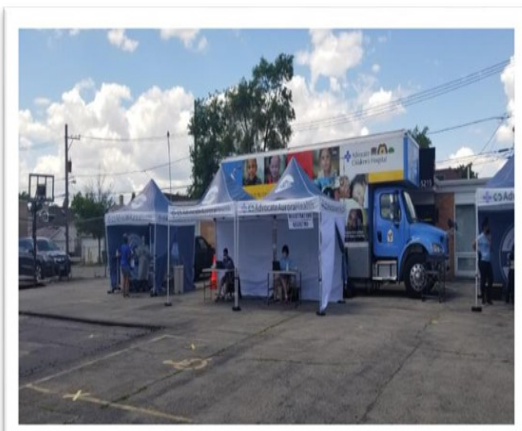
Every three years, Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital (Advocate Good Samaritan) completes a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) by collecting and analyzing demographic and health data, as well as gathering input from community residents through a community health survey.

For the 2017-2019 CHNA, Advocate Good Samaritan worked with the Community Health Council (CHC) to review the significant health issues impacting DuPage County, and Bolingbrook and Romeoville, Illinois. To ensure alignment with the DuPage County Health Department, Advocate Good Samaritan worked with Impact DuPage to collectively identify and address the health concerns affecting the community.

In 2021, due to COVID-19, the Community Health Department across Advocate Aurora Health (Advocate Aurora) shifted its priorities to meet the immediate needs of the community. Advocate Aurora will continue to provide preventive services to combat the COVID-19 pandemic by increasing access to health education, access to healthy foods and nutrition education, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), COVID-19 community testing and several other immediate services.

COVID-19 Prevention and Mitigation

Initiatives and Services Provided



Partners Involved: DuPage Health Coalition, DuPage Federation on Human Services, People's Resource Center, DuPage Pads

- **COVID-19 Booster Shots:** Advocate Aurora partnered with community organizations serving vulnerable populations and in underserved DuPage County communities to provide the community with COVID-19 vaccine booster shots.
- **Neighbor to Neighbor Vaccine Champion Program:** AAH developed the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program to increase vaccination rates in high-risk communities. The program trained over 130 vaccine champions and engaged over 8,000 community members in Wisconsin and Illinois. In addition, the program awarded \$9,250 in microgrants to support community-based organizations in providing vaccine education and to address hesitancy.
- Advocate Aurora will continue to provide COVID-19 tools, resources and community education materials to hundreds of community organizations to combat the pandemic and address vaccine hesitancy.

Priority: Behavioral Health



Partners Involved: NAMI DuPage, DuPage County Schools, NAMI Chicago, Advocate Aurora Faith and Health Partnerships, Gateway Foundation, DuPage County Health Department

Program Outcomes for 2021

- Advocate Good Samaritan implemented multiple behavioral health strategies in efforts to decrease substance use disorder, and increase mental health awareness and access to behavioral health services. Due to COVID-19, many of the hospital's behavioral health programs that required partnerships outside the organization were paused due to COVID-19 regulations and visitor restrictions.
- The Teen Recovery Support Group aims to provide coping mechanisms, mental health discussions and reduce mental health crises. In 2021, 12 sessions were held virtually and engaged over 25 DuPage County high school students.
- In 2021, virtual Mental Health First Aid, a training that aims to help individuals identify and address mental health crises, was provided to 68 EMS students and DuPage Pads professional staff.
- Advocate Good Samaritan also continued to partner with NAMI DuPage to provide Ending the Silence to DuPage County schools. The program aims to reduce mental health stigma among adolescents. In 2021, 203 middle and high school students completed the class.
- In partnership with the DuPage County Health Department, Narcan (an opioid overdose reversal drug) kits were distributed to 29 Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Department (ED) patients with substance use disorder.

Priority: Chronic Disease Management and Improvement



Partners Involved: West Suburban Community Pantry, Valley View School District

Program Outcomes for 2021

- Advocate Good Samaritan partnered with West Suburban Community Pantry to provide nutrition education to over 100 individuals and their families.
- The hospital also worked closely with West Suburban Community Pantry to implement a school-based pantry for food insecure students and families. In 2021, the pantry served over 150 families and distributed over 7,500 pounds of food.

Priority: Health Status Improvement

Program Outcomes for 2021



Partners Involved: Schafer Elementary School, North Elementary School, People's Resource Center, West Suburban Community Pantry, University of Illinois Extension, Access DuPage, Transition Support Program



- In partnership with People's Resource Center, West Suburban Community Pantry, Northern Illinois Food Bank and University of Illinois Extension, Advocate Good Samaritan implemented 16 virtual healthy lifestyle workshops. Workshops provided nutrition education and increased access to healthy foods for over 30 low-income residents in DuPage County.
- Advocate Good Samaritan partnered with Schafer and North Elementary Schools to provide physical activity classes and nutrition education. In 2021, the hospital provided 100 water bottles for students to increase water consumption. The hospital implemented Yoga in the Park for over 25 families and distributed 45 fresh produce boxes.
- Ride with D45, collaborative initiative for students and families to engage in physical activity together was a district wide bike initiative. The hospital provided 120 helmets and bike safety education to students, families and community residents.
- Advocate Good Samaritan partnered with Access DuPage to provide a community COVID-19 vaccine clinic and distribute nutrition education and fresh produce boxes to over 30 low-income individuals and families.
- To address the increasing need for access to food, Advocate Good Samaritan launched a hospital-based food pantry pilot in December 2020 to serve food insecure oncology patients. In 2021, the pantry served 15 patients and is aiming to expand to new service lines and departments in 2022.
- The Transition Support Program (TSP) aims to increase access to primary care, specifically for uninsured and low-income patients. In 2021, the program doubled patient volume with 150-180 patients on the daily census. Patients were provided with navigation services to primary care physicians and social services.



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2022 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATES

A FORECAST INTO OUR 2022 PROGRAM PLANS

Advocate Aurora hospitals reserve the right to redirect resources to address emerging public health threats even if doing so slows the ability to implement plans for addressing key priorities selected through the CHNA process. The Advocate Aurora community health team will remain focused on community education, prevention and promoting COVID-19 vaccinations, as well as continuing to address other key issues exacerbated by the pandemic, such as food insecurity, housing and need for connecting people to vital resources in the community. In 2022, Advocate Aurora hospitals plan to continue to reactivate community health improvement plan implementation activities whenever and wherever possible.

Health Status Improvement

Year: 2022

Advocate Good Samaritan will continue to work with community partners to address health status improvement in DuPage County. The hospital's community health team will work with the mission and spiritual care team to expand the hospital-based food pantry in efforts to address the needs of food insecure patients. In addition, the hospital's community health team will expand its work to support creating an environment of health and wellness in local schools.

In 2022, Advocate Good Samaritan will address chronic disease management and prevention through expanding the school-based pantry program in partnership with West Suburban Community Pantry.

In 2022, Advocate Good Samaritan will host a community wide farmer's market with local schools, healthcare partners, and community based organizations.

Behavioral Health

Year: 2022

The hospital will continue addressing mental health and substance use in the community through partnership with NAMI DuPage to implement Ending the Silence and the Teen Recovery Support Group. The hospital's ED will continue to distribute Narcan kits and work with the Gateway Foundation to decrease substance use and overdose.

Advocate Good Samaritan will continue training community members and internal team members on Mental Health First Aid and Bridges of Hope. The hospital works with DuPage Pads to advance strategies to address behavioral health issues within the homeless population.

Addressing COVID-19 in the Community

Year: 2022

Advocate Aurora is working closely with local leaders to advance COVID-19 vaccinations in the communities we serve. Advocate Good Samaritan will also continue to provide booster vaccinations to vulnerable populations and the general community.

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