

## Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital

### **Introduction**

#### **Samaritan Health Services, Inc.**

Samaritan Health Services, Inc (SHS) is a non-profit network of hospitals, clinics and other healthcare facilities that support the healthcare needs of the more than 265,000 residents in the mid-Willamette Valley and on the central Oregon Coast. We work together to provide innovative and world-class healthcare in a way that supports the evolving needs, and the values of the communities we serve.

#### **Samaritan Health Services, Inc. includes:**

Five hospitals that includes 3 critical access hospitals in rural communities.

Nearly 90 specialty clinics

Over 7,000 employees

#### **Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital**

Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (SNLH) is a non-profit critical-access hospital that primarily serves the residents of north Lincoln County. In addition to emergency care and family medicine, specialties include cancer care, diabetes care, endoscopic services, general surgery, mental/behavioral health services, nutritional services, physical rehabilitation, and OB/GYN services. The hospital also provides screenings and education on disease prevention and management.

#### **Service Area**

The primary service area of SNLH are the cities of Lincoln City, Neotsu, Otis and their neighboring rural communities.

#### **1.The year of publication for the current community health needs assessment.**

The 2020-2023 SNLH Community Health Needs Assessment was approved by the SNLH board of directors and the SHS board of directors in December 2019.

#### **SNLH Community Health Needs Assessment**

The 2019 SNLH community health needs assessment was conducted in conjunction with the Lincoln County Health and Human Services Department, the Lincoln County Federally Qualified Health Center, the Lincoln County Unified School District, Oregon Coast Community College, United Way of Benton, Linn, and Lincoln Counties, the Lincoln County Early Childhood Team, the Regional Health Assessment Team, and other community partners. The process included examining primary data collected through surveys, focus groups, community forums, listening sessions and personal interviews with community members who reside throughout Lincoln County. These included low-income persons, people of color, pregnant women, non-English speaking persons, and unhoused and substance use disorder populations. Over 500 people participated in the surveys, nearly 60 people participated in 10 focus groups and 21 personal interviews were conducted throughout the region. Secondary data was gathered from federal, state, and local agencies that address the health needs of children and families. The information was reviewed by SHS staff members, partners, and community members to

prioritize the health care needs for Lincoln County residents. Each year the SNLH board and various internal and external committees review the priorities to ensure we are continuing to address the needs of the community.

The overall population of Lincoln County based on race and ethnicity is listed in the chart below.

Race/Ethnicity	Population
White/Caucasian	81.1%
Black/African American	1.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	4.1%
Asian	1.6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2%
Latino/Hispanic	10.1%
Reporting two or more races	4.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 Census Quick Facts, Public Law 94-171 Summary File

Lincoln County is designated as a rural county and experiences many healthcare related challenges. Transportation and distances required to travel to receive services are two of the environmental factors that impact the community. Language barriers for some community members impact health as Lincoln County has seen an increase in Mam speaking populations as well as Spanish speakers.

**2. The top health needs identified in the hospital's most recent community health needs assessment. Include information on geographies, populations or demographic groups affected.**

The top health needs assessment identified in the 2020-2023 SNLH Community Health Needs Assessments are:

- Housing/Homelessness
- Child Abuse/Neglect
- Poverty
- Food Insecurity

The targeted populations with the top health needs identified through the CHNA are as follows:

SNLH community benefit activities addresses both social determinants of health and health related needs. Our initiatives to address housing / homelessness focus on the social determinants of health while our initiatives to prevent and reduce child abuse / neglect, poverty, and food insecurity address the health-related needs in the community.

**Housing/Homelessness** - Homelessness in Lincoln County and particularly in Newport and Lincoln City continues to be a primary concern in the community, especially during the winter. The latest information for the homeless population data from the Oregon Housing and Community Services indicates that Lincoln County experienced a 14% homeless rate.

**Child Abuse/Neglect** - Child abuse/neglect are violations against children that result in imminent risk or serious harm to a child's health and welfare. The offense is committed

by a parent, caregiver or a person who is responsible for the child's safety and protection. According to the American Community Survey, in 2020, Lincoln County had a rate of 20.2% founded child abuse/neglect cases.

**Poverty** - Poverty can be directly linked to poor health outcomes. Poverty is related to and derived from having limited income, a lack of economic stability, limited choices in education and employment, and poor living conditions. The 2022 U.S. Census Quick Facts lists Lincoln County as having a poverty level of 15.4%.

**Food Insecurity** - Food security is defined as not having enough to eat and not being able to purchase or obtain healthy food in socially acceptable ways. Adequate nutrition is particularly important for children, as it affects their cognitive and behavioral development. Children from food insecure, low-income households are more likely to experience irritability, fatigue, and difficulty concentrating on tasks, especially in school, compared to other children. The most recent data shows Lincoln County at 14.2% food insecurity rate.

**The significant community benefit activities the hospital engaged in that addressed the health needs identified above.**

During 2022, SNLH invested over \$72,000 through grant awards to local agencies in Lincoln County that directly addressed housing/homelessness, food insecurity, and poverty. SNLH provided direct support to a local non-profit agency that addressed child abuse and/or neglect.

**Housing/Homelessness** – SNLH in partnership with the Lincoln County government, Lincoln County Homeless Coalition and Community Services Consortium provided \$48,758 to the Northwest Coastal Housing Project to provide temporary housing services to unhoused populations in Lincoln County. Over 135 people received housing, case management, support services, and counseling during 2022.

**Poverty** – SNLH provided \$5,000 to Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments Senior Corps Program Poverty Prevention Project. The project provided support to low-income seniors in Lincoln County to help them remain in their homes. The project also provided transportation to appointments, counseling, support services, volunteer training, and mileage reimbursement to community volunteers. Nearly 30 seniors were served through the project.

**Food Insecurity** – SNLH provided \$19,035 to agencies addressing food insecurity in Lincoln County. Agencies funded include the Coastal Range Food Bank, Food Share of Lincoln County, Neighbors for Kids and Oregon Cascades West Council of Government Meals on Wheels. Over 2,000 children and adults benefitted from these programs.

**Child Abuse/Neglect** – SNLH provided a physician to conduct forensic medical exams at the Lincoln County Children Advocacy Center during 2022.