

St. Anthony Hospital CRB-1 Narrative Statement

About St. Anthony Hospital

CHI St. Anthony Hospital is a 25-bed critical access hospital located in rural Eastern Oregon. Major program and service lines include inpatient acute care (Critical Care and Medical/Surgical), outpatient surgery, infusions, and wound care; chemotherapy, Level 4 Trauma Emergency Department, Outpatient rehabilitation, cardiac and pulmonary rehab, and rural health clinic/primary care. CHI St. Anthony Hospital is part of CommonSpirit Health.

Mission

As CommonSpirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

1. Current Community Health Needs Assessment

The current CHI St. Anthony Hospital CHNA was adopted by the Board of Directors in March 2022.

2. Top Health Needs

Significant Health Need	Indicators with identified disparities
Access to Health Care Services	Barriers to access, ratio of primary care physicians, routine medical care, ER utilization, eye exams, rating of local health care.
Cancer	Leading cause of death, cervical cancer screening
Heart Disease & Stroke	Leading cause of death, high cholesterol prevalence, overall cardiovascular risk.
Infant Health& Family Planning	Infant deaths, teen birth rate

Injury & Violence	Motor vehicle crash deaths, seat belt/safety seat use, intimate partner violence
Respiratory Disease	Lung disease deaths
Tobacco Use	Use of cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and vaping

Umatilla County has a population of 77,129 based on population estimates from 2015-2019. The largest cities in Umatilla County are Hermiston, Pendleton, Umatilla, and Milton-Freewater. The total area of the county is 3,231 square miles, most of which is rural in nature. Key elements of the economy include farming and industry. There is one additional hospital in Umatilla County, located approximately 30 miles from St. Anthony Hospital.

The median household income in Umatilla County is \$57,973, with an estimated 17.4% of residents living below the federal poverty level. 21.2% of Pendleton residents stated they would not be able to afford a \$400 emergency expense without going into debt. 85.8% of the population is reported as white, and 26.8% reported as Hispanic or Latino. 17% of the population age 25 and older do not hold a High School Diploma or GED. Approximately 9.5% of residents under age 65 do not have health insurance.

3. Community Benefit Activities

St. Anthony Hospital participated in several activities in fiscal year 2024 that addressed the identified community health needs.

Access to Health Care:

Community Health Outreach including use of a community health outreach van and community health workers; primary care provider recruitment, support of school-based health center, first aid for area outdoor events

Cancer Care and Prevention:

Promotion of cancer screening and general awareness. Active recruiting for new providers at the Women's Health Clinic. We also host a tumor board meeting to discuss and collaborate on cancer cases.

Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention:

Employed a Stroke Coordinator to focus on stroke-related care metrics and messaging to the community regarding stroke awareness; continue cardiac rehabilitation program services, nutrition counseling services

Injury & Violence Prevention:

Provided financial support to Pioneer Relief Nursery, which works to serve at-risk families and children; continue to provide Child Car Seat Checks free of charge, as well as free or low cost child safety seats.

Respiratory Disease Prevention:

Continued offering Pulmonary Rehabilitation to decrease or eliminate patients' dependence on supplemental oxygen.

Tobacco Use:

Provide smoking cessation counseling to patients.

Infant Health:

Worked to integrate Safe Sleep Resources into the Community Outreach program.

4. Activities that Address Social Determinants of Health

Examples of Addressing Individual Health-Related Social Needs

Transportation:

CHI St. Anthony Hospital collaborates with the City of Pendleton by paying for one quarter of the cost of transportation for low-income patients in the community. This program helps ensure that all residents have easy access to health care.

Food Security:

CHI St. Anthony Hospital provides meals weekly for shelter guests at the Salvation Army in Pendleton.

Personal Safety:

CHI St. Anthony Hospital provides donations and supplies to Domestic Violence Services, a nonprofit that supports victim-survivors of domestic violence in Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

Examples of Systemic Interventions

Pioneer Relief Nursery:

CHI St. Anthony Hospital provides supplies, utilities, and donated space for Pioneer Relief Nursery. The nursery provides respite childcare and training to parents in need. The overall goal is to prevent child abuse and neglect in Umatilla County through intensive family support. Pioneer Relief Nursery addresses the cycle of child abuse and neglect by providing therapeutic early childhood education and other services.

School-Based Health Center:

The hospital increases access to health care through providing on site health care services in the Pendleton School District. St. Anthony Hospital provides the salary for a full-time nurse practitioner who provides support at the local middle and high school.

Health Professions Education:

Providing access to necessary health care is challenging in rural communities, partly due to lack of qualified staff to provide care in hospitals and clinics. CHI St. Anthony Hospital provides financial support to local programs that train the next generation of caregivers. The hospital also hosts nursing and other health professional interns throughout the year to prepare them for hands-on care delivery.