

Athol Memorial Hospital - FY2005

Summary Narratives

Community Benefits Mission Statement

To identify the unmet needs of the community we serve, and to develop and implement strategies to meet those needs.

Program Organization and Management

Athol Memorial Hospital's Community Benefits Plan is under the direction of the Community Relations Department, which is staffed by one 25 hours per week manager. The hospital has a strong tradition of community services initiatives, and Community Benefits are indistinguishable from Community Services during FY 2004.

Key Collaborations and Partnerships

The hospital is associated with the North Quabbin Community Coalition, a group comprised of health and human services providers, representatives of community agencies, concerned citizens, community activists, and government officials. The hospital is also involved in improving health care access and has a working relationship with Healthy Connections and supported the Healthy Communities Access Project in creating a Volunteer Physician Network to serve uninsured, low income residents of our nine town North Quabbin region.

[Community Health Needs Assessment](#)

The hospital accessed the "Report on the Results of the Athol Community Needs Assessment" March 2001, prepared by Heather Burrelle of the School of Public Health & Health Services, University of Massachusetts in Amherst for guidance in working toward our Community Benefits Plan.

[Community Benefits Plan](#)

Our goal is to bring a formalized Community Benefits Plan before the Board of Trustees as soon as we are able. Current target date is January 2006. An internal hospital committee has been established to address the Community Benefits Plan and work toward this goal.

Key Accomplishments of Reporting Year

Key accomplishments of the reporting year may be found in the Community Services section of the full text report.

Plans for Next Reporting Year

Improve efforts through the establishment of a an internal outreach committee.

Select Community Benefits Programs

Community Benefits Programs

No community benefits programs identified.

Program Type	Estimated Total Expenditures for FY2005	Approved Program Budget for 2006
Community Benefits Programs	Direct Expenses	Not Specified
	Associated Expenses	Not Specified
	Determination of Need Expenditures	Not Specified
	Employee Volunteerism	Not Specified
		* Excluding expenditures that cannot be projected at the time of the report.

	Other Leveraged Resources	Not Specified	
Community Service Programs	Direct Expenses	Not Specified	
	Associated Expenses	Not Specified	
	Determination of Need Expenditures	Not Specified	
	Employee Volunteerism	Not Specified	
	Other Leveraged Resources	Not Specified	
Net Charity Care		\$513,204	
Corporate Sponsorships		Not Specified	
	Total Expenditures	Not Specified	
Total Patient Care-Related Expenses for FY2005			Not Specified
Comments: None			