

Saint Vincent Hospital - FY2002

Summary Narratives

Community Benefits Mission Statement

The Board of Trustees-approved Mission Statement reads, in part, "...to participate in the creation of healthier lives within the community." To fulfill this mission, the hospital works with community organizations to identify the community's health needs, and allocates resources to develop and support programs that improve health of the community.

Program Organization and Management

Saint Vincent Hospital's Community Benefits Program is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. The Community Benefits Committee (the "Committee") oversees the development and implementation of the Community Benefits Plan. A consumer representative of the community, who is also a member of the hospital's Board, chairs the committee. The committee is staffed by Dennis L. Irish, Director of Managed Care and Marketing, who reports directly to the hospital President and CEO. Other members of the committee include community members as well as another member of the Board. Committee recommendations are reviewed by the hospital Board for approval.

Key Collaborations and Partnerships

The following is a list of members of the Community Benefits Committee:

1. Sheila Dooley, Chair, Saint Vincent Hospital Board of Trustees Member, Executive Director of Pernet Family Health Service
2. Stephen Burke, CFO, Family Health Center
3. Harriett Lebow, Community Leader/Volunteer
4. Edna Opatka, Representative for the Disabled Community
5. William O'Connell, DPH representative to Central Massachusetts
6. Terrie Putnam, Senior Action Council
7. Monsignor Edmond Tinsley, Saint Vincent Hospital Board of Trustees Member, Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester
8. Carlton Watson, Executive Director, Henry Lee Willis Community Center

Community Health Needs Assessment

To help determine community needs, the Committee referred to findings from Benchmarks for Progress 2001, a report by the United Way of Central Massachusetts that analyzed data on 34 communities in Central and Southern Worcester County. Three areas of concern include:

1. Child well being
2. Affordable housing/basic need
3. Workforce development

Once target issues/groups were identified, Requests for Proposal (RFP) were issued to 60 community agencies to further identify community needs, including program description, target audience, budget, timeline, documentation of collaborative efforts, and process for outcome measurement. Thirty-nine agencies submitted proposals.

Community Benefits Plan

The following three issue of concern were identified for 2002 Community Benefits Plan:

1. Oral health (basic need)
2. Nutrition (basic need)
3. Child well being

The long-term goal is to ensure access to preventative healthcare and improve overall quality of life. The hospital will strive to continue to provide the community with healthcare services, programs and education. The hospital will continue to develop, support, and implement initiatives that will help meet the healthcare needs of the community. Outcomes for evaluating programs include self-reports from participants, number of attendees, and review and feedback from community agencies.

Key Accomplishments of Reporting Year

Oral health: the hospital supported the Guild of Saint Agnes of Worcester’s Child Care dental care program for at-risk, low to moderate-income families; and the Central Massachusetts Oral Health Initiative for individuals on MassHealth and the uninsured.

Child well being: support to AIDS Project Worcester’s assistance to youth of family members suffering with HIV; the City of Worcester’s “Save our Summer” Youth Recreation; and Pernet Family Health Service youth and teen afterschool program.

Nutrition: The Worcester County Food Bank and Rachel’s Table Children’s Milk Fund
Additional programs are detailed in the full text report.

Plans for Next Reporting Year

Community Benefits initiatives will be based on data from the RFPs, community health needs assessments such as Benchmarks for Progress, and other indicator data. Based on the success on previous years’ programs, continued participation from hospital staff and community agencies is expected.

Select Community Benefits Programs

Guild of Saint Agnes of Worcester	
Brief Description or Objective	Oral health for low to moderate-income families
Program Type	Direct Services
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regions Served:County-Worcester • Health Indicator:Other: Dental Health • Sex:Not Specified • Age Group:All • Ethnic Group:Not Specified • Language:Not Specified
Partners	Not Specified
Contact Information	Dennis L. Irish Director, Managed Care and Marketing Saint Vincent Hospital Worcester Medical Center 20 Worcester Center Boulevard Worcester, MA 01608 508.363.9394 dennis.irish@tenethealth.com
Detailed Description	Not Specified

AIDS Project Worcester

Brief Description or Objective	Programming and assistance to children and teens of family members suffering with HIV
Program Type	Direct Services
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regions Served: County - Worcester• Health Indicator: Other: HIV/AIDS• Sex: Not Specified• Age Group: All Children• Ethnic Group: Not Specified• Language: Not Specified
Partners	Not Specified
Contact Information	Dennis L. Irish Director, Managed Care and Marketing Saint Vincent Hospital Worcester Medical Center 20 Worcester Center Boulevard Worcester, MA 01608 508.363.9394 dennis.irish@tenethealth.com
Detailed Description	Not Specified

Central Massachusetts Oral Health Initiative

Brief Description or Objective	A collaborative of providers, community health centers and organizations to increase access to oral health services for individuals on MassHealth and the uninsured.
Program Type	Not Specified
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regions Served: Other-Central MA• Health Indicator: Other: Dental Health• Sex: Not Specified• Age Group: Not Specified• Ethnic Group: Not Specified• Language: Not Specified
Partners	Not Specified
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Detailed Description	Not Specified

Worcester County Food Bank

Brief Description or Objective	Nutrition education program for disadvantaged families. The goal is to help people develop healthy eating habits and contribute to better overall health.
Program Type	Community Education
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regions Served:County-Worcester • Health Indicator:Other: Nutrition • Sex:Not Specified • Age Group:Not Specified • Ethnic Group:Not Specified • Language:Not Specified
Partners	Not Specified
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Detailed Description	Not Specified

Rachel's Table

Brief Description or Objective	Children's Milk Fund purchases and transports milk to needy children at 24 agencies targeted to children.
Program Type	Direct Services
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regions Served:County-Worcester • Health Indicator:Other: Nutrition • Sex:Not Specified • Age Group:Child-Infant • Ethnic Group:Not Specified • Language:Not Specified
Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worcester Jewish Federation
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Detailed Description	Not Specified

Program Type

Estimated Total Expenditures for FY2002

Approved Program

		Budget for 2003	
Community Benefits Programs	Direct Expenses	\$115,500	Not Specified * Excluding expenditures that cannot be projected at the time of the report.
	Associated Expenses	Not Specified	
	Determination of Need Expenditures	Not Specified	
	Employee Volunteerism	Not Specified	
	Other Leveraged Resources	Not Specified	
Community Service Programs	Direct Expenses	\$255,837	
	Associated Expenses	Not Specified	
	Determination of Need Expenditures	Not Specified	
	Employee Volunteerism	Not Specified	
	Other Leveraged Resources	Not Specified	
Net Charity Care		\$3,335,129	
Corporate Sponsorships		\$47,256	
	Total Expenditures	\$3,753,722	
Total Patient Care-Related Expenses for FY2002			\$188,443,328
Comments: None			