

CHNA Implementation Strategy Completed FY2025

Community Needs Assessment Narrative

The Community Health Assessment group was made up of representatives from Salina Regional Health Center and area agencies for the prioritization of these health needs.

Several tools and frameworks have been developed to guide communities through the CHNA process.

The framework selected by the CHNA Core Group is the Institute of Medicine Community Health Improvement Process. An important initial step in the process is the preparation, analysis, and interpretation of data describing the community: the Community Profile. The Community Profile describes the factors that contribute to the health and health status of the community.

List of Other Hospital Facilities Included in CHNA

- Salina Surgical Center

List of Organizations Other Than Hospital Facilities Included in CHNA

- Salina–Saline County Health Department
- United Way of Salina
- DVACK
- North Central Kansas Area on Aging
- Central Kansas Mental Health
- Central Kansas Foundation

Implementation Strategy Narrative

This Implementation Strategy and Community Benefit Analysis Report summarizes Salina Regional Health Center’s plans to address the prioritized needs from the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment and the evaluation of needs met. The hospital recognizes that the implementation strategies in this report are to be used as a guide and will serve as a framework for addressing identified needs. As the hospital moves forward, many resources, ongoing commitments, and partnerships will be necessary to effectively assist in creating healthier communities in Saline County and the surrounding area.

SRHC provides funding to Salina Regional Health Foundation, Inc. (SRHF). The Foundation, in turn, supports the identified needs of SRHC by making distributions to tax-exempt organizations, including the Health Center and other causes and institutions related to, affiliated with, or cooperating in the achievement of its exempt purposes. The Foundation is a corporate member of SRHC.

This Implementation Strategy for 2025 summarizes Salina Regional Health Center’s plans to address the prioritized needs from the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment. This strategy also addresses those needs recognized in the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment. The hospital recognizes that the implementation strategies in this report are to be used as a guide and will serve as a framework in addressing the identified needs. As the hospital moves forward, many resources, ongoing commitments, and partnerships will be necessary to effectively assist in creating healthier communities in Saline County and the surrounding area.

Saline County Community Health Needs

1. Aging Population
2. Cancer
3. Death Rate Due to Drug Poisoning
4. Depression/Mental Health
5. Diabetes
6. Domestic Violence
7. Heart Disease–Related Indicators
8. Immunizations
9. Obesity (Child and Adult)
10. Pregnancy-Related Indicators
11. Sexually Transmitted Disease Rate

12. Smoking, Percentage of Adults Who Currently Smoke
13. Stroke
14. Trauma/Falls

Aging Population

Meds to Bed Program: One of the main goals of the Meds to Bed program is enhanced education on medications at discharge.

A significant factor in the aging population is having adequate staff to care for individuals as they age. Because of this, Salina Regional Health Center takes an active role in supporting area nursing schools. Nursing schools active at SRHC through internships and training include: KU School of Nursing, Cloud County Community College, Colby Community College, Hutchinson Community College, Kansas Wesleyan University, North Central Kansas Technical College, North Central Kansas Technical College–Beloit, and Salina Area Technical College.

Salina Regional Health Foundation supports the North Central–Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging with \$10,000 to be used toward the 2025 Sunflower Fair.

Cancer

Our comprehensive cancer program holds prestigious approval from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and the American College of Radiation Oncology. In addition, the Tammy Walker Cancer Center is affiliated with the Midwest Cancer Alliance, increasing access to the latest cancer treatment discoveries through clinical research studies.

SRHC maintains cancer services, including Oncology and Radiation Oncology. Support services include nutrition counseling, an appearance center, spiritual support, and a cancer registry.

The Tammy Walker Cancer Center was named a Human Experience Pinnacle of Excellence Award winner by Press Ganey for the second consecutive year. This award recognizes the Center's ranking in the top 5% of healthcare providers for patient experience over a minimum of three consecutive years.

The Tammy Walker Cancer Center hosted several cancer screening events throughout the year (prostate, skin, breast, and colon), as well as community presentations and participation in health fairs.

The SRH Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to Rolling Hills Zoo for Dream Night at the Zoo, which provides a free evening for children with cancer or chronic illnesses and their families.

SRHF awarded a \$20,000 grant to the American Red Cross of Kansas to fund community blood drives within Saline County, including donor recruitment, collection, testing, and delivery of blood products. Salina Regional Health Foundation supports OCK transportation services in the amount of \$110,000 per year to cover transportation for Tammy Walker Cancer Center patients through the Med-Van program. Salina Regional Health Center supports Salina Family Healthcare in its capital campaign for a new state-of-the-art facility.

Death Rate Due to Drug Poisoning

Salina Regional Health Center continues to support the Central Kansas Foundation, the leading organization for drug abuse prevention in north-central Kansas. SRHC also contracts with the Foundation, providing \$13,000 per month for drug counseling and educational services.

Depression/Mental Health

Veridian Behavioral Health is a comprehensive, multidisciplinary center providing high-quality mental health care throughout Central Kansas.

Services address depression, anxiety, marital issues, parent-child conflicts, and grief in a private and accessible setting.

Veridian's psychiatrists provide outpatient care and are actively involved in intensive outpatient programs, inpatient services, and nursing home care.

In partnership with the SRHC Foundation, Salina Regional Health Center supports initiatives that reduce mental health stigma.

Funding is provided to Blessed Hope Family to support its Mental Health Counseling Services Program, including program supplies, expanded services, therapeutic aids, and respite childcare. SRHC also provided \$9,800 to the Smoky Hill Education Foundation for two Educator Recharge Retreats.

Diabetes

The Salina Regional Endocrinology Clinic is led by board-certified endocrinologist Dr. Richard Gomendoza.

SRHC continues to offer quarterly diabetes support group programs with Pharmacy, Dietary, and Organizational Development.

Domestic Violence

Salina Regional Health Center supports DVACK, which provides free, confidential services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, teen dating violence, elder abuse, and human trafficking. SRHC operates the SANE/SART Forensic Nursing Department within the Emergency Department, providing 24/7 access to specialized forensic nursing services.

Heart Disease–Related Indicators

Salina Regional Health Center’s Chest Pain Center has earned Primary PCI Accreditation from the American College of Cardiology.

The Center provides rapid diagnosis and treatment and performs percutaneous coronary interventions. Community outreach includes blood pressure checks and CPR/AED demonstrations at the Sunflower Senior Fair.

Immunizations

The Tammy Walker Cancer Center focuses on HPV vaccinations. The Saline County Health Department focuses heavily on immunizations.

COMCARE has implemented patient notification programs for screenings and immunizations, supported by the Meditech system.

Obesity (Child and Adult)

SRHC continues funding the School Marathon Program, providing up to \$50,000 annually.

SRHC and SRHF support Center Street Park, which features an inclusive playground, walking path, and outdoor exercise equipment.

Pregnancy-Related Indicators

SRHC continues the Becoming a Mom Program in partnership with the Saline County Health Department.

The Birth Center has received “Best of the Best” recognition in metabolic and newborn screening.

SRHC operates a Breast Milk Depot in collaboration with Oklahoma Mothers’ Milk Bank.

SRHC maintains recognition through High 5 for Mom & Baby Premier.

STD Rate

The Saline County Health Department focuses on STD prevention and treatment. SRHC collaborates with the department on related programs.

Smoking

SRHC continues to offer smoking cessation classes.

Stroke

SRHC maintains designation as a Primary Stroke Center and operates a dedicated stroke response team. Public education includes FAST stroke awareness initiatives and community outreach.

Trauma/Falls

SRHC is a Level III Trauma Center and participates in regional and statewide trauma councils. The trauma team provides fall risk assessments at the Sunflower Senior Fair.

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