Bakersfield Memorial Hospital

Community Benefit 2021 Report and 2022 Plan

Adopted October 2021





A message from

Ken Keller, President and CEO of Memorial Hospital, and Robert Noriega, Chair of the Dignity Health Memorial Hospital Board of Directors.

Dignity Health's comprehensive approach to community health improvement aims to address significant health needs identified in the Community Health Needs Assessments that we conduct with community input, including the local public health department. Our multi-pronged initiatives to improve community health include financial assistance for those unable to afford medically necessary care, a range of prevention and health improvement programs conducted by the hospital with community partners, and investing in efforts that address social determinants of health.

Memorial Hospital shares a commitment to improve the health of our community, and delivers programs and services to achieve that goal. The Community Benefit 2021 Report and 2022 Plan describe much of this work. This report meets requirements in California state law (Senate Bill 697) that not-for-profit hospitals produce an annual community benefit report and plan. Dignity Health produces these reports and plans for all of its hospitals, including those in Arizona and Nevada. We are proud of the outstanding programs, services and other community benefits our hospital delivers, and are pleased to report to our community.

In fiscal year 2021 (FY21), Memorial Hospital provided \$27,980,319 in patient financial assistance, unreimbursed costs of Medicaid, community health improvement services and other community benefits. The hospital also incurred \$39,256,429 in unreimbursed costs of caring for patients covered by Medicare.

The hospital's Board of Directors reviewed, approved and adopted the Community Benefit 2021 Report and 2022 Plan at its October 27, 2021 meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to review our report and plan. We welcome any questions or ideas for collaborating that you may have, by reaching to out to Donna Sharp, Regional Director for the Department of Special Needs and Community Outreach, at (661) 632-5467.

Ken Keller President/CEO

Robert Noriega Chairperson, Board of Directors

Table of Contents

At-a-Glance Summary	4
Our Hospital and the Community Served	6
About Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Our Mission Financial Assistance for Medically Necessary Care Description of the Community Served Community Need Index	6 6 6 7
Community Assessment and Significant Needs	9
Community Health Needs Assessment Significant Health Needs	9 9
2021 Report and 2022 Plan	10
Creating the Community Benefit Plan Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic Report and Plan by Health Need Community Grants Program Program Digests Other Programs and Non-Quantifiable Benefits	10 11 11 15 16 29
Economic Value of Community Benefit	30
Hospital Board and Committee Rosters	31

At-a-Glance Summary

Community Served	Bakersfield Memorial Hospital is located in Kern County, in California's Central Valley. The hospital service area encompasses the cities of: Bakersfield, Delano and Tehachapi.
Economic Value of Community Benefit	 \$27,980,319 in patient financial assistance, unreimbursed costs of Medicaid, community health improvement services, community grants and other community benefits \$39,256,429 in unreimbursed costs of caring for patients covered by Medicare
S	\$39,230,429 in unrennoursed costs of caring for patients covered by iviencare
Significant Community Health Needs Being Addressed	The significant community health needs the hospital is helping to address and that form the basis of this document were identified in the hospital's most recent Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Needs being addressed by strategies and programs are: Access to health care Alzheimer's disease Chronic diseases Overweight and obesity Preventive practices Social determinants of health/basic needs
FY19 Programs and Services	 The hospital delivered several programs and services to help address identified significant community health needs. These included: Community Health Initiative - The Community Health Initiative of Kern County works with public, private and non-profit organizations to enroll individuals in health insurance programs. Community Wellness Program - The Community Wellness Program is focused on preventive health care by providing on-site screenings as well as health and wellness education classes on relevant topics for residents throughout Kern County. Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs - The Healthy Living Self-Management Programs (Chronic Disease and Diabetes) are designed for persons who have diabetes and other chronic illnesses, providing them with the knowledge, tools and motivation needed to become proactive in their health. Homemaker Care Program - The Homemaker Care Program provides in-home supportive services to seniors ages 65 and older, as well as adults with disabilities.

	 Learning and Outreach Centers - The Learning and Outreach Centers provide referral services, food, clothing, shelter, education, and after school tutoring services to the most vulnerable and needy residents of the community. Art and Spirituality Center - The Art and Spirituality Center provides opportunities for artistic expression, meditation, relaxation, and creativity to improve quality of life and reduce stress.
FY20 Planned Programs and Services	 The FY21 programs will continue with the following changes: Health insurance assistance will be provided telephonically and by mail until inperson services can be provided. The Community Wellness Program will discontinue its fitness programs and begin offering an evidence-based active living program for older adults.

This document is publicly available at <u>https://www.dignityhealth.org/central-</u> california/locations/memorial-hospital/about-us/community-benefit-report-health-needs-assessment.

Written comments on this report can be submitted to the Special Needs and Community Outreach office at 2215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93301 or by e-mail to Felicia.Boyd@DignityHealth.org.

Our Hospital and the Community Served

About Bakersfield Memorial Hospital

As Bakersfield's largest acute care facility, Memorial Hospital opened its doors to the public in 1956 to serve the growing needs of the community. Located in the heart of a reenergized downtown, the campus has received numerous local and national awards and recognitions for its quality care. Memorial Hospital is located at 420 34th Street, Bakersfield, California, 93301.

Memorial Hospital has more than 400 licensed beds and includes a full-service Emergency Department with an Accredited Chest Pain Center and Nationally Certified Stroke Center. The facility also features the Robert A. Grimm Children's Pavilion for Emergency Services, Kern County's first and only dedicated children's ER. Memorial Hospital is home to the Sarvan and Heart and Brain Center, offering

innovative and minimally-invasive procedures, such as Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) and WATCHMAN device implant. The Center also includes Kern County's first bi-plane interventional suite and hybrid catheterization lab, and is the area's only Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center, as certified by The Joint Commission.

In addition to its nationally recognized cardiovascular and neurological services, world-class inpatient and outpatient burn care is provided through the S.A. Camp Companies Burn Unit in partnership with The Grossman Burn Center. The hospital also provides expert pediatric acute care and intensive care through the Lauren Small Children's Center, and has a Level II NICU, expanded maternity and family care, Center for Wound Care and Hyperbarics, Center for Healthy Living, robotic surgery program, oncology, and orthopedics among its family of service lines.



Our 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.

Our Vision

A healthier future for all – inspired by faith, driven by innovation, and powered by our humanity.

Financial Assistance for Medically Necessary Care

Memorial delivers compassionate, high quality, affordable health care and advocates for members of our community who are poor and disenfranchised. In furtherance of this mission, the hospital provides financial assistance to eligible patients who do not have the capacity to pay for medically necessary health care services, and who otherwise may not be able to receive these services. The financial assistance policy and a plain language summary and other materials are on the hospital's web site.

Description of the Community Served

Memorial serves 12 ZIP codes representing three cities in Kern County.

Daker shera Wentshar Hospitar Ber vice Area			
Place ZIP Code			
Bakersfield	93301, 93304, 93305, 93306, 93307, 93308, 93309, 93311, 93312, 93313		
Delano	93215		
Tehachapi	93561		

Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Service Area

Kern County covers more than 8,100 square miles, geographically making it the third largest county in the state. The landscape is diverse, ranging from high desert to mountains to vast expanses of rich agricultural flatlands. Kern County consistently ranks among the top five most productive agricultural counties in the United States and is one of the nation's leading petroleum-producing counties. Seasonal and cyclical fluctuations in employment in the agriculture and petroleum industries drive Kern County's unemployment rate consistently well above the state average.

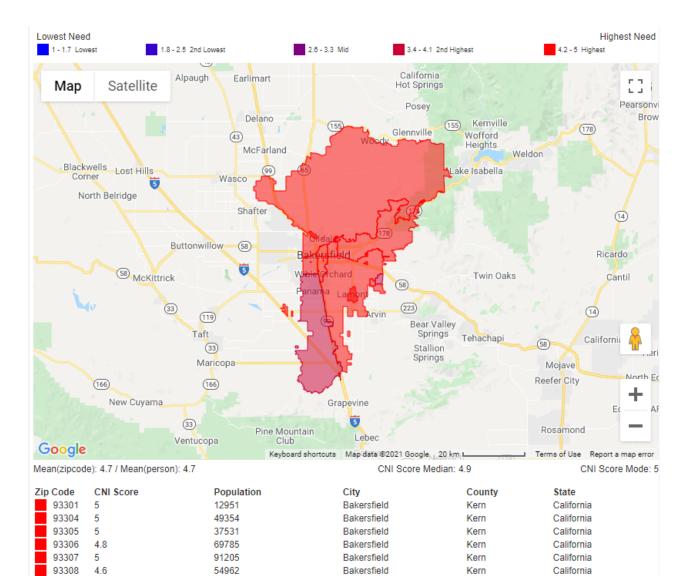
Total Population	638,366	
Race		
White - Non-Hispanic	29.4%	
Black/African American - Non-Hispanic	5.4%	
Hispanic or Latino	56.8%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	5.8%	
All Others	2.6%	
Total Hispanic & Race	100.0%	
% Below Poverty	20.8%	
Unemployment	6.3%	
No High School Diploma	17.3%	
Medicaid (households)	11.6%	
Uninsured (households)	6.1%	
Source: Claritas Pop-Facts® 2021; SG2 Market Demographic Module		

Community Need Index

One tool used to assess health need is the Community Need Index (CNI) created and made publicly available by Dignity Health and IBM Watson Health. The CNI analyzes data at the zip code level on five factors known to contribute or be barriers to health care access: income, culture/language, education, housing status, and insurance coverage.

Scores from 1.0 (lowest barriers) to 5.0 (highest barriers) for each factor are averaged to calculate a CNI score for each zip code in the community. Research has shown that communities with the highest CNI

scores experience twice the rate of hospital admissions for ambulatory care sensitive conditions as those with the lowest scores.



Bakersfield

Bakersfield

57083

55274

93309

93313

4.6

3.8

California

California

Kern

Kern

Community Assessment and Significant Needs

The hospital engages in multiple activities to conduct its community health improvement planning process. These include, but are not limited, to conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment with community input at least every three years, identifying collaborating community stakeholder organizations, describing anticipated impacts of program activities and measuring program indicators.

Community Health Needs Assessment

The health issues that form the basis of the hospital's community health implementation strategy and programs were identified in the most recent CHNA report, which was adopted in June 2019. The CHNA contains several key elements, including:

- Description of the assessed community served by the hospital;
- Description of assessment processes and methods;
- Presentation of data, information and findings, including significant community health needs;
- Community resources potentially available to help address identified needs; and
- Discussion of impacts of actions taken by the hospital since the preceding CHNA.

Additional detail about the needs assessment process and findings can be found in the CHNA report, which is publicly available at <u>https://www.dignityhealth.org/central-california/locations/memorial-hospital/about-us/community-benefit-report-health-needs-assessment</u> or upon request at the hospital's Department of Special Needs and Community Outreach office.

Significant Health Needs

The community health needs assessment¹ identified the following significant community health needs:

- Access to health care
- Alzheimer's disease
- Birth indicators
- Chronic diseases
- Dental care
- Economic insecurity
- Environmental pollution
- Food insecurity
- Housing and homelessness
- Mental health
- Overweight and obesity
- Preventive practices
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Substance use and misuse
- Unintentional injuries
- Violence and injury prevention

¹ Additional information on these health needs and the associated data sources can be found in the Community Health Needs Assessment available at <u>https://www.dignityhealth.org/central-california/locations/memorial-hospital/about-us/community-benefit-report-health-needs-assessment.</u>

Significant Needs the Hospital Does Not Intend to Address

Memorial will not focus on the following needs identified in the CHNA: birth indicators, dental care, environmental pollution, mental health, sexually transmitted infections, substance use and misuse, unintentional injuries and violence and injury prevention. Taking existing community resources into consideration, Memorial has selected to concentrate on those health needs that we can most effectively address given our areas of focus. Memorial has insufficient resources to effectively address all the identified needs and in some cases, the needs are currently addressed by others in the community.

2021 Report and 2022 Plan

This section presents strategies and program activities the hospital intends to deliver, fund or collaborate with others to address significant community health needs over the next three years. It summarizes actions taken in FY21 and planned activities for FY22 with statements on anticipated impacts and planned collaboration. Program Digests provide additional details on select programs.

This report specifies planned activities consistent with the hospital's mission and capabilities. The hospital may amend the plan as circumstances warrant. For instance, changes in significant community health needs or in community assets and resources directed to those needs may merit refocusing the hospital's limited resources to best serve the community.



The anticipated impacts of the hospital's activities on significant health needs are summarized below, and for select program initiatives are stated in Program Digests. Overall, the hospital anticipates that actions taken to address significant health needs will: improve health knowledge, behaviors, and status; increase access to needed and beneficial care; and help create conditions that support good health. The hospital works to evaluate impact and sets priorities for its community health programs in triennial Community Health Needs Assessments.

Creating the Community Benefit Plan

Bakersfield Memorial Hospital is dedicated to improving community health and delivering community benefit with the engagement of its management team, board, clinicians and staff, and in collaboration with community partners.

The following criteria were used by the hospital to determine the significant health needs Memorial will address in the Implementation Strategy:

- Existing Infrastructure: There are programs, systems, staff and support resources in place to address the issue.
- Established Relationships: There are established relationships with community partners to address the issue.
- Ongoing Investment: Existing resources are committed to the issue. Staff time and financial resources for this issue are counted as part of our community benefit effort.

• Focus Area: Has acknowledged competencies and expertise to address the issue and the issue fits with the organizational mission.

The Special Needs and Community Outreach team participated in a facilitated meeting to discuss the identified health needs according to these criteria. The CHNA served as the resource document for the review of health needs as it provided statistical data on the severity of issues and also included community input on the health needs. As well, the community prioritization of the needs was taken into consideration. The Community Benefit Committee also engaged in the process to review the health needs and confirm priority health needs. As a result of the review of needs and application of the above criteria, Memorial Hospital chose to focus on: access to care, Alzheimer's disease, chronic diseases, overweight and obesity, preventive practices and social determinants of health/basic needs.

For each health need the hospital plans to address, the Implementation Strategy describes: actions the hospital intends to take, including programs and resources it plans to commit, anticipated impacts of these actions, and planned collaboration between the hospital and other organizations. In most cases, the strategies identified to address the selected needs are based on existing programs that have evidence of success. For some strategies, Memorial Hospital is part of a larger collaborative effort focused on addressing a countywide need.

Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic

The impact of COVID-19 affected many of the programs provided by the Department of Special Needs and Community Outreach. The department adjusted its programs and continued to serve those who were most in need. Educational programs transitioned from in-person to online classes via Zoom, and insurance enrollment assistance was provided via telephone. Basic needs, including food insecurity, became a focus in Bakersfield and many of the outlying areas. The demand for food increased tremendously as many families found themselves without employment or with children at home all day. To meet the needs of residents in southeast Bakersfield, the Learning and Outreach Centers continued to provide its emergency food basket and hot meals programs.



Report and Plan by Health Need

The tables below present strategies and program activities the hospital intend to deliver to help address significant health needs identified in the CHNA report. They are organized by health need and include statements of the anticipated impact and any planned collaboration with other organizations in our community.

Health Need: Access to Care			
Strategy or Program Name	Summary Description	Active FY21	Planned FY22
Financial assistance	The hospital will provide financial assistance to eligible patients who do not have the capacity to pay for	\boxtimes	\boxtimes

	medically necessary health care services, and who otherwise may not be able to receive these services.		
Community Grants Program	Grant funds may be awarded to nonprofit organizations to deliver services and strengthen service systems, which improve the health and well-being of vulnerable and underserved populations.		
Connected Community Network (CCN)	Through the CCN, hospital care coordination and community partner agencies will work together to identify vulnerable patients' health and health-related social needs, and electronically link health care providers to organizations that provide direct services.		
Community Health Initiative	Increases access to health insurance and health care for hard to reach individuals in Kern County. Provides training for application assistance, and educates families on the importance of preventive care.		
Homemaker Care Program	Provides in home services, linkages to health care resources and social services that improve the quality of life for vulnerable clients.	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
Prescription Purchases for Indigents	Purchases necessary medications in emergency situations for people who must have the medicines for their health but have no money to buy them.		

Impact: The initiatives addressing access to care are anticipated to result in: early identification and treatment of health issues, gains in public or private health care coverage, increased knowledge on how to access and navigate the health care system, and linkages to health care resources and social services that improve the quality of life for vulnerable clients.

Collaboration: Key partners include faith community, community clinics, and community-based organizations.

Health Need: Alzheimer's Disease			
Strategy or Program Name	Summary Description	Active FY21	Planned FY22
Community Grants Program	Grant funds may be awarded to nonprofit organizations to deliver services and strengthen service systems, which improve the health and well-being of vulnerable and underserved populations.	\boxtimes	
Homemaker Care Program	Provides in home services, linkages to health care resources and social services that improve the quality of life for vulnerable clients.		

Impact: The initiatives addressing Alzheimer's disease are anticipated to result in: early identification of health issues related to Alzheimer's disease, education and training of caregivers to provide safe and appropriate care for persons with Alzheimer's disease.

Collaboration: Key partners include faith community, community clinics, community-based organizations, Alzheimer's organizations and senior services agencies.

Health Need: Chronic Diseases			
Strategy or Program Name	Summary Description	Active FY21	Planned FY22
Community Grants Program	Grant funds may be awarded to nonprofit organizations to deliver services and strengthen service systems, which improve the health and well-being of vulnerable and underserved populations.	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
Community Wellness Program: Chronic Disease/Diabetes Self- Management Program	Provides residents who have chronic diseases with the knowledge, tools and motivation needed to become proactive in their health through 6-week workshops.		

Impact: The initiatives addressing chronic diseases are anticipated to result in: early identification of chronic health issues, avoiding hospital admissions for two of the most prevalent ambulatory care sensitive conditions in our community (diabetes and Congestive Heart Failure).

Collaboration: Key partners include faith community, community clinics, and community-based organizations.

Health Need: Overweight and Obesity	

Strategy or Program Name	Summary Description	Active FY21	Planned FY22
Community Grants Program	Grant funds may be awarded to nonprofit organizations to deliver services which improve the health and well- being of vulnerable and underserved populations.	\boxtimes	
Community Wellness Program	Provides health education on nutrition, diabetes, cholesterol and hypertension.	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
Healthy Kids in Healthy Homes	The 8-session program provides information to children on the topics of nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle.	\boxtimes	\boxtimes

Impact: The initiatives addressing overweight and obesity are anticipated to result in: early identification of health issues related to obesity, increased knowledge on the factors that contribute to obesity and the health risks associated with obesity, increased knowledge on how to prevent obesity through nutrition and physical fitness to improve the length and quality of life.

Collaboration: Key partners include public health, community clinics, community-based organizations, schools and school districts.



Health Need: Preventive Practices

Strategy or Program Name	Summary Description	Active FY21	Planned FY22
Community Grants Program	Grant funds may be awarded to nonprofit organizations to deliver services and strengthen service systems, which improve the health and well-being of vulnerable and underserved populations.	\boxtimes	
Community Wellness Program	Provides community health screenings, as well as health education on a variety of prevention topics.	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
Community Health Initiative	Increases access to health insurance and health care for hard to reach individuals in Kern County. Provides training for application assistance, and educates families on the importance of preventive care.	\boxtimes	

Impact: The initiatives addressing preventive practices are anticipated to result in: early identification of health issues, increased knowledge on the factors that contribute to health risks and improved healthy lifestyles.

Collaboration: Key partners include public health, schools and school districts, faith community, community clinics and community-based organizations.

Health Need: Social Determinants of Health/Basic Needs			
Strategy or Program Name	Summary Description	Active FY21	Planned FY22
Community Grants Program	Grant funds may be awarded to nonprofit organizations to deliver services and strengthen service systems, which improve the health and well-being of vulnerable and underserved populations.	\boxtimes	
Learning and Outreach Centers	In collaboration with other community service agencies, the centers provide referral services, food, clothing, and education to the most vulnerable and needy residents of the community. After school programs at the centers provide tutoring support to underserved youth.		
Connected Community Network	Addresses the social determinants of health and ultimately links referred patients to appropriate and needed community-based services.	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
Art and Spirituality Center	Provides opportunities for artistic expression, meditation, relaxation, and creativity to promote health and well-being, aiding in physical, mental, and emotional recovery, including relieving anxiety and		

	decreasing the perception of pain.		
Homemaker Care Program	Provides in home services, linkages to health care resources and social services that improve the quality of life for vulnerable clients.	\boxtimes	\boxtimes

Impact: The initiatives addressing basic needs services are anticipated to result in: increased access to health and social services to help residents of Kern County stay healthy and to live a better quality of life.

Collaboration: Key partners include faith community, food bank/pantries, housing and homelessness agencies, community clinics, community-based organizations, and senior agencies.

Community Grants Program

One important way the hospital helps to address community health needs is by awarding financial grants to non-profit organizations working together to improve health status and quality of life. Grant funds are used to deliver services and strengthen service systems, to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable and underserved populations.

In FY21, Mercy and Memorial Hospitals awarded the grants below totaling \$380,144. Some projects also may be described elsewhere in this report.

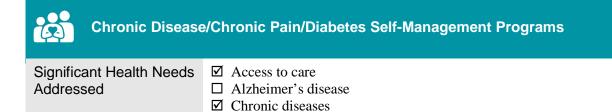
Grant Recipient	Project Name	Amount
Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County	Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Force	\$45,144
Bakersfield Pregnancy Center	Compassionate Care Services in Crisis Situations	\$25,000
Bakersfield, Arc Inc. (BARC)	Bakersfield, Arc Inc. Project	\$50,000
Casa Esperanza	Welcome Home Project	\$30,000
Catholic Charities	Teaching Young Parents More Than How to Fish	\$40,000
CityServe Network	CityServe Educational Collaborative	\$40,000
Grimm Family Education Foundation	Edible Schoolyard Kern County Small Farm Ecosystem	\$25,000
St. Vincent de Paul Stores and Center	The Homeless Assistance Program	\$75,000
Wounded Heroes Fund	Empowering Veterans of Kern County	\$50,000

Program Digests

The following pages include Program Digests describing key programs and initiatives that address one or more significant health needs in the most recent CHNA report. The digests include program descriptions and intervention actions, statements of the health needs being addressed, planned collaboration, and program goals and measurable objectives.

Dignity Health Community Grants Program		
Significant Health Needs Addressed	 Access to care Alzheimer's disease Chronic diseases Overweight and obesity Preventive practices Social determinants of health/basic needs 	
Program Description	Award grant funds to local non-profit organizations to be used to effect collective impact, addressing the health priorities established by the hospitals (based on the most recent Community Health Needs Assessment). Awards will be given to agencies with a formal collaboration and links to the hospitals.	
Community Benefit Category	E1 – Cash Donation	
	FY 2021 Report	
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	Increased access and reduced barriers to health care, preventive care, basic needs and chronic disease prevention and treatment for the medically underserved.	
Measurable Objective(s) with Indicator(s)	100% of funded programs reported on their activities, services and achievement of objectives with grant funds on a semi-annual basis.	
Intervention Actions for Achieving Goal	100% of awarded agencies worked with Special Needs and Community Outreach staff to ensure programs met the objectives stated in their grant proposals.	
Collaboration	Non-profit community-based organizations, faith organizations, community clinics, senior care providers, food distribution agencies.	
Performance / Impact	The Dignity Health Community Grants Program award \$365,318 in grant funds to 8 community organizations.	
	The following projects were funded in FY21:	
	Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County	
	Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Force, Social Safety Net	
	<i>Program</i> - \$45,144Bakersfield Pregnancy Center	
	- Dakersheld Heghaney Center	

	 Compassionate Care Services in Crisis Situations - \$25,000 Bakersfield, Arc Inc. BARC - \$50,000 Casa Esperanza Welcome Home Project - \$30,000 Catholic Charities Teaching Young Parents More Than How to Fish - \$40,000 CityServe Network CityServe Network CityServe Educational Collaborative - \$40,000 Grimm Family Education Foundation Edible Schoolyard Kern County Small Farm Ecosystem - \$25,000 Saint Vincent de Paul Center Homeless Assistance Program - \$75,000 Wounded Heroes Fund Empowering Veterans of Kern County 2021 - \$50,000 	
Hospital's Contribution / Program Expense	The total FY21 expense was \$380,144. Other hospital contributions include grant administration.	
	FY 2022 Plan	
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	Increased access and reduced barriers to health care, preventive care, basic needs and chronic disease prevention and treatment for the medically underserved.	
Measurable Objective(s) with Indicator(s)	Funding will be provided to implement programs that support hospital priorities and demonstrate strong collaboration with the hospitals. 100% of funded programs will report objectives as a result of grants on a semi-annual basis.	
Intervention Actions for Achieving Goal	All awarded agencies will work with Special Needs and Community Outreach staff to ensure programs meet the objectives stated in their grant proposals.	
Planned Collaboration	Non-profit community-based organizations, faith organizations, community clinics, senior care providers, food distribution agencies.	



	 ☑ Overweight and obesity ☑ Preventive practices □ Social determinants of health/basic needs
Program Description	The Healthier Living Self-Management Programs (Chronic Disease, Chronic Pain and Diabetes) are designed for persons who have diabetes and other chronic illnesses, providing them with the knowledge, tools and motivation needed to become proactive in their health. Each program seminar consists of six weekly classes covering a variety of topics including nutrition, exercise, use of medications, and communication with doctors, stress management, and evaluating new treatments.
Community Benefit Category	A1-a Community Health Education - Lectures/Workshops
	FY 2021 Report
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	By offering evidence-based Healthier Living programs, Mercy and Memorial Hospitals will be effective in avoiding hospital admissions for two of the most prevalent ambulatory care sensitive conditions in our community (Diabetes and Congestive Heart Failure).
Measurable Objective(s) with Indicator(s)	 75% of participants who register for Healthier Living will complete the seminar by attending 4 out of 6 classes. 90% of participants with a chronic disease who complete Healthier Living seminars will remain healthier after their seminars, as measured by those who avoid admissions to the hospital or emergency department for three months following their participation in the program. Outreach to 2 new communities in Kern County in order to expand our services.
Intervention Actions for Achieving Goal	 Offer seminars that are six weeks in length that target persons with diabetes and other chronic diseases. Focus seminars on the uninsured and populations who qualify for publicly funded health care plans. Engage clinical health professionals and health plan providers to guide program improvement. Encourage and support continuing education for leader development to ensure the Healthier Living Self-Management Programs provide quality service.
Collaboration	Our program will continue to collaborate with several local community organizations to achieve its goals, including community health centers and other private and public stakeholders. Some of the program's major partners include: churches, school districts, senior centers, and family resource centers.
Performance / Impact	• 99% of participants who registered for Healthier Living will complete the seminar by attending 4 out of 6 classes. 100% of all

	 completers decreased admissions to the hospital or emergency department for the three months following their participation in the program. Outreached to 2 new locations in Kern County for Healthier Living.
Hospital's Contribution / Program Expense	The total FY21 expense was \$23,722. The program received \$24,843 in grant revenue. Other hospital contributions include program supervision, facility expenses, evaluation, fundraising support, educational materials, liability insurance, bookkeeping, and human resource support for the program.
	FY 2022 Plan
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	Decrease hospital admissions for two of the most prevalent ambulatory care sensitive conditions in our community (diabetes and congestive heart failure).
Measurable Objective(s) with Indicator(s)	 75% of participants who register for Healthier Living will complete the seminar by attending 4 out of 6 classes. 90% of participants with a chronic disease who complete the Healthier Living seminars will avoid admission to the hospital or emergency department for three months following their participation in the program. Outreach to 2 new communities in Kern County in order to expand services.
Intervention Actions for Achieving Goal	 Offer seminars that are six weeks in length that target persons with diabetes and other chronic diseases. Focus seminars on the uninsured and populations who qualify for publicly funded health care plans. Engage clinical health professionals and health plan providers to guide program improvement. Encourage and support continuing education for leader development to ensure the Healthier Living Self-Management Programs provide quality service.
Planned Collaboration	Key partners include community health centers, churches, school districts, senior centers, and family resource centers.

Community Wellness Program		
Significant Health Needs Addressed	 ☑ Access to care □ Alzheimer's disease ☑ Chronic diseases ☑ Overweight and obesity ☑ Preventive practices □ Social determinants of health/basic needs 	
Program Description	The Community Wellness Program is focused on preventive health care by providing on-site screenings and health and wellness education classes on relevant topics for residents throughout Kern County. The Community Wellness Program encompasses programs that address prevention, screening for cancer, cardiovascular disease, asthma, diabetes, and obesity.	
Community Benefit Category	A1-a Community Health Education - Lectures/Workshops A2-d Community Based Clinical Services - Immunizations/Screenings A3-g Health Care Support Services - Case management post-discharge	
	FY 2021 Report	
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	The Community Wellness Program will increase access to preventive health screenings and education for residents of Kern County.	
Measurable Objective(s) with Indicator(s)	 75% of health screening participants surveyed will report making a positive lifestyle change. Provide 1,000 flu immunizations for residents of Kern County. 80% of children who attend Healthy Kids in Healthy Homes workshops will complete the workshop by attending six out of eight classes. 90% of health education participants surveyed will report having a better understanding of how to live a healthy lifestyle. Plan and deliver quarterly cancer education or screening events. 	
Intervention Actions for Achieving Goal	 Provide community health education classes that focus on the following priorities – obesity, diabetes, asthma, and cardiovascular disease. Outreach to 2 new communities for health education classes. Develop and strengthen educational opportunities at the Community Wellness Center and virtually in the form of classes and events. 	
Collaboration	Our program will collaborate with community health centers, churches, school districts, health care providers, health plans, and family resource centers.	
Performance / Impact	• The pandemic resulted in closures of our health screening sites for most of the fiscal year. As a result, we did not survey participants to	

	 determine positive lifestyle changes. We provided 1,090 health screenings. Provided 1,871 flu immunizations for residents of Kern County. 100% of children who attended Healthy Kids in Healthy Homes workshops will attend six out of eight classes. 100% of health education participants surveyed reported having a better understanding of how to live a healthy lifestyle. Provided 33 cancer education classes. Cancer screenings were not scheduled due to the pandemic.
Hospital's Contribution / Program Expense	The total FY21 expense for the Community Wellness Program was \$734,941. Of this amount, \$113,278 was grant dollars, and \$621,663 was contributed by Mercy and Memorial Hospitals. Other hospital contributions include program supervision, fundraising support, bookkeeping, and human resource support for the program.
	FY 2022 Plan
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	The Community Wellness Program will increase access to preventive health screenings and education for residents of Kern County.
Measurable Objective(s) with Indicator(s)	 75% of health screening participants surveyed will report making a positive lifestyle change. Provide 1,000 flu immunizations for residents of Kern County. 80% of children who attend Healthy Kids in Healthy Homes workshops will attend six out of eight classes. 90% of health education participants surveyed will report having a better understanding of how to live a healthy lifestyle. Plan and deliver quarterly cancer education or screening events.
Intervention Actions for Achieving Goal	 Provide community health education classes that focus on the following significant health needs – obesity, diabetes, asthma, and cardiovascular disease. Outreach to 2 new communities for health education classes. Develop and strengthen educational opportunities throughout the community.
Planned Collaboration	Our program will collaborate with community health centers, churches, school districts, health care providers, health plans, and family resource centers.



Significant Health Needs Addressed	 Access to care Alzheimer's disease Chronic diseases Overweight and obesity Preventive practices Social determinants of health/basic needs The Community Health Initiative of Kern County works with public, private and non-profit organizations to enroll individuals in health insurance programs. The Community Health Initiative works to provide access to health care for those for whom no insurance program is available. The Community Health Initiative provides training for Certified Enrollment Counselors and referrals to partner agencies, and
	works at the local and state levels to help streamline the sometimes burdensome process of navigating through the public health system.
Community Benefit Category	A3-d Health Care Support Services - Enrollment Assistance
	FY 2021 Report
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	Kern County residents will have access to health care, will be able to navigate health insurance coverage to access care, and will utilize preventive care.
Measurable Objective(s) with Indicator(s)	 At least 90% of individuals who present for health insurance enrollment will be assisted with a Medi-Cal or Covered California application. 85% of individuals who enroll in health insurance will select a health plan. 50% of enrolled individuals will schedule their first doctor visit within six months of enrollment. 100% of clients who are assisted with health insurance enrollment will receive information to increase their understanding of their coverage and how to access care.
Intervention Actions for Achieving Goal	 Work with and train Community Health Workers to provide outreach and education throughout Kern County. Meet with agency representatives to coordinate county wide outreach, enrollment, and education efforts. Review "Path to Good Health" booklet with every client to ensure they understand and know how to access care. Make follow-up utilization calls to those individuals who are assisted with health insurance enrollment to ensure they have selected a health plan, primary care physician and have scheduled their first appointment.

Collaboration	Our program works with several of local organizations to reach the different populations residing in Kern County. Partnerships include: community health centers, public health, social services, school districts, churches, Promotoras and other private and public stakeholders.
Performance / Impact	 100% of individuals who presented for health insurance enrollment were assisted with a Medi-Cal or Covered California application. 96% of individuals who enrolled in health insurance selected a health plan. 24% of enrolled individuals scheduled their first doctor visit within six months of enrollment. 100% of clients who were assisted with health insurance enrollment received information to increase their understanding of their coverage and how to access care.
Hospital's Contribution / Program Expense	The total FY21 expense for the Community Health Initiative was \$326,014. Of this amount, \$172,864 was grant dollars and \$153,150 was contributed by Mercy and Memorial Hospitals. Other hospital contributions include program supervision, fundraising support, liability insurance, bookkeeping, and human resource support for the program.
	FY 2022 Plan
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	Kern County residents will have access to health care, will be able to navigate health insurance coverage to access care, and will utilize preventive care.
Measurable Objective(s) with Indicator(s)	 75% of individuals who begin the health insurance application process will complete enrollment. 50% of enrolled individuals will schedule their first doctor visit within six months of enrollment. 90% of individuals who enroll in health insurance will select a health plan.
Intervention Actions for Achieving Goal	 Work with and train Community Health Workers to prescreen and collect necessary documents for health insurance enrollment. Make follow-up utilization calls to those individuals who are assisted with health insurance enrollment to ensure they have selected a health plan, primary care physician and have scheduled their first appointment. Review the "Path to Good Health" booklet with every client to ensure they understand and know how to access care.
Planned Collaboration	Our program will continue to work with several of local organizations to reach the different populations residing in Kern County. Partners will include: community health centers, public health, social services, school districts, community-based organizations, churches, Promotoras and other private and public stakeholders.

Basic Needs Services		
Significant Health Needs Addressed	 Access to care Alzheimer's disease Chronic diseases Overweight and obesity Preventive practices Social determinants of health/basic needs 	
Program Description	The Learning and Outreach Centers are located in economically depressed neighborhoods of southeast Bakersfield. These centers serve as strategic hubs of our community outreach efforts. In collaboration with other community service agencies, the centers provide referral services, food, clothing, education, and health screenings to the most vulnerable and needy residents of the community. The after school program provides tutoring support five days a week to underserved youth. The Art and Spirituality Center provides opportunities for artistic expression, meditation, relaxation, and creativity to improve quality of life and reduce stress.	
Community Benefit Category	E3-a In-kind Donations - Food E3-c In-kind Donations - Clothing/gifts E3-d In-kind Assistance - Basic services for individuals F3- Community Support	
	FY 2021 Report	
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	Increase access to health and social services to help residents of Kern County stay healthy.	
Measurable Objective(s) with Indicator(s)	 35,000 individuals will be assisted with basic living necessities at the Learning and Outreach Centers. 85% of the students who participate in the Homework Club, After School Club, and College Dream Program will achieve a grade point average of 2.0 or above. 95% of Art and Spirituality Center participants will participate and create freely in a supportive and accepting environment. 	
Intervention Actions for Achieving Goal	 The Learning and Outreach Centers will provide basic need services to vulnerable residents living in underserved neighborhoods of southeast Bakersfield. The Learning and Outreach Centers will offer after school programs that provide tutoring support and educational guidance to underserved youth. The Art and Spirituality Center will offer programs in a variety of artistic classifications. 	

Collaboration	Our programs collaborate with several local community organizations to achieve its goals. Some partners include school districts, food banks, and family resource centers.					
Performance / Impact	 37,043 individuals were assisted with basic living necessities at the Learning and Outreach Centers. 87% of the students who participated in the Homework Club and After School Club achieved a grade point average of 2.0 or above. 97.2% of Art and Spirituality Center participants surveyed reported they were able to create freely in a supportive and accepting environment. 					
Hospital's Contribution / Program Expense	The total FY21 expense for the Learning and Outreach Centers and the Art and Spirituality Center was \$406,650. Of this amount, \$42,380 was grant dollars and donations, and \$364,270 was contributed by Mercy and Memorial Hospitals. Other hospital contributions include program supervision, fundraising support, bookkeeping, and human resources support.					
	FY 2022 Plan					
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	Increase access to health and social services to help residents of Kern County stay healthy.					
Measurable Objective(s) with Indicator(s)	 35,000 individuals will be assisted with basic living necessities at the Learning and Outreach Centers. 85% of the students who participate in the Homework Club, After School Club, and College Dream Program will achieve a grade point average of 2.25 or above. 96% of Art and Spirituality Center participants surveyed will report feeling a general sense of well-being. 					
Intervention Actions for Achieving Goal	 The Learning and Outreach Centers will provide basic need services to vulnerable residents living in underserved neighborhoods of southeast Bakersfield. The Learning and Outreach Centers will offer after school programs that provide tutoring support and educational guidance to underserved youth. The Art and Spirituality Center will offer programs in a variety of artistic classifications, both in-person and virtually, to promote physical, emotional and spiritual healing and well-being. 					
Planned Collaboration	Our programs collaborate with several local community organizations to achieve its goals. Some partners include school districts, food banks, and family resource centers.					

Significant Health Needs Addressed	 ☑ Access to care ☑ Alzheimer's disease □ Chronic diseases □ Overweight and obesity □ Preventive practices ☑ Social determinants of health/basic needs 					
Program Description	The Homemaker Care Program provides in-home supportive services to seniors, ages 65 and older, as well as adults with disabilities. Case management for seniors is conducted in the form of wellness checks and home visits to assess client safety, nutrition, and program satisfaction. This education program also provides specialized training for care providers to increase community capacity. The training is a four-week, comprehensive employment readiness skills training focusing on individuals transitioning from unemployment into the workforce as home care providers. Additional and more comprehensive training courses are also offered for persons with Alzheimer's disease.					
Community Benefit Category	A3-h Health Care Support Services - General/Other F5-c Leadership Dev/Training for Community Members - Career development					
	FY 2021 Report					
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	Provide employment readiness training for individuals transitioning from unemployment into the workforce, and provide in-home support services to low-income seniors and disabled adults allowing them to remain in their homes.					
Measurable Objective(s) with Indicator(s)	 Improve the quality of life for 100% of clients, as measured by our Client Impact Survey. Obtain an overall client satisfaction rate of at least 90% for excellence in maintaining dignity and quality of service received, as compiled from the compilation of a semi-annual survey. Conduct 3 Homemaker Care vocational training classes with 80% of the graduates obtaining post-assessment scores of at least 70%. Improve the knowledge, skill, and confidence level of 100% of the graduates in being prepared to seek employment in the healthcare industry, as disclosed by a post-course survey. 					
Intervention Actions for Achieving Goal	 Collaborate with senior-related and health care related companies, organizations and public agencies to increase our ability to advocate for our clients and help all seniors advocate for themselves. Provide services to increase access to care for vulnerable seniors and disabled clients. 					

	resources.				
	• Collaborate with other organizations to identify candidates for the training program.				
Collaboration	Our program will continue to collaborate with assisted living facilities, non-profits, and several local community organizations to achieve its goals.				
Performance / Impact	 Improved the quality of life for 100% of clients responding, as measured by our Client Impact Survey. Obtained an overall average client satisfaction rate of 94% for excellence in maintaining dignity and quality of service received, as compiled from the compilation of a semi-annual survey. Conducted 3 Homemaker Care vocational training classes with 100% of the graduates obtaining post-assessment scores of at least 70%. Improved the knowledge, skill, and confidence level of 100% of the graduates in being prepared to seek employment in the healthcare industry, as disclosed by a post-course survey. 				
Hospital's Contribution / Program Expense	During FY21, expenses for the Homemaker Care Program were \$360,175. Of this amount, \$18,081 was grant dollars, \$197,082 was fee for service, and \$145,012 was contributed by Mercy and Memorial Hospitals. Other hospital contributions include human resource support, office space, fundraising support, bookkeeping, strategic planning, and evaluation support for the program.				
	FY 2022 Plan				
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	Provide employment readiness training for individuals transitioning from unemployment into the workforce, and provide in-home support services to low-income seniors and disabled adults allowing them to remain in their homes.				
Measurable Objective(s) with Indicator(s)	 Improve the quality of life for 100% of clients, measured by our Client Impact Survey. Obtain an average, overall client satisfaction rating of 90% for excellence in maintaining dignity and quality of service received, as compiled from two semi-annual Client Satisfaction surveys. Conduct four, Homemaker Care vocational training classes with 80% of the graduates obtaining post-assessment scores of at least 70%. Improve the knowledge, skill and confidence level of 100% of the graduates in being prepared to seek employment in the healthcare industry, as disclosed by our post-course survey. 				
Intervention Actions for Achieving Goal	 Collaborate with senior-related and health care related companies, organizations and public agencies to increase our ability to advocate for our clients and help all seniors advocate for themselves. Provide services to increase access to care for vulnerable seniors and 				

	 disabled clients. Link underserved clients to needed health care and social service resources. Collaborate with other organizations to identify candidates for the training program.
Planned Collaboration	Our program will collaborate with assisted living facilities, senior services, and local community organizations to achieve its goals.

Other Programs and Non-Quantifiable Benefits

The hospital delivers community programs and non-quantifiable benefits in addition to those described elsewhere in this report. Like those programs and initiatives, the ones below are a reflection of the hospital's mission and our commitment to improving community health and well-being.

Health Professions Education – Mercy Hospitals regularly sponsors training for medical students, nurses, and other students in the health care field. Hundreds of hours each year are committed to providing a clinical setting for undergraduate training and internships for dietary professionals, technicians, social workers, pharmacists, and other health professionals from universities and colleges.

Prescription Program - The Prescription Purchase for Indigent Program purchases necessary medications in emergency situations for people who must have the medicines for their health but have no money to purchase them. The hospital's social workers identify patients in need of medication and request the medication from Komoto Pharmacy.

Homemaker Care Program: Hospital to Home Stat – This program provides a solution to meet the frequent challenges our case managers face with discharging a patient to home, safely. These patients are those that require immediate, non-medical assistance at home to avoid readmission to the hospital, to provide safety and support for improved patient experiences and to once again become independent in their homes.

Community Committees and Boards - Hospital staff serves on many community committees and boards in the service area such including the Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County, CBCC Infusion Center Family Centered Care Advisory Committee, Outreach Enrollment Retention Utilization Committee, Kern County Cancer Fund Patient Eligibility Committee Meeting, Kern Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Binational Health Week Task Force and the Dignity Health Community Grants Committee.



Complete Summary - Classified Including Non C	Community Ben	efit (Medicare	e)		
For period from 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2021					
	Persons	Expense	Revenue	Net Benefit	% of Expense
Benefits for Poor					
Financial Assistance	5,568	5,653,943	0	5,653,943	1.1%
Medicaid	65,020	211,973,663	191,807,287	20,166,376	3.9%
Community Services					
A - Community Health Improvement Services	9,675	993,312	211,173	782,139	0.2%
C - Subsidized Health Services	59	470,659	0	470,659	0.1%
E - Cash and In-Kind Contributions**	16,384	807,250	891,634	0	0.0%
F - Community Building Activities	593	113,705	1,614	112,091	0.0%
Totals for Community Services	0	617,687	0	617,687	0.1%
Totals for Community Services	26,711	3,002,613	1,104,421	1,898,192	0.4%
Totals for Poor	97,299	220,630,219	192,911,708	27,718,511	5.3%
Benefits for Broader Community					
Community Services					
A - Community Health Improvement Services	0	131,783	0	131,783	0.0%
B - Health Professions Education	33	23,362	80	23,282	0.0%
E - Cash and In-Kind Contributions	0	7,806	0	7,806	0.0%
G - Community Benefit Operations	1,493	98,937	0	98,937	0.0%
Totals for Community Services	1,526	261,888	80	261,808	0.1%
Totals for Broader Community	1,526	261,888	80	261,808	0.1%
Totals - Community Benefit	98,825	220,892,107	192,911,788	27,980,319	5.4%
Medicare	29,053	182,446,261	143,189,832	39,256,429	7.6%
Totals with Medicare	127,878	403,338,368	336,101,620	67,236,748	12.9%

Economic Value of Community Benefit

**Consistent with IRS instructions and CHA guidance, Cash and In-kind Contributions is reported at \$0 net benefit because offsetting revenue was greater than expense in FY21. This was due to the return of a large donation in the fiscal year. Net gain for cash and in-kind contributions is still included in all "Totals" calculations, however.

The economic value of all community benefit is reported at cost. Patient financial assistance (charity care) reported here is as reported to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development in Hospital Annual Financial Disclosure Reports, as required by Assembly Bill 204. The community benefit of Medicaid and other means-tested programs is calculated using a cost-to-charge ratio to determine costs, minus revenue received for providing that care. Other net community benefit expenses are calculated using a cost accounting methodology. Restricted offsetting revenue for a given activity, where applicable, is subtracted from total expenses to determine net benefit in dollars.

Hospital Board and Committee Rosters

Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Board of Directors

Morgan Clayton Tel-Tec Security

Daniel Clifford Bolthouse Farms

John R. Findley, MD Physician

Brad Hannink Finance Advisor

Ken Keller Bakersfield Memorial Hospital

Donald McMurtrey Retired, Business Owner Javier Miro, MD Physician

Robert Noriega Young & Woolridge

Bruce Peters Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield

Sandra Serrano Retired, Education

Susie Small Oilfield Construction

Jon Van Boening Dignity Health

Community Benefit Committee

Felicia Boyd Mercy and Memorial Hospitals

Morgan Clayton Tel-Tec Security Board Member, Mercy Hospitals

Paula De La Riva First 5 Kern

Danny Edwards Community Member

Steve Flores The Naina and Ravi Patel Foundation

Toni Harper Friends of Mercy Foundation

Mikie Hay Jim Burke Ford

Pam Holiwell Kern County Department of Human Services

Louie Iturruria Kern Health Systems

Adrianna Kessler Kern County Department of Human Services

Beth Miller Bakersfield Memorial Hospital

Gloria Morales Mercy Housing

Sr. Judy Morasci Community Member Genie Navarro Mercy Housing

Robin Robinson CityServe

Leonardo Ruiz Univision

Patty Salazar Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield

Michele Shain Bakersfield Memorial Hospital

Donna Sharp Mercy and Memorial Hospitals

Alexis Shaw Kern County Network for Children

Caryl Schweitzer Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Foundation

Morgan Topper Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield

Amanda Valenzuela Alzheimer's Association, Kern County

Frenchy Valenzuela Mercy and Memorial Hospitals

Joan Van Alstyne Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield

Michelle Willow Dignity Health Central California Service Area

Evelyn Young-Spath Board Member, Mercy Hospitals