

**Southwest General Health Center  
Community Health Needs Assessment - 2013  
Implementation Plan**

Priority 1: Cardiovascular Health	Priority 2: Mental Health and Chemical Dependency	Priority 3: Cancer	Priority 4: Prescription Assistance
<p><b>Problem Statement:</b> Southwest General's Community Health Needs Assessment indicated that on average 30% of adults in the geographic service area had one or more of the risk factors associate with cardiovascular disease. The risk factors include high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, obesity and tobacco use.</p>	<p><b>Problem Statement:</b> Mental health and chemical dependency issues affect a person's ability to function on a day to day basis. Stigma associated with these issues impact a person's ability to seek help. Southwest General's Community Health Needs Assessment highlighted that on average 20% of adults and adolescents in the hospital's service area reported issues related to mental illness (depression, anxiety, suicide) and alcohol and/or drug use</p>	<p><b>Problem Statement:</b> Cancer was the second leading cause of death for adults in Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties and the leading cause of death for adults in Medina County from 2006-2008. There is a continued need to provide education related to screening and prevention of certain types of cancer. The needs assessment highlighted lung cancer, breast cancer, colon and rectum cancer and prostate cancer.</p>	<p><b>Problem Statement:</b> The high cost of obtaining prescription medications is a deterrent for patients when making a decision to fill medications to address their health care condition. Southwest General's Community Health Needs Assessment showed that, on average, 8% of adults did not obtain need medications due to cost.</p>
<p><b>Strategy</b> <b>1.1</b> Expand Southwest General's Healthy Heart and Grey Matters screening programs</p>	<p><b>Strategy</b> <b>2.1</b> Investigate developing and implementing an outpatient dual diagnosis program</p>	<p><b>Strategy:</b> <b>3.1</b> Expand Seidman Cancer Center's community outreach efforts to increase prevention and screening outcomes.</p>	<p><b>Strategy:</b> <b>4.1</b> Coordinate prescription assistance programming to meet patient needs across the continuum of care</p>
<p><b>1.2</b> Address health care needs of low income underinsured patients</p>	<p><b>2.2</b> Increase access to mentally ill patients with no or limited health care coverage</p>	<p><b>3.2</b> Introduce preventative education within a local school system</p>	
<p><b>1.3</b> Investigate developing and implementing the evidenced based Chronic Disease Self-Management Program</p>	<p><b>2.3</b> Promote Oakview Behavioral Health Services to community residents, local organization/agencies and schools</p>		
<p><b>1.4</b> Increase access of Southwest General's smoking cessation program to local businesses, patients and community residents</p>	<p><b>2.4</b> Develop a pilot program to increase mental health and chemical dependency services within a local school system</p>		
<p><b>1.5</b> Develop and implement programming to promote healthy weight management</p>	<p><b>2.5</b> Improve the intake and assessment process for mentally and chemically dependent patients in the emergency room</p>		
	<p><b>2.6</b> Increase the knowledge of health care workers regarding the needs of mentally ill and chemically dependent patients</p>		