



2022 Community Health Needs Assessment – Implementation Plan

Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital

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Mercy Health has been committed to the communities it serves for nearly two centuries. This long-standing commitment has evolved intentionally based on our communities' most pressing health needs.

The following document is a detailed Community Health Implementation Plan for Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital. As a system, Mercy Health is dedicated to our Mission of extending the compassionate ministry of Jesus by improving the health and well-being of our communities and bringing good help to those in need, especially people who are poor, dying and underserved. We strive to create effective strategies to meet the health needs of our community.

Having identified the greatest needs in our community, the Community Health Implementation Plan ensures our resources for outreach, prevention, education, and wellness are directed towards opportunities where the greatest impact can be realized.

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Introduction

Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital is a 359 licensed-bed facility accredited by The Joint Commission. Lourdes is home to the region’s largest multi-specialty physician network, Mercy Health Physicians – Kentucky, which consists of more than 100 providers serving in over 30 locations throughout western Kentucky. It serves as a regional referral center for a wide geographic region, including more than a dozen counties in western Kentucky, southern Illinois, southeast Missouri, and northwest Tennessee. Lourdes Hospital’s Primary Service Area (PSA) is defined as the following seven counties: McCracken, Marshall, Graves, Massac (IL), Livingston, Calloway, and Ballard.

The detailed process, participants, and results are available in Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital’s Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), which is available at [Mercy.com](https://www.mercy.com).

This Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Plan will address the prioritized significant community health needs through the CHNA. The Plan indicates which needs Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital will address and how, as well as which needs Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital won’t address and why.

Beyond programs and strategies outlined in the plan, Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital will address the health care needs of the community by continuing to operate in accordance with its mission to extend the healing ministry of Jesus by improving the health of its communities with emphasis on the poor and underserved. This includes providing care for all individuals regardless of their ability to pay.

The strategies in this Implementation Plan will provide the foundation for addressing the community’s significant needs between 2023 – 2025. However, Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital anticipates that some strategies and even the needs identified will evolve over that period. Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital plans a flexible approach to addressing the significant community needs that will allow for adaption to changes and collaboration with other community agencies.

Community Served by the Hospital

For the purposes of the CHNA, Mercy Health defines the CHNA service area of Lourdes Hospital as a three-county region that includes McCracken, Graves, and Marshall Counties in western Kentucky. This three-county region has a population of 133,625 (2020 Census Population Estimates). Residents from these three counties make up over 60% of all inpatient discharges from Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital in Calendar Year (CY) 2021 and over 66% of all unique outpatient visits in Mercy Health Physicians’ offices from March 2021 through March 2022.

Lourdes Hospital is located in the city of Paducah in McCracken County, which serves as the urban hub to the more rural populations in Graves County (69.4% rural), Marshall County (85.9% rural), and other outlying rural counties within the hospital’s service area. The three-county region has a larger proportion of the population over the age of 65 than the state average (17.2%). As the more urban county, McCracken also has more racial diversity than the other counties in the region. Nearly 11% of the population is Non-Hispanic Black, nearly 3% of the county population is Hispanic, and 1% of the population is Asian. Graves County has over 7% Hispanic population and 4% Non-Hispanic Black population. Marshall County has the least racial diversity of the region, with a less than 2% population Hispanic, and over 96% Non-Hispanic White (2020 Census Population Estimates).

Zip Codes and Cities for CHNA Service Area:

McCracken County

- 42001 Paducah
- 42002 Paducah
- 42003 Paducah
- 42053 Kevil
- 42086 West Paducah

Marshall County

- 42025 Benton
- 42029 Calvert City
- 42044 Gilbertsville
- 42048 Hardin

Graves County

- 42027 Boaz
- 42039 Fancy Farm
- 42040 Farmington
- 42051 Hickory
- 42061 Lowes
- 42063 Lynnville
- 42066 Mayfield
- 42069 Melber
- 42079 Sedalia
- 42082 Symsonia
- 42085 Water Valley
- 42088 Wingo

Our Mission

As a system Mercy Health is dedicated to extending the compassionate ministry of Jesus by improving the health and well-being of our communities and bring good help to those in need, especially people who are poor, dying and underserved.

Our Vision

Inspired by God's hope for the world, we will be a ministry where associates want to work, clinicians want to practice, people seek wellness and communities thrive.

Our Values

Human Dignity

We commit to upholding the sacredness of life and being respectful and inclusive of everyone.

Integrity

We commit to acting ethically and modeling right relationships in all of our individual and organizational encounters.

Compassion

We commit to accompanying those we serve with mercy and tenderness, recognizing that "being with" is as important as "doing for."

Stewardship

We commit to promoting the responsible use of all human and financial resources, including Earth itself.



Executive Summary

Background and Process

Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital’s CHNA was prepared in consultation with the Community Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK) at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. CEDIK facilitated the process of primary data collection by conducting focus groups and key informant interviews and by analyzing results of a community needs survey created and administered by Purchase Area Health Connections, a local health network (<https://purchasehealthconnections.com>). CEDIK team members also collected and analyzed secondary health data from a variety of external sources including County Health Rankings, Kentucky Cancer Registry, Kentucky Health Facts, Kentucky Hospital Association, Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center, and the U.S. Census Bureau.

Throughout the process, CEDIK made it a priority to secure input from populations or organizations that serve populations that are often not engaged in conversations about their health needs or gaps in service. As such, county-specific secondary data was gathered to help examine the social determinants of health.

The primary and secondary data collected was used to support Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital in their identification of priority health needs and in the creation of an implementation plan to address these needs.

Lourdes formed both an Internal Workgroup of hospital leadership and a Community Steering Committee to assist in the process. The Community Steering Committee plays a vital role in the CHNA process to ensure broad community input, representation from all counties identified in the hospital service area, and individuals that would have knowledge of vulnerable and diverse populations, as to ensure inclusion of medically underserved individuals.

Identifying Significant Needs

CEDIK presented primary and secondary data results to both the Community Steering Committee and the Internal Workgroup. CEDIK then led a prioritization process utilizing a multi-voting technique guided by the criteria from the AHA (American Hospital Association) Association for Community Health Improvement (ACHI):

- Magnitude of the problem
- Severity of the problem
- Need among vulnerable populations
- Community's capacity and willingness to act on the issue
- Ability to have a measurable impact on the issue
- Availability of hospital and community resources
- Whether the issue is a root cause of other problems

The Community Steering Committee identified a list of significant health needs to recommend to the Internal Workgroup of hospital leadership. The Internal Workgroup of Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital administration and clinical/provider representation then considered those recommendations and confirmed the priority health needs that the hospital will create an implementation plan to address. The remaining health concerns identified through the community assessment process may be best addressed individually by the focused efforts of community organizations and partnerships.

Some of the organizations the hospital collaborated with as part of the process of conducting the CHNA include, but are not limited to: Graves County Health Department, Marshall County Health Department, Purchase District Health Department, Housing Authority of Paducah, Mercy Regional EMS, Paducah-McCracken County Senior Center, Kentucky Prescription Assistance Program, KentuckyCare, Paducah Cooperative Ministry, Paducah Public Schools, McCracken County Public Schools, Four Rivers Behavioral Health Regional Prevention Center, Community Kitchen of Paducah, Paducah-McCracken County NAACP, and United Way of Paducah-McCracken County.

Implementation Plan

Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital is committed to addressing the prioritized significant health needs of the community through the strategies described in this Implementation Plan.

Prioritized Significant Health Needs

The table below lists the prioritized significant health needs that were identified through the CHNA and specifies which needs Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital will address.

Prioritized Significant Health Needs	Hospital Addressing Need
Financial insecurity, including housing and homelessness; and food insecurity	Yes
Transportation	Yes
Mental health, with an emphasis on pediatrics	Yes
Chronic health issues	Yes
Substance use	Yes

Prioritized Significant Social Determinant of Health Needs Implementation Strategies:

Financial insecurity, including housing, homelessness and food insecurity

Description

As detailed in the hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment Report:

After a lengthy discussion of the needs by the Internal Workgroup, it was decided to combine similar needs into one larger root cause issue of financial insecurity. Those similar needs include healthcare and prescription affordability, the economy and economic challenges, jobs/employment and living wages, homelessness, housing affordability, and food insecurity. Housing/homelessness and food insecurity were identified as the greatest of the financial issues facing the community.

Goal #1

Provide resources to vulnerable populations facing financial insecurity

Targeted populations for Goal #1

- Patients with financial insecurities and related social needs
- Community members in service area with financial insecurities and related social needs

Strategy 1: Expand access to free healthcare screenings and health education resources to populations facing financial insecurity, access barriers, and other social insecurities

- **Strategic Measure 1:** Number of community members receiving a free health screening through community-based events and programs such as Care-A-Van, Free Flu Shot Program, and others

Strategy 2: In collaboration with community partners, explore the implementation of a fresh food program to provide fresh produce to those facing food and financial insecurities

- **Strategic Measure 2:** Implementation of a fresh food program

Strategy 3: Continue support of community efforts to address homelessness and provide housing options to at-risk populations

- **Strategic Measure 3:** Support of the regional Warming Center and other community housing partnerships

Strategy 4: Provide at-risk patients and visitors with resources to meet their basic social needs, such as food, toiletries, and clothing

- **Strategic Measure 4:**
 - (a) Installation of blessing boxes on Mercy Health campuses
 - (b) Implementation of centralized hospital-wide Food and Clothing Closet

Strategy 5: Continue hospital-based programs assisting patients in addressing financial needs, including financial counselors and HELP department

- **Strategic Measure 5:** Number of patients served through financial assistance programs, including financial counselors and HELP department

Expected impact of Goal #1

- Reduced percentage of service area with financial insecurity, housing instability, and food insecurity
- Increased access to healthcare

Community collaborations for Goal #1

Local health departments, county health coalitions, Salvation Army, Washington Street Baptist Church, United Way of Western Kentucky, City of Paducah

Goal #2

Improve coordination with community-based organizations to address the social needs of patients

Targeted populations for Goal #2

- Patients with health-related social needs

Strategy 1: Identify patients experiencing insecurities by conducting routine screenings for health-related social needs in clinical care settings and provide identified patients with information about community resources and support services

- **Strategic Measure 1:** Percentage of eligible patients screened for social determinants of health in Mercy Health Physicians primary care practices

Strategy 2: Expand partnerships with local Community Health Worker Programs, including the Purchase District Health Department and Heart USA, to provide additional resources to at-risk patients

- **Strategic Measure 2:** Number of referrals to CHW Programs

Strategy 3: Expand prescription assistance program partnerships to connect at-risk patients with additional medication resources

- **Strategic Measure 3:** Number of patients referred to prescription assistance programs

Expected impact of Goal #2

- Increased referrals to CHW programs, prescription assistance programs, community resources, and other support services
- Reduced percentage of service area with financial insecurity, housing instability, and food insecurity

Community collaborations for Goal #2

Mercy Health Physicians, Purchase District Health Department, Heart USA, Kentucky Prescription Assistance Program, Harness Health Partners

Community resources available

The existing healthcare facilities and other resources in the community that are available to meet the prioritized need include, but are not limited to:

- Local housing authorities
- Local health departments
- Public schools family resources centers
- Local health coalitions and community workgroups
- Local churches
- Heart USA
- KPAP (KY Prescription Assistance Program)
- Purchase Area Development District
- River City Mission
- Purchase Area Support Housing Program
- Merryman House
- Paducah Community Kitchen
- Salvation Army
- Family Service Society
- United Way of Western Kentucky
- Paducah Cooperative Ministry
- Needline Graves County
- Saint Vincent de Paul Graves County
- Operation Not 1 Missed Graves County
- Marcella's Kitchen
- Marshall County Caring Needline
- Bags of Hope Food & Clothing Pantry
- God's Promise Ministries
- Helping Hands Food Pantry

Prioritized Significant Social Health Needs Implementation Strategies:

Transportation

Description

As detailed in the hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment Report:

Transportation emerged in conversations related to health care, food insecurity and other essential services. This need is evident in all counties related to barriers in access to specialty care, food/groceries, and pharmacies for medications. The Community Steering Committee prioritized this need in their multi-vote process and the Internal Workgroup concurred.

Goal #1

Streamline hospital process to create efficiencies for patient transportation needs

Targeted populations for Goal #1

- Patients with transportation needs

Strategy 1: Begin regular internal collaborative meeting between Transportation Department and other relevant hospital departments with a goal of creating process efficiencies for handling ongoing patient transportation needs

- **Strategic Measure 1:**
 - (a) Creation of internal workgroup
 - (b) Number of internal workgroup meetings

Expected impact of Goal #1

- Decreased patient and staff wait time for transportation
- Decreased missed appointments due to transportation

Community collaborations for Goal #1

Mercy Health Physicians, Mercy Health Foundation Lourdes, Paducah Area Transit System, other local transportation providers

Goal #2

Provide healthcare education and screening opportunities to vulnerable populations facing transportation barriers

Targeted populations for Goal #2

- Vulnerable populations with transportation barriers, including residents of rural counties in service area with no public transportation

Strategy 1: Explore implementation of a mobile health (Care-A-Van) program to bring free healthcare education, outreach and screenings to underserved communities

- **Strategic Measure 1:**
 - (a) Creation of a mobile health program
 - (b) Number of community members receiving a free health screening through mobile health program

Expected impact of Goal #2

- Increased access to healthcare, especially among populations who would not have otherwise received care because of lack of transportation

Community collaborations for Goal #2

Mercy Health Foundation Lourdes, Mercy Health Physicians, local health departments, local health coalitions

Community resources available

The existing healthcare facilities and other resources in the community that are available to meet the prioritized need include, but are not limited to:

- PATS (Paducah Area Transit System)
- GRITS (Medicaid Transport)
- United Way of Western Kentucky

Prioritized Significant Clinical Health Needs Implementation Strategies:

Mental health, with an emphasis on pediatrics

Description

As detailed in the hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment Report:

Mental health needs, specifically among youth populations, were discussed heavily in focus groups and interviews and showed up prominently in survey responses. The trauma of the December 10, 2021, tornado that impacted Graves and Marshall Counties was discussed at length, including the long wait times for counseling sessions for those affected. This is compounded by the already increased demand for mental health services since the COVID-19 pandemic and the Marshall County High School shooting on January 23, 2018.

Goal #1

Increase access to mental health services and resources

Targeted populations for Goal #1

- Community members in service area
- Population under 18 in service area

Strategy 1: Increase access to mental health services through recruitment of mental health providers

- **Strategic Measure 1:**
 - (a) Number of mental health providers recruited by Mercy Health
 - (b) Number of patients served by behavioral health services

Strategy 2: Offer emotional support and encourage positive coping skills through free community-based programs such as mental health-focused support groups and Camp Robin, a grief camp for children experiencing the loss of a loved one

- **Strategic Measure 2:** Number of participants in free mental health-focused community programs, such as Camp Robin and support groups

Strategy 3: Support a comprehensive school-based strategy to help improve mental well-being in schools, in collaboration with regional health coalitions and community partners

- **Strategic Measure 3:** Number of school programs and partnerships through West Kentucky Mental Health Workgroup and other community partners

Strategy 4: Increase depression screenings in primary care to identify patients with mental health concerns and connect them to follow-up care

- **Strategic Measure 4:** Number of depression screenings in Mercy Health Physicians primary care practices

Expected impact of Goal #1

- Increased access to mental health care
- Increased number of patients served by behavioral health services

- Increased participation in free community programs, such as Camp Robin and support groups
- Expanded mental health outreach and support for school-aged population
- Decreased suicide rate in service area

Community collaborations for Goal #1

Mercy Health Physicians, Mercy Health Foundation Lourdes, Mercy Health Home Care and Hospice, West Kentucky Mental Health Workgroup and other relevant health coalitions, Four Rivers Behavioral Health, KentuckyCare

Goal #2

Reduce stigma associated with mental health and seeking mental health services

Targeted populations for Goal #2

- Community members in service area
- Population under 18 in service area
- Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital employees

Strategy 1: Increase training and educational opportunities for Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital employees in topics such as mental health first aid, suicide prevention, and stigma reduction

- **Strategic Measure 1:** Number of employees completing trainings

Strategy 2: Participate in mental health-focused community events, providing mental health education and resources

- **Strategic Measure 2:** Number of community events

Strategy 3: Continue to support regional health coalition work focused on creating positive conversations about mental health and its correlation with substance use

- **Strategic Measure 3:**
 - (a) Number of health coalition meetings, including the West Kentucky Mental Health Workgroup
 - (b) Number of health coalition programs and partnerships

Expected impact of Goal #2

- Reduced stigma towards seeking behavioral health services
- Reduced mental health stigma among Mercy Health employees
- Increased number of patients served by behavioral health services
- Increased participation in free community programs, such as Camp Robin and support groups

Community collaborations for Goal #2

Mercy Health Physicians, West Kentucky Mental Health Workgroup and other relevant health coalitions, Four Rivers Behavioral Health, KentuckyCare

Community resources available

The existing healthcare facilities and other resources in the community that are available to meet the prioritized need include, but are not limited to:

- Four Rivers Behavioral Health

- KentuckyCare
- Emerald Therapy
- Bright View
- Stepworks
- Merryman House
- Marshall County Resiliency Center
- Fuller Center Graves County
- Purchase Youth Village
- Child Watch Counseling & Advocacy
- Christian Counseling Center, Paducah
- Mountain Comprehensive Care
- True North Counseling
- Compass Counseling
- Local health coalitions and community workgroups

Prioritized Significant Clinical Health Needs Implementation Strategies:

Chronic health issues

Description

As detailed in the hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment Report:

Chronic health issues were highlighted in secondary data and through focus groups, interviews, and survey responses. Specific concerns include: diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, cancer, heart disease, and dental health. The three highest risk factors in the community survey that affects respondents' personal health are unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and mental health, followed by tobacco/nicotine use.

Goal #1

Offer preventative health care opportunities to vulnerable populations

Targeted populations for Goal #1

- Vulnerable populations in service area at higher risk for developing cancer or chronic health conditions
- Uninsured and underinsured residents in service area

Strategy 1: Participate in cancer outreach and awareness efforts to encourage early detection and to increase the number of free cancer screenings offered through programs for underinsured and uninsured populations

- **Strategic Measure 1:**
 - (a) Number of patients receiving free cancer screenings through community programs
 - (b) Number of community events

Strategy 2: Continue partnership with Purchase Area Diabetes Connection and other community organizations offering additional access to resources addressing chronic health conditions and promoting healthy living

- **Strategy Measure 2:** Participation in free public health events, including the Purchase Area Health Expo

Strategy 3: Participate in the Kentucky Department of Public Health's Prediabetes Collaborative, connecting prediabetic patients to free Diabetes Prevention Programs (DPP)

- **Strategy Measure 3:**
 - (a) Number of referrals to DPP
 - (b) Number of patients enrolled/completed DPP

Strategy 4: Identify healthcare disparities in patient population by stratifying clinical data using sociodemographic characteristics and develop written action plan to address specific disparity identified

- **Strategy Measure 4:** Development of action plan to address healthcare disparity in patient population

Expected impact of Goal #1

- Increased number of cancer screenings
- Increased early detection of cancer and other chronic health conditions
- Reduced number of preventable deaths caused by cancer and chronic health conditions
- Decreased diabetes rate
- Decreased percentage of population with chronic health conditions
- Increased health equity and reduced health disparities

Community collaborations for Goal #1

Mercy Health Physicians, local health departments, Kentucky Cancer Program, Kentucky Cancer Link, Purchase Area Diabetes Connection and other relevant health coalitions, University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center

Goal #2

Improve care coordination and increase access to resources for patients with chronic health conditions

Targeted populations for Goal #2

- Patients diagnosed with chronic health conditions

Strategy 1: Begin regular internal collaborative meeting between care coordination functions across the continuum to keep patients connected to the health system and ensure their chronic disease is managed appropriately

- **Strategic Measure 1:**
 - (a) Creation of internal workgroup
 - (b) Number of internal workgroup meetings

Strategy 2: Offer Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Program to help patients manage CHF at home

- **Strategic Measure 2:** Number of patients enrolled/completed CHF Program

Expected impact of Goal #2

- Decreased number of hospital readmissions
- Increased number of patients completing CHF Program
- Reduced number of preventable deaths caused by chronic health conditions

Community collaborations for Goal #2

Mercy Health Physicians, Purchase District Health Department, Heart USA

Community resources available

The existing healthcare facilities and other resources in the community that are available to meet the prioritized need include, but are not limited to:

- Baptist Health Paducah and other community hospitals
- Local support groups
- Kentucky Cancer Program
- Local health departments
- Kentucky Cancer Link
- KentuckyCare
- University of Kentucky Dental Program
- WKCTC / University of Louisville Dental Program
- LivWell (formerly Heartland Care)
- American Cancer Society
- Gilda's Club
- Local health coalitions and community workgroups

Prioritized Significant Clinical Health Needs Implementation Strategies:

Substance use

Description

As detailed in the hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment Report:

Substance use was highlighted in secondary data and through focus groups, interviews, and survey responses. Specific concerns include: high smoking percentages in each county, prescription drug misuse, alcohol use, opioid and illicit drug use, and the importance of treating the root cause of underlying mental health concerns. The three highest risk factors in the community survey that affects respondents' personal health are unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and mental health, followed by tobacco/nicotine use.

Goal #1

Collaborate with regional partners to prevent and combat substance use

Targeted populations for Goal #1

- Patients admitted to the hospital due to an overdose
- Community members in service area who have overdosed in the past year

- Community members in service area who actively use drugs
- Community members in service area

Strategy 1: Encourage safe opioid disposal and prevent drug misuse by providing Deterra bags to patients receiving an opioid prescription from the hospital pharmacy and through Home Care and Hospice program

- **Strategic Measure 1:** Number of Deterra bags distributed

Strategy 2: Offer DEA Drug Take Back Days to encourage proper prescription disposal and prevent drug misuse

- **Strategic Measure 2:** Pounds of prescriptions collected at DEA Drug Take Back Days and properly disposed

Strategy 3: Expand access to overdose prevention medication by enhancing Narcan To-Go Program to provide free Narcan nasal spray to at-risk patients discharged from the hospital after an overdose admission

- **Strategic Measure 3:** Number of Narcan nasal sprays provided to patients

Strategy 4: Continue to support regional health coalition work focused on substance use

- **Strategic Measure 4:**
 - (a) Number of health coalition meetings, including the Opioid Taskforce and county-specific ASAPs (Agency for Substance Abuse Policy)
 - (b) Number of health coalition programs and partnerships

Expected impact of Goal #1

- Decreased number of overdoses and overdose deaths
- Increased access to Narcan
- Increased use of safe prescription disposal resources

Community collaborations for Goal #1

Mercy Health Physicians, Mercy Health Home Care and Hospice, county-specific ASAP coalitions (Agency for Substance Abuse Policy), Purchase District Health Department, Opioid Taskforce, Paducah Police Department, Turning Point Recovery Center, Four Rivers Behavioral Health Regional Prevention Center, KentuckyCare

Goal #2

Decrease smoking population

Targeted populations for Goal #2

- Community members in service area who use tobacco products

Strategy 1: Support local, county, and state-wide smoking and tobacco use bans to reduce the use of tobacco products in public places

- **Strategic Measure 1:** Number of city/county smoke-free bans supported

Strategy 2: Offer free smoking cessation classes through the American Lung Association's Freedom from Smoking program to provide the community with a structured, systematic approach to quitting nicotine and tobacco use

- **Strategic Measure 2:**
 - (a) Number of smoking cessation classes offered
 - (b) Number of participants

Expected impact of Goal #2

- Decreased smoking percentage
- Increased number of smoking bans passed in service area cities/counties

Community collaborations for Goal #2

Mercy Health Physicians, Purchase District Health Department, Kentucky Cancer Program, American Cancer Society, American Lung Association

Community resources available

The existing healthcare facilities and other resources in the community that are available to meet the prioritized need include, but are not limited to:

- Local health departments
- Local law enforcement
- Local support groups
- Local EMS
- KentuckyCare
- Four Rivers Behavioral Health
- Emerald Therapy
- Bright View Health Care
- Stepworks
- Lifeline Ministries
- Centerpoint
- Turning Point Community Recovery Center
- Fuller Center Graves County
- Recovery Works Graves County
- Celebrate Recovery
- Local health coalitions and community workgroups

Board Approval

The Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital 2023 Community Health Improvement Plan was approved by the Mercy Health – Lourdes Hospital Board of Trustees on April 27, 2023.

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