2019 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

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Avera Gettysburg Hospital has been meeting the needs of the residents of Gettysburg and the surrounding areas of Potter, Sully, Dewey and Walworth counties since 1953. Avera Gettysburg Hospital is committed to responding to the community’s ever changing health care needs.

Avera Gettysburg Hospital is a six-bed critical access hospital located in north-central South Dakota, twenty miles from the Missouri River.

The Avera Gettysburg Hospital’s mission is “a health ministry rooted in the Gospel. Our mission is to make a positive impact in the lives and health of persons and communities by providing quality services guided by Christian values.” Our vision is “to become the facility of choice in our surrounding area with the building of our new healthcare facility including a rural health clinic.”

Although conducting a community health needs assessment is an IRS requirement, the awareness of needs, through data collection and collaboration with community leaders and members, aligns with the hospital’s mission and vision of improving the health of people in Potter County and the surrounding areas. This process provides direction for prioritizing our future strategies in developing community driven goals.

Needs Identified

1. A new healthcare facility.
2. Need for increased organized wellness programs including walking and biking trails.
3. Strengthen home care and hospice options for Gettysburg and the surrounding areas.

Action Plans

1. Approximately three million dollars was raised for a new health care facility. Approval from the Avera corporate to proceed with a new health care facility which will include a critical access hospital and a rural health clinic which will provide better health care access for generations to come.
a. Avera Gettysburg Hospital is investing 9 million dollars for a new health care facility for the future which will include upper and lower endoscopy scopes.

b. September 9, 2019 broke ground for the new health care facility to be completed by 2020.

c. Acquired a rural health clinic from Rural Health Inc. on Oct 1, 2019.

d. Working to bring a mobile 3 D mammography truck to improve mammography access, which should also improve mammography screening rates and the overall health for its residents.

e. Bringing in other specialties such as orthopedics and dermatology at the rural health clinic.

f. Using telemedicine to access mental health services to help support the agriculture community, to include other mental health issues.

g. From 2019 to 2021 working on wound care by bringing a wound care specialist to our community so people do not need to travel.

h. Avera Gettysburg’s goal is to provide greater access to high quality care close to home for this rural community, which ultimately should improve the overall health of the community.

2. A new physical therapy department to include a community wellness center.

a. In 2021 the new hospital will have a wellness center that will be open to the general public.

b. The Gettysburg Economic Development Committee is working with the Gettysburg City Council on the feasibility of a walking and bike trail. A representative from Avera Gettysburg Hospital is a member of this committee.

c. Over the next three years the dietician will work to offer the community diabetes education. Seminars on proper nutrition and healthy eating will be offered. Also the hospital will work with the local grocery stores along with the dietician to teach people how to read labels, and promote healthy eating. Avera Gettysburg will provide the staffing and other resources needed to support these educational efforts.
3. Strengthen home health and hospice in our surrounding area.
   a. Educate the community on the home health and hospice services available.
   b. Hospice staff will provide Hospice education during the nurse's staff meetings.
   c. Care transitions is set to go Live in Gettysburg week of December 2nd, this will help increase home health care referrals.
   d. All Skilled Swing Bed patients being discharged to home will have a Home Care referral done at discharge.
   e. Any acute admissions that are identified as a high risk for readmission will be referred to Home Care for evaluation.

Approval

This report was prepared for the Avera Gettysburg Hospital, Avera Board of Trustees and approves the most recent Implementation Strategy Plan.

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Signed

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Date

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