



**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE**  
ASSUMPTION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

**2021**

**Community Health Needs Assessment**

# ACH 2021 COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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## ASSUMPTION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

# COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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***In April 1972, Assumption Community Hospital (ACH) began serving the people of Assumption Parish as a parish-owned Hospital Service District facility.***

***In December 1996, Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, part of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System (FMOLHS), purchased the hospital as an extension of their ministry to provide care for those most in need.***

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Assessing Assumption Parish's health needs and developing appropriate plans through a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) to address those needs are essential steps in improving and sustaining the community's health and wellbeing. To do so, the community must be defined, the needs must be identified, and the process for moving forward must be outlined. Strategies should incorporate multiple community-based organizations that can collaborate utilizing available resources to generate effective, positive impacts for the community. The CHNA will help guide ACH's community benefit planning and the development of implementation strategies to address Priority Areas. ACH's CHNA research spotlighted health disparities and social determinants of health, needs of vulnerable populations, and service gaps. The CHNA fulfills the requirements of Internal Revenue Code section 501(r)(3) to conduct a CHNA to determine if the services and programs provided as part of ACH's non-profit status appropriately address the needs of the people it is privileged to serve, but it is not simply a response to the ACA requirement. This CHNA represents ACH's commitment to addressing the needs of our community/service area. Service, Reverence and Love for All of Life, Joyfulness of Spirit, Humility, and Justice are part of ACH's Core Values as an organization, and the outcomes of the implementation strategies will help ensure the people of Region 3 are appropriately served with timely, high-quality care.

ACH is a federally designated, 15-bed Critical Access Hospital. Most services provided by ACH, in partnership with its provider-based rural health clinic Assumption Primary Care, are provided to Assumption Parish residents, which is the area (supported by demographic and survey data) that ACH defines as its community. ACH is the only hospital located in Assumption Parish and serves as the front line of defense for local residents needing care.

ACH and Assumption Primary Care provide important local services such as inpatient hospitalization, outpatient laboratory, radiology imaging, respiratory therapy, and the vital provision of around-the-clock emergency care. Assumption Primary Care provides significant primary care services to the indigent and Medicaid patient population of Assumption Parish. Other important community outreach programs provided by ACH and Assumption Primary Care include an annual health fair, flu shot events, COVID-19 vaccination outreach events, and food drives.

## Our Ministry

ACH does not define its community to exclude medically underserved, low-income, or minority populations. When determining how to define its community/service area for the purposes of this assessment, ACH considered all patients without regard to whether (or how much) they or their insurers pay for the care received or whether they are eligible for assistance under its financial assistance policy.

## Our Vision

*To make a significant difference in our communities through Catholic health services*

## Our Mission

Inspired by the vision of St. Francis of Assisi and in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, we extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to God's people, especially those most in need. We call forth all who serve in this healthcare ministry, to share their gifts and talents to create a spirit of healing – with reverence and love for all of life, with joyfulness of spirit, and with humility and justice for all those entrusted to our care. We are, with God's help, a healing and spiritual presence for each other and for the communities we are privileged to serve.

## Our Core Values

SERVICE: The privilege of reaching out to meet the needs of others.

REVERENCE AND LOVE FOR ALL OF LIFE: Acknowledging that all of life is a gift from God.

JOYFULNESS OF SPIRIT: An awareness of being blessed by God in all things.

HUMILITY: Being authentic in serving as an instrument of God.

JUSTICE: Striving for equity and fairness in all relationships with special concern for those most in need.

## Consultants

ACH worked with an internal CHNA Steering Committee to write the 2021 CHNA and its related Implementation Strategy; however, outside firm KPMG, LLP, also contributed.

### KPMG

ACH worked with KPMG LLP, an audit, tax, and advisory firm, to assess the CHNA and implementation strategies to determine whether they meet the requirements of Internal Revenue Code section 501(r)(3). KPMG is the U.S. member firm of KPMG International Cooperative (“KPMG International”) and is a global network of professional firms providing audit, tax, and advisory services. Operating in 155 countries with more than 162,000 employees working in member firms around the world, KPMG delivers a globally consistent set of multidisciplinary services based on deep industry knowledge.

Their industry focus helps KPMG professionals develop a deeper understanding of clients’ businesses and the insight, skills, and resources required to address industry-specific issues and opportunities. KPMG is committed to providing high-quality, professional services in an ethical manner to entities that are listed on capital markets around the globe. Their Transparency Report articulates the steps they take to uphold their professional responsibilities and describes the firm’s structure, governance, and approach to quality control. To learn more about KPMG and to view the report, visit [www.KPMG.com](http://www.KPMG.com).

## The CHNA Approach: Data and Sources

Input from community stakeholders, including community partners and healthcare providers providing care to vulnerable populations and those with knowledge of the specific needs and existing resources of the community, was obtained in August 2021 via emailed surveys. Needs were also identified through collection of statistical data from the *US News Healthiest Communities* website and compared to the community’s input (31 surveys received). The resulting data was used to identify the Community Needs. The data was deemed sufficient, and there were no information gaps identified during the collection and analysis process.

The distinguished group of participants represented some of the best services and leadership Assumption Parish offers. ACH gained community-specific input from participants to identify the community’s challenges and to focus on issues with the greatest potential for making a positive impact while considering the resources available to affect changes. Input was solicited from or on behalf of school-aged children, seniors, minorities, low-income children, medically underserved, public health officials, rural health providers, and law enforcement.

Survey Recipient	Affiliation	Population Served
<b>Angele Authement</b>	Assumption Parish Council on Aging	Seniors, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Lauren Bordelon</b>	Assumption Parish Library	All Citizens, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Brittany Briggs</b>	Assumption Parish Council on Aging	Seniors, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Damian Buggage</b>	Assumption Parish Schools, Director of Middle School Instruction	Adolescents, At-Risk Youth, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Teddy Crochet</b>	Acadian Ambulance Service	All Citizens, Medicaid Population, Patients with Barriers to Transportation, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Rene Diaz</b>	<i>Napoleonville Area Citizen</i>	All Citizens
<b>Stephanie Domingue</b>	Assumption Community Hospital, CHNA Coordinator, HIM Director	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Dr. Rachel Dugas</b>	Assumption Parish Head Start Director	Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Debra Gonzales</b>	DHH/Office of Public Health Region III	Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>St. Elizabeth/St. Jules</b>	Clergy	All Citizens
<b>Dr. Eric Gravois</b>	Family Practice Physician	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Dr. Keith Landry</b>	Family Practice Physician	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income,

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		Minority Populations
<b>Dr. Charles Bolotte</b>	Family Practice Physician	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Kevin Guidry</b>	Assumption Community Hospital, CEO	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Maria Gonzales</b>	LSU Ag Center	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Chris Delrie</b>	Assumption Healthcare and Rehabilitation	All Citizens
<b>Brittany Leblanc</b>	Assumption Association for Retarded Citizens	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Monique Marino</b>	Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, Director of Community Impact	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Nicole Paille, FNP</b>	Assumption Primary Care	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Rodney Rhodes</b>	Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office, Deputy	All Citizens, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Elizabeth Templet</b>	Assumption Community Hospital Dietary Manager	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Erin Theriot</b>	Police Jury Grant Coordinator	All Citizens, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Brian Tripode, RPh</b>	Assumption Community Hospital Pharmacy Manager	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Misty Woods</b>	Assumption Parish Schools Nutrition Program Manager	Youth, At-Risk Youth, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Kim Beet</b>	Region III Office of Emergency Preparedness	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Ellen Rivere, RN</b>	Assumption Parish School Nurse	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Frannie Mabile</b>	Assumption Parish Detention Center	All Citizens, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Leland Falcoln</b>	Assumption Parish Sheriff	All Citizens, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Leroy Blanchard</b>	Healthy Communities Coalition, Assumption Parish Police Jury	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income,

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		Minority Populations
<b>April Jacobs, FNP</b>	Assumption Primary Care Clinic	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Ryan Wolfort, MD</b>	Assumption Community Hospital, Emergency Department	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>St. Joseph the Worker Church</b>	Clergy	All Citizens
<b>Jason Scinoeaux, NP</b>	Teche Action Clinic	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Ron Alcorn</b>	Assumption Parish Police Jury	All Citizens, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Mike Dias</b>	Assumption Parish Police Jury	All Citizens, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Kayla Boudreaux, RN</b>	Assumption Primary Care	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations
<b>Julie Martinez</b>	Assumption Primary Care	All Citizens, Medically Underserved, Low-Income, Minority Populations

Assumption Parish is a rural area with only one incorporated community of approximately 700 residents known as the Village of Napoleonville. The parish contains 21,891 residents. Other communities located in the parish include Labadieville, Paincourtville, Plattenville, Bertrandville, Belle Rose, Pierre Part, and Bayou L’Ourse. ACH is the only hospital in Assumption Parish. It is centrally located in the parish and serves approximately 10,000 residents as other communities are located closer to larger, urban healthcare facilities. The hospital does not define its community to exclude medically underserved, low-income, or minority populations. ACH includes in its community definition all patient populations without regard to whether (or how much) they or their insurers pay for care received or whether they are eligible for assistance under the hospital’s financial assistance policy. Assumption Parish is designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and is challenged with the provision of healthcare providers as a ratio of population. Nearly 100% of ACH’s patient admissions are Assumption Parish residents. Healthcare resources in Assumption Parish are very limited but include an FQHC and two other rural health clinics, as well as two private practice physician offices which serve a small percentage of the underserved population.

### Assumption Parish, Louisiana

<b>POPULATION ESTIMATES, JULY 1, 2019</b>	<b>21,891</b>
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010	23,416

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Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2019	-6.5%
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	23,421
<b>AGE AND SEX</b>	
Persons under 5 years, percent	5.5%
Persons under 18 years, percent	21.2%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	18.7%
Female persons, percent	51.4%
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>	
White alone, percent	68.0%
Black or African American alone, percent	29.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent	0.8%
Asian alone, percent	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent	0.1%
Two or More Races, percent	1.2%
Hispanic or Latino, percent	3.3%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	65.4%

Assumption Parish is heavily dependent on agriculture (primarily sugar cane production) and has only a few large employers, such as the Assumption Parish School System and ACH. The parish's median household income is \$45,457, and 13.93% of families live below the poverty line. Twenty-nine percent of the Assumption Parish population over the age of 25 did not graduate high school. The majority of Assumption Parish speaks only English, but 13% speak Indo-European Languages.

ACH utilized tools through the *US News Healthiest Communities* website and the US Census Bureau to obtain data on the community's health and population. The tools provided health and demographic data, as well as comparison reports assessing how the community compares to others within the state and country on several health indicators. In the reports, counties (in Louisiana, parishes) are assigned a score based on comparison to other communities and the trend of the indicator value over time. For all comparisons, scoring depends on whether the value is better or worse than the comparison value, as well as how close the value is to target.

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## Summary Of ACH Survey Results<sup>1</sup>

### Factors That Make a “Healthy Community”

- Low Crime / Safe Schools (19)
- Good Schools (13)
- Access to Healthcare (transportation, family doctor) (13)

### Most Important “Health Problems”

- Mental Health Problems (18)
- Cancers (17)
- Heart Disease and Stroke (15)

### Most Important “Risky Behaviors”

- Drug Abuse (23)
- Alcohol Abuse (18)
- Poor Eating Habits (16)

MENTAL HEALTH SCORE = 57 <sup>2</sup>				
METRIC	PARISH	U.S.	PEER GROUP	STATE
<b>Adults With Frequent Mental Distress</b> <sup>3</sup>	18.3%	15.1%	17.2%	16.4%
<b>Deaths of Despair / 100,000</b> <sup>4</sup>	33.5	43.3	47.5	43.0
<b>Medicare Beneficiaries With Depression</b> <sup>5</sup>	17.2%	18.0%	17.8%	18.7%

HEALTH CONDITIONS SCORE = 41 <sup>6</sup>				
METRIC	PARISH	U.S.	PEER GROUP	STATE
<b>Cancer Incidence Rate / 100,000</b> <sup>7</sup>	490.0	456.0	453.2	481.0

<sup>1</sup> 30 responses received; top three answers in each category displayed.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/louisiana/assumptionparish>

<sup>3</sup> Reflects the share of adults who reported their mental health was not good during 14 or more days in the past 30 days (2018; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention PLACES Project, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System); Retrieved from <http://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/methodology>

<sup>4</sup> Reflects the rate of deaths due to suicide, alcohol-related disease, and drug overdoses per 100,000 population. (Note: Previous rankings data included additional causes of death that are now excluded) (2012-2018; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention); Retrieved from <http://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/methodology>

<sup>5</sup> Reflects the percentage of Medicare beneficiaries with depression. (2018; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services); Retrieved from <http://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/methodology>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/louisiana/assumptionparish>

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<b>Heart Disease Prevalence</b> <sup>8</sup>	8.0%	6.7%	7.9%	7.2%
<b>Preventable Hospital Admissions Among Medicare Beneficiaries / 100,000</b> <sup>9</sup>	5,381	4,589	5,315	5,859

NUTRITION SCORE = 35 <sup>10</sup>				
METRIC	PARISH	U.S.	PEER GROUP	STATE
<b>Diabetes Prevalence</b> <sup>11</sup>	13.4%	10.5%	12.6%	11.8%
<b>Obesity Prevalence</b> <sup>12</sup>	38.9%	35.5%	38.1%	35.4%
<b>Share of At-Home Food Expenditures on Fruit / Veg</b> <sup>13</sup>	11.8%	11.9%	11.9%	11.7%

### Areas of Need

Following the results of the survey conducted in August 2021, participants had an opportunity to review the results and compare them with the data presented from the *US News Healthiest Communities* website and their personal experiences in the community to provide targeted feedback about the greatest areas of need. Discussions also took place with Assumption Primary Care. These discussions revealed problems facing Assumption Parish residents, such as difficulty making it to appointments and barriers to accessing mental and behavioral health. Access to cancer screenings continue to be a need as well, even though

<sup>7</sup> Reflects the average annual age-adjusted incidence rate of new cancer diagnoses per 100,000 population (2013-2017; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health); Retrieved from <http://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/methodology>

<sup>8</sup> Reflects the percentage of adults who report ever being told by a health professional that they had angina or coronary heart disease (2018; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention PLACES Project, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System); Retrieved from <http://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/methodology>

<sup>9</sup> Reflects the rate of hospitalizations per 100,000 Medicare beneficiaries for preventable conditions like asthma, diabetes, dehydration, and pneumonia. (2018; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services); Retrieved from <http://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/methodology>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/louisiana/assumptionparish>

<sup>11</sup> Reflects the percentage of adults who report ever being told by a health profession that they have diabetes, other than diabetes during pregnancy. (2018 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention PLACES Project, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System) (2018; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention); Retrieved from <http://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/methodology>

<sup>12</sup> Reflects the percentage of adults who are obese, based on self-reported height and weight. (2018; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention PLACES Project, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System); Retrieved from <http://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/methodology>

<sup>13</sup> Reflects the percentage of at-home food spending on fruit and vegetables. (2014; Nielsen); Retrieved from <http://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/methodology>

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breast cancer screenings have increased since the last CHNA measurement period from four visits a year to an average of 10 visits due to utilization of the Woman's Hospital mobile mammography unit.

In preparing this CHNA, ACH interviewed Debra Gonzales, RN, Supervisor A, with the Louisiana Department of Health / Region 3 Office of Public Health, on November 18, 2021. Ms. Gonzales helped ACH compare the results from all surveys and feedback received to-date to the current Priority Areas Region 3 OPH feels are most greatly affecting the people it serves. Ms. Gonzales echoed much of the feedback that had been received regarding patients' struggles with access to care, poverty, mental / behavioral health, and obesity.

Considering all data analysis, stakeholder discussions, and surveys results, ACH determined the top community needs to be:

- Mental / Behavioral Health
- Cancer Screenings
- Access to Care / Transportation

Due to the important nature of all three community needs that emerged as the top three, ACH placed an equal importance on all three and will address them all as Priority Areas in this CHNA measurement period. ACH's action steps to address these needs will be detailed in the related Implementation Strategy. Following is a list of community partners ACH intends to work with to accomplish the plans that will be detailed in the Implementation Strategy. Additionally, ACH will contribute financial and human resources that will be captured with financial amounts attached and reported on a regular basis at both the local and FMOLHS levels for community benefit accountability monitoring through Lyon Software CBISA online database reports.

The organizations shown in the following list of Community Resources Available in Assumption Parish are collaborating partners who will work with ACH to implement the strategies defined to address the top three community needs identified in this CHNA. Each of these organizations are ideally suited to work with medically underserved, low-income, and/or minority populations and have contributed significantly to the community in and around Assumption Parish.

### **Community Resources Available in Assumption Parish**

Assumption Parish Council on Aging	Labadieville Volunteer Fire Department
American Legion Post 585	Louisiana Rural Health Association
Assumption Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc	MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons
Assumption Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC)	Merriman-Skidmore American Legion Post 585
Assumption Knights of Columbus Council 1099	Napoleonville Volunteer Fire Department
Assumption Cultural Arts Guild, Inc.	National Assoc. for the Advancement of Colored People
Assumption Parish Community Action Advisory Board	National Assoc. of University Women
Bayou L'Ourse Volunteer Fire Department	Order of Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation of Louisiana
Improved Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks	Paincourtville Volunteer Fire Department
Knights of Columbus	Pierre Part/Belle River Volunteer Fire Department

### **Previous Community Health Needs Assessment**

A CHNA was conducted by ACH in 2018. At that time, the Priority Areas identified were:

- Mental Health Services
- Obesity

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- Diabetes
- Access To Cancer Screenings

The results can be viewed below. ACH will continue to work with its community partners to develop programs that address the needs of the people of Assumption Parish, especially its vulnerable populations, with the goal of being a primary entry point for healthcare in the area. With the COVID-19 pandemic's being such a significant part of the 2018 CHNA measurement period, some of the initial implementation strategy targets were not achieved. However, there was significant work with the community regarding COVID-19 and meeting the needs of people in crisis. ACH administered more 2,200 first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to community members through the Assumption Primary Care Clinic and partnered with Assumption Parish Schools, Thibodaux Regional Family Practice, and Assumption Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness to provide and administer more than 600 vaccines to the faculty of Assumption Parish School Board.

The initial behavioral health program that was implemented did not continue due to provider constraints. A new program with two providers and a licensed counselor who all see patients in person and through virtual visits has since been established at the Assumption Primary Clinic. The behavioral health provider also provides consults when ACH emergency department has Physician's Emergency Certificate (PEC) patients.

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Assumption Community Hospital  
Community Implementation Plan Health Benefit Dashboard  
3 Fiscal Year Comparison

Diabetes				
Indicator	Target	FY 19	FY 20	FY21
<i>Diabetes Education Provided (AVS-After Visit Summary)</i>	90%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Percent of Diabetic Medicare Patients with HA1C screenings</i>	90%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Wellness visits attended</i>	40%	105(11%)	136(15%)	184(8%)
Obesity				
Indicator	Target	FY 19	FY 20	FY21
<i>Number of Pediatric Pts seen</i>	100	129	149	125
<i>Number of patients screened for proper weight analysis</i>	500	1220	1224	2095
<i>Number of patients identified with obesity (BMI&gt;30)</i>	38%	637(52%)	650(53%)	964(46%)
<i>Louisiana State Average Obesity Rate Overall: 38.1% per CDC</i>				
<i>National Average Obesity Rate: 31.9% per CDC</i>				
<i>Get Fit Ba-you kids enrolled</i>	1000	1100	NA COVID	NA COVID
<i>Get Fit Ba-you Pre and Post Test comparison</i>	75%	NA COVID	NA COVID	NA COVID
<i>Walking Path Utilization</i>	300	1000	1500	2000
Adult Services/Access to Cancer Screenings				
Indicator	Target	FY 19	FY 20	FY21
<i>Number of patients visits to Health Fairs ( COA, HeadStart, ARC)</i>	150	175	150	NA COVID
<i>Number of Patient Visits to the Woman's Mammogram Coach (5 trips scheduled 20 tests per visit)</i>	80	92	93	100
<i>Number of positive tests</i>	0	1	1	2
<i>Prostate Cancer Screenings</i>	30	9	NA COVID	9
<i>Number of positive tests</i>	0	0	0	0
Access to Primary Health Care for Uninsured /Underinsured/Mental Health Services				
Indicator	Target	FY 19	FY 20	FY21
<i>Number of Patient Visits to the Assumption Primary Care Clinic (Medicaid/Uninsured)</i>	1700	2432	2003	1945
<i>Mental Health Visits</i>	30	NA	NA	33

Color Legend: ■ Green = Above Target or within 5% of Target ■ Yellow = 10-25% below Target ■ Red = >25% Below intended Target

Synopsis : The CHNA Implementation Plan measures for all four categories identified within the assessment ( Diabetes; Obesity; Adult Services/Access to Cancer Screenings; and Access to Primary Care for the Uninsured/Mental Health) with the exception of the indicators in yellow and red which are explained on the color legend.

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Paper copies of this CHNA are available for public inspection upon request and without charge at the ACH. Digital copies are available at [www.FMOLHS.org](http://www.FMOLHS.org). Search using the words "Community Health Needs Assessment." Comments and other feedback about this CHNA can be provided to ACH by contacting Administration at 985-369-3600 or emailing [Letonia.Howard@fmolhs.org](mailto:Letonia.Howard@fmolhs.org).

Written comments regarding the previous CHNA and implementation strategy were welcome to be submitted by contacting Administration at 985-369-3600 or emailing [Letonia.Howard@fmolhs.org](mailto:Letonia.Howard@fmolhs.org), but at the time of publication of the 2021 ACH CHNA, no comments or feedback had been received.

### **Next Steps**

ACH will continue dialogue with collaborators and community members to develop an implementation plan for strategies and programs to address the identified Priority Areas. Existing programs will continue to be monitored for effectiveness and developed as needed. For example, a quarter-mile walking path has been constructed on ACH property to promote physical activity in the community, and there are plans to install exercise equipment around the path through a partnership with the Assumption Parish Police Jury. Mental and Behavioral Services are developing and will be captured as part of the 2021 ACH CHNA.

ACH has also added a primary care physician at Assumption Primary Care who will begin seeing patients in the early part of 2022. The addition of more primary care physicians has been an ongoing need in Assumption Parish for many years. There are also two Family Nurse Practitioners at the clinic, which continues to grow as services are added, such as behavioral health.