

# Prairie Ridge Hospital and Health Services Implementation Strategy



## 1) Preventative Care

### Current activities

- Prairie Ridge has a practitioner with an interest in diabetes
  - ✓ She holds a free monthly diabetic education support group that covers a variety of topics for those who have diabetes and their loved ones.
  - ✓ Through the diabetic education program we offer a free membership to the Prairie Ridge Fitness to qualifying members.
- Prairie Ridge works with Lake Region Healthcare dieticians on addressing dietary issues in the community and with our patients.
- Prairie Ridge has put into place additional screening for well child exams in order to identify potential issues early on.
- Prairie Ridge operates a 24/7 fitness center that is open to the community.
  - ✓ We work with a wide variety of insurance programs in order to allow access to as many members of the community as we can.
- Prairie Ridge contracts with 4 area school districts to provide school nursing.
- Prairie Ridge has 5 locations in order to provide better access to care.

### Proposed activities

#### Conducted by hospital

- Prairie Ridge will add a second evening clinic to allow better access to healthcare.
  - ✓ Resources Committed
    - Staff time
    - Financial resources
  - ✓ Anticipated Impact
    - Having additional extended hours will allow further access to our clinic and cut down on non-emergency ER visits.
- Prairie Ridge will open an additional satellite clinic in Herman in March of 2017 which will increase access to healthcare.
  - ✓ Resources Committed
    - Staff time
    - Financial resources
  - ✓ Anticipated Impact
    - Increase access to healthcare services within the communities we serve.

#### Collaboration with others (if applicable)

- ✓ Prairie Ridge Fitness
- ✓ Lake Region Healthcare

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## 2) Aging Population

### Current activities

- Prairie Ridge hired a nurse specifically to work with our aging population.
  - ✓ The services provided by the nurse include annual wellness visit reminders.
  - ✓ Chronic Care Management provides a care coordinator for patients with multiple diagnoses.
  - ✓ This nurse visits with area senior groups to educate them on services available to them.
  - ✓ Prairie Ridge has partnered with the PAD PRAIRIE initiative and has received training to perform screenings on patients to better diagnose PAD.
  - ✓ Implemented Transitional Care Management which helps manage the care after discharge.
- Prairie Ridge offers Swing Bed services.

### Conducted by others

- Prairie Ridge has partnered with the PAD PRAIRIE initiative.
  - ✓ Promoted community awareness of PAD through community events
  - ✓ Facilitated screening and identification of PAD
- Home health agency provides services in the area
- City operates an elderly independent living facility
- Nursing homes in Barret and Evansville provide assisted living

### Proposed activities

- Prairie Ridge will continue to provide the services listed above.
  - ✓ Resources Committed
    - Staff time
    - Financial Resources
  - ✓ Anticipated Impact
    - This will help us to better serve the needs of our aging population.
- Prairie Ridge does not plan to engage in any additional programs related to elderly care during the current period as it is not currently in a financial position to address this issue. In addition, as noted above others in the community currently are addressing it.

### Collaboration with others (if applicable)

- ✓ PAD PRAIRIE Initiative
- ✓ Grant County Committee of Aging

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## 3) Mental and Behavioral Health Services

### Current activities

- The school district has providers who come in to meet with students.
- Prairie Ridge has a contract with Bridgeway Behavioral Health at Lake Region Healthcare.
- Prairie Ridge works with the Region 4 Mental Health Crisis team.
- Prairie Ridge conducts continued education with staff in dealing with mental health and behavior health patients.

### Proposed activities

- Prairie Ridge is working on policies and procedures to turn one of our hospital rooms into a safe room for mental health and behavior health patients.
  - ✓ Resources Committed
    - Staff time
    - Financial Resources
  - ✓ Anticipated Impact
    - This will help us to create a safe environment for our patients dealing with mental and/or behavioral health issues.
- Prairie Ridge will continue to contract with Bridgeway Behavioral Health to provide services for patients with mental/behavioral health issues
  - ✓ Resources Committed
    - Staff time
  - ✓ Anticipated Impact
    - This will allow us to better serve our patients by referring them to the care that will best serve their needs.
- Prairie Ridge will continue to ensure practitioners are aware of the signs of mental health issues and encourage them to refer to specialists.
  - ✓ Resources Committed
    - Staff time
  - ✓ Anticipated Impact
    - This will help practitioners to better serve and treat our patients.
- Prairie Ridge will continue to educate patients about the services available to them.
  - ✓ Resources Committed
    - Staff time
  - ✓ Anticipated Impact
    - This will allow us to better serve our patients by connecting them with the correct services to best address their needs.

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## 4) Transportation

### Current activities

- Rainbow Rider provides transportation services in the community, however hours of service are limited
- The Veteran's Association provides transportation services to its members.
- Grant County Committee on Aging's Volunteer Driver Program exists to drive people to appointments.
- Prairie Ridge educates patients as to what services are available to them to help them with transportation.

### Proposed activities

- Prairie Ridge does not plan to engage in any additional programs related to transportation during the current period as it is not currently in a financial position to address this issue. In addition, as noted above others in the community currently are addressing it.

### Collaboration with others (if applicable)

- ✓ Rainbow Rider
- ✓ Veteran's Association
- ✓ Grant County Committee on Aging's Volunteer Driver Program

## 5) Dental Care for Low Income Families

### Current activities

- Prairie Ridge helps promote the free dental services that are offered for area families.

### Proposed activities

- Prairie Ridge does not plan to engage in any additional programs related to Dental Care during the current period as it is not currently in a financial position to address this issue.

### Collaboration with others (if applicable)

- ✓ Grant County Child and Youth Council
- ✓ Apple Tree Dental Outreach Clinic