

APPENDIX B — Summary of Hospital Impact from Previous CHIP Cycle

Ascension St. Mary's Hospital

An important piece of the three-year CHNA cycle is revisiting the progress made on priority needs set forth in the preceding CHNA. By reviewing the actions taken to address the prioritized needs and evaluating the impact those actions have made in the community, it is possible to better target resources and efforts during the next CHNA cycle.

Through Ascension St. Mary's Hospital's 2019 Implementation Strategy, the following were prioritized by the hospital:

- **Mental Health** — Ascension St. Mary's Hospital's goal to increase awareness and access to mental and behavioral health services within Saginaw County was addressed through a variety of strategies. To expand access to mental and behavioral health services for hospital-based patients through community and clinical linkages and tele-behavioral health, Ascension Michigan's behavioral health service line led the expansion and implementation of annual behavioral health screening for all patients 12 years and older seen within the primary care setting. TelePsych Services are also planned to expand; a vendor has been identified to support this and anticipated to start on April 1, 2023. To increase awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Ascension Medical Group's (AMG) Case Management team completed an internal ACEs myLearning module. An ACEs workgroup was developed to focus on best practices and workflows and then began implementing the ACEs screening, an age-specific questionnaire that provides a score that can be an indicator to the care team that further mental health services may be needed based on current or past experience. Ascension St. Mary's also participated in Alignment Saginaw's Mental and Behavioral Health panel discussion on January 27, 2021. The discussion focused on the state of mental health in Saginaw County and services and programs provided by community organizations to support residents.
- **Obesity Related Chronic Disease** — To address obesity related chronic disease, Ascension St. Mary's Hospital's goal was to improve the health of individuals in Saginaw County by providing chronic disease prevention & management programs and healthy lifestyle education & resources focused. The Ascension St. Mary's Diabetes Education Center outpatient program continued to offer services and initiatives to support diabetic and prediabetic patients. Additionally, staffing was increased to better serve patients and allow for a wider variety of patient care needs. To offer the virtual Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) at no-cost to Saginaw County residents, Ascension St. Mary's Hospital partnered with the Michigan Health Improvement Alliance, Inc. (MiHIA) and Canary Health, and thereafter began educating clinical teams on patient eligibility and establishing referral protocols. Unfortunately, notification was received by Canary Health that it was closing its DPP arm of the company; no new registrations were accepted after October 8, 2021 and current participants would be supported through January 31, 2022. Ascension St. Mary's Center of HOPE (COH) programs and community partnerships successfully increased awareness & knowledge, and influenced attitudes & beliefs about healthy lifestyle changes, through its programs and monthly newsletter (723 HOPE).
- **Violence & Neighborhood Safety** — Ascension St. Mary's Hospital's goal to prevent violence & injury and improve neighborhood safety in Saginaw County was addressed through its partnership with SLIVE (Saginaw Life Is Valuable Everyday), a hospital-based, community-focused Violence Intervention Initiative. SLIVE organized the International Day of Peace at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital on September 21, 2021, and World Communion Day on October 3, 2021.

Note: At the time of the report publication (e.g., May 2023), the third year of the cycle will not be complete.