

**Implementation plan for needs identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment  
for Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center**  
*FY 2026-2028*

**Covered facilities:** Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center and affiliated clinics

**Community Health Needs Assessment:** A Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) was performed in 2026 in collaboration with Western Plains Public Health to determine the most pressing health needs of Grant County.

The top four needs identified include:

- Availability of home health care
- Attracting and retaining young families
- Alcohol use and abuse - adult
- Depression/anxiety - youth

**Implementation plan goals:** The board of Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center has determined the following health needs identified in the CHNA should be addressed through the implementation strategy noted for each need:

**1. Availability of home health care**

*Key objectives:*

- Continue to explore options to provide home health care
- Direct patients to home health services offered by Western Plains Public Health

*Implementation strategies:*

- JMHCC will explore options to provide home health care within the constraints of staffing and funding.

*The goals (within three months):*

- JMHCC will explore options to provide home health care within the constraints of staffing and funding. JMHCC will assist with public awareness of these services offered by Western Plains Public Health.

*The goals (within six months):*

- JMHCC will explore options to provide home health care within the constraints of staffing and funding. This will include exploration of possible grant funding, possible utilization of current staff and telehealth, and possible collaboration with other entities, including more community engagement.

## **2. Attracting and retaining young families**

### *Key objectives:*

- JMHCC will continue to communicate with community leaders about the need for staffing.

### *Implementation strategies:*

- JMHCC will communicate need through community and civic organizations.

### *The goals (within three months):*

- Reach out to community leaders and other organizations to encourage their assistance with attracting staff.

### *The goals (within six months):*

- Continue to share staffing needs with civic organizations and ask for input on ideas.

## **3. Alcohol use and abuse - adults**

### *Key objectives:*

- JMHCC will help educate the public about the dangers of alcohol use and abuse.
- Identify resources that may be available.
- Access funding to assist in creating more awareness.
- Providers will continue to identify and assist those with alcohol or drug addiction.

### *Implementation strategies:*

- Collaborate with school, Western Plains Public Health, sheriff's department, Extension Service and others in educating public. Develop any necessary marketing materials to assist these entities.
- Identify resources that may be available.
- Access funding to assist in creating more awareness.
- Assist community in developing alternative activities, including health or fitness activities.
- Providers will continue to identify and assist those with alcohol or drug addiction.

### *The goals (within three months):*

- Identify resources that may be available.
- Collaborate with school, Western Plains Public Health, sheriff's department, Extension Service and others in educating public. Develop any necessary marketing materials to assist these entities.
- Providers will continue to identify and assist those with alcohol or drug addiction.

### *The goals (within six months):*

- Access grants available to market awareness or plan alternative health and fitness activities.
- Use grant funding to assist community in developing alternative activities, including health or fitness activities.

#### **4. Depression/anxiety - youth**

##### *Key objectives:*

- JMHCC will educate the public about the availability of telehealth mental health services available at JMHCC's clinics.
- Identify resources that may be available.
- Access funding to assist in creating more awareness.
- Providers will continue to identify and assist those with depression/anxiety to offer help and resources.

##### *Implementation strategies:*

- Collaborate with school, Western Plains Public Health, sheriff's department, Extension Service and others in educating public. Develop any necessary marketing materials to assist these entities.
- Identify resources that may be available.
- Access funding to assist in creating more awareness.
- Providers will continue to identify and assist those with anxiety/depression.

##### *The goals (within three months):*

- Identify resources that may be available.
- Collaborate with school, Western Plains Public Health, sheriff's department, Extension Service and others in educating public. Develop any necessary marketing materials to assist these entities.
- Access funding to assist in creating more awareness of resources
- Providers will continue to identify and assist those with alcohol or drug addiction.

##### *The goals (within six months):*

- Access grants available to market awareness and use grant funding to assist community in developing activities directed at mental health for youth.