

Annual Report of

COMMUNITY BENEFITS PLAN

January 2016

I. MISSION STATEMENT

The Heart of Texas Healthcare System is committed to improving and maintaining the health of the people residing in the community it serves. Heart of Texas Healthcare System strives for excellence in the provision of quality health care services.

Through the exercise of concern and compassion for its patients, Heart of Texas Healthcare System provides an array of health care services to persons regardless of race, creed, or gender. The Hospital will provide health care services for the medically underserved as far as resources permit.

Heart of Texas Healthcare System will remain an integral part of the community it serves. The Hospital's leadership will remain cognizant of their responsibilities for the provision of quality care and their commitment to stewardship for the long-term fiscal integrity of the hospital through the most effective use of its financial resources.

II. COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Community Health Care Needs Assessment was developed at the direction of the hospital's Board of Directors and undertaken by Hospital Administration. The community is defined for this report as the McCulloch County that includes the City of Brady and surrounding areas. The issues addressed are based on questionnaires, discussions with physicians and other health care providers, residents and employers.

Heart of Texas Healthcare System is in McCulloch County and covers an area of approximately 1,069 square miles and is geographically located in the center of Texas. Five major highways provide access and it is within 125 miles of three interstates. The closest city, having of a population of more than 150,000 is Austin, located 130 miles southeast of Brady. The county's economic resources mainly consist of agricultural product, minerals, and tourism. The following information is based on the 2010 estimate from the US Census Bureau and local Chamber of Commerce. The county's total population is 8,283,

with 67% residing in the City of Brady, and the other 33% living in the surrounding area. Of the total population, 49% are male, and 51% female, with a median age of 39.1. The percentage of the population 65 years or over is 19%. The educational attainment of the population reported is 73% having a high school diploma or higher, and 12% with a bachelor's degree or higher. The county's median household income in dollars is \$40,561.

There are three physicians and a physician assistant who practice at the Heart of Texas Healthcare System which includes Brady Medical Clinic, a hospital owned and operated rural health clinic. There is also a federally qualified health center in Brady, which is staffed by a physician extender. The hospital also operates its own Durable Medical Equipment retail store, which is the only provider of this service in the surrounding counties. The hospital is proud to offer MRI, CT, digital radiology, mammography, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, cardiac rehab, pulmonary rehab, geriatric psychiatry, coumadin clinic and allergy clinic.

The Heart of Texas Healthcare System opened its' new 26,000 square feet, 25 inpatient bed hospital in 2012. Revenue bonds were used to secure financing, with no general tax obligation provided by property owners.

The hospital sponsors an EMT training program with up to 22 students accepted per year. The training takes approximately 6 months to complete at affordable tuition rates. This is still a need in the community and we will continue to offer this program as long the resources are available.

III. CHARITY CARE AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROVIDED DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDED 3/31/15

Due to McCulloch County being a persistent poverty county according to the USDA, this is the highest need within the community. The system provide \$1,599,611 in Charity Care and Other Benefits in the year ending 3/31/15. We will continue to offer services to the community regardless of the individual's ability to pay.