**2022 Community Benefits Plan Programs**

Our current 2022 Community Health Need Assessment Plan is now posted out our website.  <https://www.thorek.org/community/community-benefit>

Based on Prioritization of Community Healthcare needs submitted to Thorek Memorial Hospital, by PRC, Inc., here are the following resolutions Thorek will implement to meet the Healthcare needs of the community. These prioritizations are in no particular order.

**MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Currently Thorek has three outpatient Mental Health/Substance Abuse related clinics. These clinics include Psychiatrists, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners, and a Social Worker. Coverage will be Monday through Saturday with morning and evening hours to accommodate patients. We also now, through Thorek Memorial Hospital Andersonville have an additional 38 inpatient psychiatric beds to add to Thorek’s already 44 inpatient psychiatric beds at its main campus. Thorek Andersonville also has 32 Substance Abuse beds. Our primary care physicians can offer free of charge mini mental health exams on patients whom wish to have. If any meet criteria for a more in depth exam, they will be referred to our psychiatry department.

**ORAL HEALTH**

Thorek Memorial Hospital will partner with Dental Charm Dentistry. An email campaign promoting not only Oral Health, but also all hospital services. This campaign is set to run Spring/Summer 2023 and will continue yearly. For more information on Dental Charm, please click link below.

<https://www.dentalcharmchicago@gmail.com>

**ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES**

Thorek will be extending not only its Mental Health/Substance Abuse days and hours of clinic, but we will also be adding more Saturday and Evening Hours at the following locations:

 China Square Clinic - from 2 FTE to 3 FTE, (PT MD and PT NP)

 Main Hospital - Full Time Pediatric/Family Practice NP

These will be Primary Care Clinics and also a Pediatric clinic. In addition to more hours added, we will also have more availability of health care providers at these areas as well. This is an ongoing initiative, with the first availability of more providers starting in October 2022.

**DISEASE AND STROKE**

The City of Chicago has an acute stroke diversion plan in place whereby Emergency Medical Services, with acute stroke patients, will bypass hospitals that are not Comprehensive Stroke Centers (CSCs). CSC status is not a realistic goal for Thorek Memorial Hospital given that our catchment already has several CSC. Thorek stroke volumes will never be high enough to qualify as a CSC. In relation to heart disease and stroke awareness, we will educate our surrounding community about the warning signs, through lectures at senior buildings.

**NUTRITION**

Thorek Memorial Hospital started offering outpatient visits twice per week with our Certified Dieticians. This initiative started in January 2019 and is an ongoing initiative. The first visit with one of our dieticians will be free of charge.

**VIOLENCE/INJURY**

Thorek will work with Sarah’s Circle, a battered/homeless women’s shelter in the Uptown Neighborhood to provide medical/behavioral treatment and resources to its residents. Currently Sarah’s Circle is expanding to house more of these women in need. For more information on Sarah’s Circle, please click link below.

<https://www.sarahs-circle.org/>

**CANCER**

Thorek will offer free skin cancer screening annually starting in October with our dermatologist. This event will take place on two half days in the month of October. Follow up appointments will be offered when needed. Also, our cancer center will be promoted through our summer health fairs and events. This is an ongoing initiative.