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Subject: Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan

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A community health needs assessment (CHNA) is a tool used to evaluate the health status of residents and identify areas of concern within the community. Data comes from multiple sources, including input from residents themselves. The long-range goal is to provide focus areas for collaborative action and outreach among community stakeholders and residents. Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), nonprofit, tax-exempt hospitals must conduct a CHNA every three years for their primary service area in collaboration with community partners including public health. Millcreek Community Hospital has participated in collaboration facilitated by the Erie County Department of Health. The first collaborative CHNA was completed in 2012 and adopted by Millcreek Community Hospital Board of Trustees in June of 2013. A community health improvement plan was initiated at that time.

The Community Health Needs Assessment of 2015 is presented with recommendations for adoption. In addition, approval of the recommended implementation plan for the next three years is requested.