



# 2023-2025

## Fairfield County Community Health Improvement Plan

Coordinated by the Fairfield County Health Partners: Fairfield Medical Center, Fairfield County Department of Health and Fairfield Community Health Center.

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## Community Health Improvement Plan: 2023-2025

### Areas of Focus

This Community Health Improvement Plan for Fairfield Medical Center is based on the findings of the 2022 Fairfield County Health Assessment conducted by Fairfield Department of Health, Fairfield Community Health Center, Fairfield County Foundation, ADAMH Board, United Way and Fairfield Medical Center. From the needs identified in this assessment, Fairfield Medical Center (FMC) selected the following areas of focus that most closely align with our mission, resources and strategic initiatives:

- 1) Cardiovascular Disease
- 2) Access to Care
- 3) Cancer Care

These areas of focus were approved by the Quality and Safety Committee of the FMC Board of Directors on November 17, 2022 and the Board of Directors on December 7, 2022.

### Health Needs Not Addressed

FMC acknowledges the wide range of health issues impacting our community that were identified during the Community Health Needs Assessment process. Although our focus is on the items listed above, there are other needs in our community. FMC will not be taking the lead on these initiatives but will partner with other area agencies who have the resources to address. These include:

- Substance use treatment and prevention -- while not an area of focus, we will: ensure patients are referred to resources in the community, continue to partner with the Fairfield Health Department on Project DAWN, participate in the OARRS prescription reporting system and collaborate with ADAHM.
- Mental healthcare – while not an area of focus, we will continue to provide inpatient and outpatient mental health service for the community and EAP services for our employees, maintain chaplains and behavioral health counselors in the emergency department and provide support to other organizations addressing this need.
- Transportation -- while not an area of focus for FMC, we will work with Lancaster Transit, Perry County Transit, Fun Bus and other agencies to facilitate transportation for patients in need and will provide telehealth appointments for patients with transportation issues as appropriate.
- Obesity – while not an area of focus, we will continue to offer education and counseling on nutrition, weight loss and fitness.

# FMC Priority #1 – Cardiovascular Disease

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### Objectives:

- 1) Offer more cardiovascular services in the community
- 2) Improve care for cardiac arrest and heart attack patients
- 3) Provide community education on cardiac risk factors, prevention, early detection and treatment

Objectives & Action Steps	Metric
<b>Objective #1: Offer more cardiovascular services in the community so patients can receive care locally</b>	
1) Continue to offer valve replacement surgeries (TAVR, mitral valves, etc.)	▪ # valve surgeries
2) Expand complex arrhythmia management program	▪ # ablations
3) Continue to assess cardiology advancements and new technologies	▪ Assessments complete
4) Continue growth of thoracic surgery	▪ # of surgeries
<b>Objective #2: Improve care for cardiac arrest and heart attack patients</b>	
1) Improve heart attack care processes at FMC	▪ # Protected PCI and Impella
2) Increase capacity for stress tests and echocardiograms	▪ Wait time to schedule testing
3) Maintain and grow inventory of community-based AEDs in Fairfield, Hocking and Perry Counties	▪ # AEDs in PulsePoint AED inventory
4) Seek grants to place additional AEDs in the community	▪ # grants applied for AED funding
5) Expand “Heart Safe” accreditations for schools and businesses	▪ # Schools and businesses accredited
6) Expand “Heart Safe Park” initiative	▪ # Parks participating
7) Recognize first responders and bystanders for exceptional efforts	▪ # Great Save awards (bystanders) ▪ # STEMI EMMYS (first responders)
<b>Objective #3: Provide community education on cardiac risk factors, prevention, early detection and treatment</b>	
1) Provide CPR and AED training to schools, businesses and community members	▪ # trained in classroom ▪ # trained and # events attended for Mobile Training Unit
2) Articles in The Monitor and Clinical Connection	▪ # articles
3) Educational campaigns	▪ # campaigns
4) Social media	▪ # posts

## FMC Priority #2 – Access to Care

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#### Objectives:

- 1) Improve access to primary and specialty care in the community
- 2) Improve access to more affordable care
- 3) Address other barriers to access

Objectives & Action Steps		Metric
<b>Objective #1: Improve access to primary and specialty care in the community</b>		
1) Recruit additional primary care providers		▪ # PCPs recruited
2) Recruit additional specialist providers		▪ # specialist recruited
3) Expand access to primary care in Millersport		▪ # added
<b>Objective #2: Improve access to more affordable care, including low cost or free screenings</b>		
1) Offer scholarships for Cardiac Rehab		▪ # scholarships and/or \$
2) Partner with OU Community Health Program to provide mammograms and women's health visits to uninsured women		▪ # free screens served
3) Offer free screenings for lung, colon and breast cancer for those who qualify through FMC Foundation		▪ # offered
4) Offer free sports physicals to students		▪ # physicals provided
<b>Objective #4: Address other barriers to access</b>		
1) Provide interpreting services to address disparities in care due to language		▪ Service provided 24/7 at FMC and River Valley Campus
2) Continue use of Fairfield County Telelog to make referrals to appropriate community resources		▪ Offer service
3) Maintain patient representatives to follow up with patients on issues and concerns		▪ Offer service
4) Partner with CHOICES to provide community outreach on advanced directives, palliative and hospice services		▪ Maintain partnership
5) Provide free/affordable transportation to select patients in need via Case Management/ED transportation fund		▪ # rides provided ▪ # gas cards provided
6) Partner with Fairhope to improve access to end of life care services		▪ Maintain partnership
7) Improve access to CPR training and AEDs in Perry County where EMS response times are significant		▪ Support AED program with Perry County Sheriff Office ▪ # people trained in PC by Mobile CPR Training Unit

# FMC Priority #3 – Cancer and Cancer Care

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### Objectives:

- 1) Treat more cancer patients locally
- 2) Provide cancer support services for patients
- 3) Provide community education and screenings

Objectives & Action Steps		Metric
<b>Objective #1: Treat more cancer patients locally</b>		
1) Treat more types of cancer with the linear accelerator		▪ New types of cancer treated
2) Expand treatment for prostate cancer		▪ Continued partnership with Central Ohio Urology
3) Evaluate expansion of genetic testing/counseling services to include to colon cancer		▪ Evaluation complete
4) Recruit 2 medical oncologists		▪ Provider recruited
<b>Objective #2: Provide cancer support services for patients</b>		
1) Provide oncology support group		▪ # groups held
2) Provide cancer caregiver support group		▪ # groups held
3) Rebrand and enhance Cancer Resource Center		▪ Rebrand complete
4) Provide Yoga class for cancer patients and survivors		▪ # classes
<b>Objective #3: Provide community education, screening and prevention</b>		
1) Offer lung cancer screenings for the community		▪ # screenings provided
2) Host colon screening event		▪ # screenings provided
3) Help patients qualify for Ohio Department of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Project (BCCP)		▪ # patients served
4) Offer free screenings for lung, colon, breast and cervical cancer for those who qualify		▪ See Access to Care #2-4, #2-5
5) Participate in the "Shine a Light" lung cancer event		▪ Event held
6) Partner with Tiki Lanes for "Strike Out Breast Cancer" event		▪ Event held
7) Place articles in The Monitor magazine and Clinical Connection		▪ # articles
8) Post cancer education on website and social media		▪ # posts