

Community Benefit Report Glossary of Terms

Community Benefit Program: A planned, managed, organized, and measured approach to an organization’s participation in meeting identified community health needs. It implies collaboration with a “community” to “benefit” its residents- particularly the poor, minorities, and other underserved groups- by improving health status and quality of life.

Community-building activities: Includes the development of community health programs and partnerships; economic development; educational and cultural efforts; and environmental improvements.

Criteria:

- Improving the quality of health care.
- Improving access to primary care, especially for the medically underserved/need.
- Supporting, providing and advocating for health education and promotion, and disease prevention – especially for chronic conditions that EMHS has identified as priorities <http://chna.emh.org> (diabetes, heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder); obesity, and malnutrition.
- Collaborating with and supporting other organizations that share a mission parallel to ours and are pursuing community building and quality of life efforts, such as healthy community initiatives, economic, educational, civic, and cultural projects.