Promoting the health of East Bay communities

California’s hospitals lead the nation in providing vital health care services to vulnerable populations in the communities they serve. Here in the East Bay, hospitals are also integral to the local economy by creating jobs, advancing medical technologies, and investing in education.

### Economic Benefits

- **9,723** total employees
- **$1.43 billion** average salaries & benefits

### Community Contributions

- **$10.6 million** professional education & research
- **$74 million** uncompensated care
- **$148 million** Medi-Cal shortfall

### Hospital Services

- **145,033** hospital visits
- **346,973** emergency dept. visits
- **8,875** births

In 2016, the Hospital Council gathered community health needs assessments from the 17 hospitals in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, revealing the following three shared health priorities:

- Improve healthcare access and delivery, including primary and specialty care
- Address obesity, diabetes, and HEAL (Healthy Eating/Active Living)
- Expand access to mental, behavioral, and substance abuse services

East Bay hospitals have shared health priorities

Hospitals in your county fund vital programs and services

**Improve Health Care Access and Delivery**

- **Sutter Delta Medical Center** partners with La Clinica to reduce non-urgent visits to the emergency department by improving care transitions and connecting patients to primary care resources in local communities.

**Encourage Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL)**

- **Kaiser Permanente** invested $1 million in Monument Impact to implement a HEAL Zone that is improving nutrition and promoting physical activity in Concord’s Monument Community, where 80% of elementary school children are socioeconomically disadvantaged.

**Support Behavioral Health Needs**

- **John Muir Health** has invested more than $750,000 in the Putnam Clubhouse since 2008 to provide rehabilitation, recovery, and community reintegration for people living with mental illness.
Every three years, hospitals prepare an assessment to determine how best to improve the health of the people who depend on them for care. This rigorous process involves the review of local data and input from community and government stakeholders. As a result, hospital community benefit programs are designed to meet identified, prioritized health needs that reflect the diversity of their local community.

In 1994, the California Hospital Community Benefit Law (Senate Bill 697) was enacted to affirm the mission of the state’s hospitals to provide programs that meet community health needs. Each year, California’s not-for-profit hospitals invest approximately $5 billion back into the communities they serve. Examples of community benefit include charity care, covering the unpaid cost of providing health care services to Medi-Cal recipients, investments in life-saving emergency and trauma centers, and partnerships with local organizations to provide care for the homeless and other underserved populations. Hospitals also invest in education and training, wellness and prevention programs, and other efforts that promote the total health of their communities.

This report provides a general overview of health needs in the East Bay and in Contra Costa County. The latest community benefit reports are available at each hospital’s website or through the Hospital Council at the following link: http://www.hospitalcouncil.org/community-benefit

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