 Community Health Needs Assessment

Community needs can be defined as the gap between what is and what should be for patients on your unit. A need can be felt by an individual, a group, or an entire community. Resources, or assets, can include individuals, organizations and institutions, buildings, landscapes, equipment -- anything that can be used to improve the quality of care.

1. Identify demographics you serve using data
2. Report what disparities exist and which are to be targeted in the initiative.
3. Community Based Organizations Needed
4. Patient’s Perceived Hospital Improvement Needs
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6. List social determinants of health addressed
7. List of current improvement initiatives
8. Upcoming improvement initiatives
9. Past improvement Initiatives
10. Establish additional opportunities based on the consensus of the group
11. Develop a timeline for moving forward
12. Develop a plan for making the improvements. Synthesize where possible. Some things will need to be run through your PDSA cycle if it is a system change from current practices.

You are now on your way to making an impact on the are of your patients based on the feedback of the community at large.