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### Organization Address and Contact Information

**Organization Name:** Morton Hospital

**Address (1):** 88 Washington Street

**City, State, Zip:** Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

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(If different from above)

**City, State, Zip:** Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

### Organization Type and Additional Attributes

**Organization Type:** Hospital

**For-Profit Status:** For-Profit

**Health System:** Steward Health Care System

**Community Health Network Area (CHNA):** Greater Attleboro-Taunton Health & Education Response(CHNA 24),

**Regions Served:** Other-Southeastern MA,

## CB Mission

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### Community Benefits Mission Statement

Morton Hospital's community benefits mission and the guiding philosophy of our community initiatives is to establish a data-driven, evidence-based Community Benefits Program that improves the status of our community and provides access to comprehensive, high quality, compassionate, and efficient health services in the community setting.

We accomplish this by:

Assessing and addressing the unmet health needs of our community

Participating on local action committees/task forces

Providing accessible, high quality care and services to everyone in our community, regardless of their ability to pay

Collaborating with staff, providers, and community representatives to deliver meaningful programs that address statewide health priorities and local health issues

Encouraging the community to engage in healthy lifestyles, be active participants in their health care, and to learn of the risks associated with unhealthy behaviors and poor lifestyle choices.

This community benefits philosophy expands upon the mission of Morton Hospital to identify and address community needs; particularly those that affect the health and wellness of residents throughout the greater Taunton area. Morton Hospital aims to provide culturally-sensitive, linguistically-appropriate, accessible health care services to the communities it serves. The Hospital also works to address barriers to health care access, and maintains a school-based health clinic in the community to provide primary health care services to under- insured or uninsured children. The Hospital fosters an internal environment that encourages involvement in community benefit activities and includes in its mission and goals the development of organization-wide cultural diversity programming, addressing the cultural needs of our community.

### Target Populations

Name of Target Population	Basis for Selection
All women, including those ages 40 and older, as well as those with a family history of breast cancer	High incidence of breast cancer in greater Taunton community
Adult smokers, residents in underserved areas who may be more susceptible to use tobacco products	High incidence of smoking in greater Taunton community; lack of smoking cessation resources

All community members; elderly men and women	Need for greater health and wellness education to all community members; high incidence of chronic disease in community
Residents at risk for developing diabetes or becoming obese	High incidence of obesity and diabetes in greater Taunton community
Uninsured, under-insured adult men and women in underserved areas	Need for greater health care access for uninsured/underinsured
Drug users; youth	Opiate abuse epidemic in Taunton; need for greater education to help address issue
Behavioral health patients	High incidence of behavioral health issues, as well as ongoing behavioral health stigma, in greater Taunton community
Individuals at risk for or diagnosed with chronic diseases like cancer and heart disease	High incidence rate of chronic diseases in service area
Individuals without a designated primary care provider	High incidence rate of patients without an established PCP

**Publication of Target Populations**

Website

**Hospital/HMO Web Page Publicizing Target Pop.**

<https://www.mortonhospital.org/about-us/community-health-outreach>

**Key Accomplishments of Reporting Year**

Throughout 2018, Morton Hospital maintained collaborative partnerships with several community organizations including the Prevention & Wellness Network (CHNA 24), the Middleboro YMCA, the Coyle & Cassidy High School Food Pantry, and local councils on aging. Morton Hospital also developed new partnerships with local employers, including Trucchi's Supermarkets, where the hospital began providing health information and resources as well as blood pressure screenings to the general public on a bi-monthly basis; as well as Martignetti Companies, through which the hospital has developed a new occupational health program to provide direct services to ill and injured employees of the company who live and/or work in the hospital's service area. Morton Hospital also successfully enhanced its partnerships with local schools, partnering with Taunton Area School to Career to host career exploration days and also developing a new Certified Nursing Assistant training program in partnership with Coyle & Cassidy High School and Coastal Career Academy. Through this program, local high school students are offered an accelerated career opportunity which includes CNA training and

the ability to apply for available positions at the hospital. Through these partnerships, the hospital expanded its capacity to educate the community - particularly seniors, families and youth - about various health and wellness topics. The hospital also maintained executive leader-level participation on various local boards and committees. Executive staff members were involved with the following organizations' boards or steering committees: The Prevention & Wellness Network (CHNA 24), Old Colony YMCA of Taunton, United Way of Greater Attleboro & Taunton, Coyle & Cassidy High School, Taunton Opiate Task Force, Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Taunton, Kiwanis Club of Taunton and the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.

Linking to the hospital's top priorities in the area of obesity and diabetes reduction, Morton Hospital continued its participation in the Steward Farmers Market Vegetable Voucher program, promoting healthy eating to individuals with or at risk for diabetes. In 2018, the hospital maintained a partnership with Manet Community Health Center in Taunton, distributing vegetable vouchers to patients through both Manet providers and the hospital's diabetes educator. As a unique way to address the community's high incidence rate of obesity and other chronic diseases, Morton Hospital partnered with Steward Medical Group to implement a new "Walk with a Doc" program. A total of six physician-led community walks were held in 2018. In response to the high incidence rate of obesity in greater Taunton and to enhance access to weight loss services, Morton Hospital also opened a new Center for Weight Control, offering medical and surgical options for weight control and weight loss.

Relating to the access to health care priority, assisting patients in acquiring health insurance coverage and establishing primary care providers was also a focus of the hospital in 2018. The hospital's Community Health Advocates assisted a total of 1,640 individuals in enrolling in health insurance coverage in 2018. Initiatives to connect patients with a dedicated primary care provider included: promoting new providers via social media; through the hospital Emergency Department and inpatient units, referring patients without an established primary care provider to a dedicated provider and booking primary care appointments for patients prior to discharge as appropriate; maintaining an ongoing directory for patients of primary care providers in the hospital's service area accepting new patients.

A need identified by the community in a recent needs assessment was the need for more primary care providers - specifically providers who were bi-lingual. In 2018, Morton Hospital successfully recruited three new trilingual primary care physicians who speak Spanish and Portuguese to better meet the cultural and linguistic needs of the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking population in greater Taunton. One provider began seeing patients in 2018, while the other two officially started practicing in early 2019.

The hospital also supported the roll-out and promotion of a system-wide initiative, Steward Community Connection, which an online resource center designed to assist providers, health care professional partners and community members with finding and referring members and patients to free or reduced cost local services and programs like food pantries, housing, transportation and support groups.

The hospital expanded its clinical offerings in areas aligned with its key priority areas of Chronic

Diseases and Substance Abuse. New physician specialists were recruited and added to the hospital's medical staff to help address some of the community's most prevalent health and wellness concerns: a new vascular surgeon (to address the high incidence rate of vascular diseases linked to diabetes, high blood pressure and cardiac disease), a new breast surgeon (to support surgical treatment of patients with breast cancer), a new pulmonologist (to address the high incidence rate of lung disease in the greater Taunton region), and a new pain management specialist who maintains a focus on non-opioid treatments for chronic pain such as physical therapy and behavioral therapy.

Lastly, Morton Hospital completed its triennial Community Health Needs Assessment, through which the hospital received valuable community input regarding needed programs and services throughout the area.

### **Plans for Next Reporting Year**

In 2019, Morton Hospital has plans to further expand its reach into the community and enhance its community benefits mission by identifying new opportunities to participate on additional health and wellness task forces and coalitions, as well as opportunities to get involved with additional community organizations.

Throughout 2019, the hospital will maintain a focus on five key priority areas:

- Chronic Disease
- Obesity
- Mental Health
- Substance Use Disorder
- Access to Care

The hospital looks forward to continuing programs like Walk with a Doc, as well as its Farmers Market Veggie Voucher program.

The hospital will also continue to expand programs such as its lung cancer screening program and its Center for Weight Control, due to the increased need for these services in the community.

In 2019, the hospital plans to develop a new breast clinical pathway for patients diagnosed with breast cancer, expanding the direct services and support services available to this patient population.

Morton Hospital will also roll out new community education programs, including free CPR and Basic Life Support classes to the community.

### **Community Benefits Process**

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#### **Community Benefits Leadership/Team**

The Hospital, the President, the Board of Directors of Morton Hospital, and the hospital's senior

leadership team have a vested interest in the activities of the Community Benefits Program, and as such have granted the Public Affairs Department oversight of the Community Benefits Program. Their interest is vested in the activities of the Community Benefits Program because there is a need to include the community benefits into the overall mission of the Hospital.

Responsibilities of the Department include:

Identifying the health care needs in the community

Collaborating with community organizations, coalitions and task forces to offer health and wellness programs that address community needs

Prioritizing unmet needs and determining those that can be most effectively addressed by Morton Hospital while making effective use of limited health care resources

In overseeing and developing the Hospital's Community Benefits Program, the Public Affairs Department is supported and guided by:

Community Benefits Advisory Council (CBAC)

Hospital Senior Leadership

The Board of Directors

Members of the hospital's Community Benefits Advisory Council for 2018 were:

Julie Masci, Director of Marketing " Morton Hospital; Anabela Spano, Community Outreach Coordinator " Morton Hospital; Liliana Pavao, Interpreter Services Manager " Morton Hospital; Veronic Jatoba, Community Health Advocate " Morton Hospital; Andrew Dawley " Community Counseling of Bristol County; David Spilker " High Point Treatment Center; Julie Kennedy " Old Colony YMCA; Leah Serafin " Old Colony YMCA; Maribeth Ferreira " Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen & Resource Center; Mark Cook " Matthew Mission Advocacy & Resource Center; Rita Celia " Triump Inc; Sandra McGunigle " Manet Community Health Center

### **Community Benefits Team Meetings**

May 18, 2018

September 14, 2018

January 4, 2019 (originally scheduled for December 2018 but postponed due to unanticipated conflict)

### **Community Partners**

Prevention & Wellness Network/Mass in Motion Taunton (CHNA 24)

Old Colony YMCA of Taunton

Middleboro YMCA

Coyle & Cassidy High School Food Pantry

Trucchi's Supermarkets

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

Community Counseling of Bristol County

Manet Community Health Center

Triumph Inc.  
Coyle & Cassidy High School  
Steward Medical Group

## Community Health Needs Assessment

### Date Last Assessment Completed and Current Status

December 2018

### Consultants/Other Organizations

H&HS Consulting  
Prevention & Wellness Network/Mass in Motion Taunton

### Data Sources

CHNA, Community Focus Groups, MassCHIP, Surveys,

### CHNA Document - PDF format

[MORTON HOSPITAL CHNA 2018.PDF](#)

### Implementation Strategy (optional)

#### File Upload (optional)

Not Specified

## Community Benefits Programs

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### Behavioral Health Navigator Program

<b>Program Type</b>	Direct Services, Health Screening,
<b>Statewide Priority</b>	Promoting Wellness of Vulnerable Populations,
<b>EOHHS Focus Issue(s) (optional)</b>	Mental Illness and Mental Health, Substance Use Disorders,
<b>DoN Health Priorities (optional)</b>	Not Specified
<b>Target Population</b>	📍 <b>Regions Served:</b> Other-Southeastern MA,

Health Indicator: Access to Health Care, Mental Health, Other: Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Substance Abuse,

Sex: All,

Age Group: All,

Ethnic Group: All,

Language: All,

### Goal Description

Ensure behavioral health patients are connected with outpatient or inpatient care as needed.

### Goal Status

Ongoing. In 2018, the behavioral health navigators had a total of 2,383 behavioral health related encounters in the Emergency Department, and 1,183 substance abuse related encounters.

### Partners

#### Partner Name, Description

Community Counseling of Bristol County

#### Partner Web Address

[www.comcounseling.org](http://www.comcounseling.org)

#### Contact Information

Christina Cronin Lead Behavioral Health Navigator 88 Washington Street Taunton, MA 02780 508-828-7238

#### Detailed Description

The Behavioral Health Navigator assesses behavioral health crisis patients in the Emergency Department, works with the Norton Crisis Center to place patients as needed, and provides assistance to crisis patients who are inpatients and in need of a psychiatric inpatient placement.

### Cancer Prevention and Awareness Program

#### Program Type

Community Education, Direct Services, Health Screening, Outreach to Underserved, Prevention,

#### Statewide Priority

Chronic Disease Management in Disadvantage Populations, Promoting Wellness of Vulnerable Populations,

#### EOHHS Focus Issue(s) (optional)

Chronic Disease with focus on Cancer, Heart Disease, and Diabetes,

<b>DoN Health Priorities (optional)</b>	Not Specified
<b>Target Population</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📄 <b>Regions Served:</b> Other-Southeastern MA, Taunton,</li> <li>📄 <b>Health Indicator:</b> Other: Cancer, Other: Cancer - Breast, Other: Cancer - Lung, Other: Cancer - Skin,</li> <li>📄 <b>Sex:</b> All,</li> <li>📄 <b>Age Group:</b> Adult,</li> <li>📄 <b>Ethnic Group:</b> All,</li> <li>📄 <b>Language:</b> All,</li> </ul>

<b>Goal Description</b>	<b>Goal Status</b>
Increase awareness of the importance of screening for the early detection of cancers	Ongoing; the hospital provided two educational programs in 2018 to discuss screening guidelines and importance, and also ran campaigns to encourage screening through mammography and lung screening.
Increase the number of women ages 40 and older receiving annual screening mammograms	In progress: 7,794 women received mammograms at Morton Hospital in 2018, vs 7,811 in 2017.

**Partners**

<b>Partner Name, Description</b>	<b>Partner Web Address</b>
American Cancer Society	<a href="http://www.cancer.org">www.cancer.org</a>

**Contact Information**  
 Julie Masci Director of Marketing, Public Affairs & Community Health 88 Washington St. Taunton, MA 02780 (508) 828-7015

**Detailed Description**  
 This program includes education, screening and prevention programs. In 2018, the hospital held a campaign promoting screening mammography for the early detection of breast cancer. The program included special events and promotions during national cancer months. The hospital also hosted an "Updates in Cancer Care" panel discussion at which nearly 50 community members attended. The hospital also continued to promote its lung cancer screening program and became a designated "Lung Cancer Screening Center"

## Center for Weight Control

<b>Program Type</b>	Support Group,
<b>Statewide Priority</b>	Chronic Disease Management in Disadvantage Populations, Promoting Wellness of Vulnerable Populations,
<b>EOHHS Focus Issue(s) (optional)</b>	Chronic Disease with focus on Cancer, Heart Disease, and Diabetes,
<b>DoN Health Priorities (optional)</b>	Not Specified
<b>Target Population</b>	<p>☐ <b>Regions Served:</b> Other-Southeastern MA, Taunton,</p> <p>☐ <b>Health Indicator:</b> Access to Health Care, Overweight and Obesity,</p> <p>☐ <b>Sex:</b> All,</p> <p>☐ <b>Age Group:</b> All Adults,</p> <p>☐ <b>Ethnic Group:</b> All,</p> <p>☐ <b>Language:</b> All,</p>

### Goal Description

Decrease the incidence rate of obesity in the greater Taunton community

Increase access to medical weight loss services for residents in greater Taunton

### Goal Status

Ongoing; more than 88 patients have entered the program since the center opened in October 2018

In progress; patients now have access to these services in Taunton vs other programs more than 20 minutes away

### Partners

Partner Name, Description	Partner Web Address
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Steward Medical Group	<a href="http://locations.steward.org">locations.steward.org</a>
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### Contact Information

Kristine Smith, 774-409-7803, 100 Industrial Park Road, Taunton MA 02780

### Detailed Description

In 2018, Morton Hospital opened a new Center for Weight Control in collaboration with Steward Medical Group in response to the high

incidence rate of obesity and obesity-related chronic diseases in the greater Taunton community. The center offers both medical and surgical weight loss/weight control options, as well as monthly weight loss support groups.

**Community Health Advocate Program**

<b>Program Type</b>	Direct Services, Health Coverage Subsidies or Enrollment, Outreach to Underserved,
<b>Statewide Priority</b>	Address Unmet Health Needs of the Uninsured, Promoting Wellness of Vulnerable Populations, Reducing Health Disparity, Supporting Healthcare Reform,
<b>EOHHS Focus Issue(s) (optional)</b>	Not Specified
<b>DoN Health Priorities (optional)</b>	Not Specified
<b>Target Population</b>	<p>☐ <b>Regions Served:</b> Other-Southeastern MA,</p> <p>☐ <b>Health Indicator:</b> Access to Health Care, Other: Uninsured/Underinsured,</p> <p>☐ <b>Sex:</b> All,</p> <p>☐ <b>Age Group:</b> All,</p> <p>☐ <b>Ethnic Group:</b> All,</p> <p>☐ <b>Language:</b> All,</p>

<b>Goal Description</b>	<b>Goal Status</b>
Reduce the number of uninsured residents in the greater Taunton community	In progress; from the hospital's 2015 to 2018 needs assessment, the number of uninsured residents remains about the same. In 2018, the hospital assisted 1,640 individuals in obtaining health insurance coverage.

**Partners**

<b>Partner Name, Description</b>	<b>Partner Web Address</b>
Not Specified	Not Specified

<b>Contact Information</b>	Veronica Jatoba 88 Washington Street, Taunton 508-828-7010
<b>Detailed Description</b>	Via the Community Health Advocate Program, Morton Hospital strives to connect low-income people and disabled individuals with health insurance coverage. In 2018, the CHAs assisted 1,640 individuals with obtaining insurance coverage.

### Farmers Market Veggie Voucher Program

<b>Program Type</b>	Community Education, Direct Services, Health Screening, Outreach to Underserved, Prevention, Support Group,
<b>Statewide Priority</b>	Chronic Disease Management in Disadvantage Populations, Promoting Wellness of Vulnerable Populations,
<b>EOHHS Focus Issue(s) (optional)</b>	Chronic Disease with focus on Cancer, Heart Disease, and Diabetes,
<b>DoN Health Priorities (optional)</b>	Not Specified
<b>Target Population</b>	<p>☐ <b>Regions Served:</b> Other-Southeastern MA, Taunton,</p> <p>☐ <b>Health Indicator:</b> Other: Diabetes, Other: Nutrition, Overweight and Obesity, Physical Activity,</p> <p>☐ <b>Sex:</b> All,</p> <p>☐ <b>Age Group:</b> All,</p> <p>☐ <b>Ethnic Group:</b> All,</p> <p>☐ <b>Language:</b> All,</p>

<b>Goal Description</b>	<b>Goal Status</b>
Reduce the incidence of diabetes and obesity in the community.	Ongoing; in 2018, the hospital provided vouchers and educational packet to more than 50 diabetic patients or patients at risk for developing diabetes to assist them in purchases fresh fruits and vegetables.
Enhance hospital-based programs and initiatives that focus on diabetes education and prevention, obesity	Ongoing; the hospital has expanded weight control resources and will continue to enhance the program

prevention and good nutrition.

**Partners**

Partner Name, Description	Partner Web Address
Federation of Massachusetts Farmers Markets	www.massfarmersmarkets.org
Manet Community Health Center	www.manetchc.org

<b>Contact Information</b>	Julie Masci 508-828-7015
<b>Detailed Description</b>	the goal of this program is to provide vouchers to diabetic patients or patients at risk for developing diabetes, allowing them to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets. Vouchers are distributed through Morton's diabetes educator, as well as provided through a partnership with Manet Community Health Center.

**Friedman School-Based Health Center**

<b>Program Type</b>	Direct Services, Outreach to Underserved, School/Health Center Partnership,
<b>Statewide Priority</b>	Address Unmet Health Needs of the Uninsured, Chronic Disease Management in Disadvantage Populations, Promoting Wellness of Vulnerable Populations, Reducing Health Disparity, Supporting Healthcare Reform,
<b>EOHHS Focus Issue(s) (optional)</b>	Not Specified
<b>DoN Health Priorities (optional)</b>	Not Specified
<b>Target Population</b>	<p>☐ <b>Regions Served:</b> Other-Southeastern MA, Taunton,</p> <p>☐ <b>Health Indicator:</b> Access to Health Care, Immunization,</p> <p>☐ <b>Sex:</b> All,</p> <p>☐ <b>Age Group:</b> Child-Preschool, Child-Preteen, Child-Primary School, Child-Teen,</p>

☒ **Ethnic Group:** All,

☒ **Language:** All,

**Goal Description**

**Goal Status**

Improve the overall health of children living in greater Taunton; increase the number of families visiting the clinic for primary and preventive care

Ongoing; number of visits to the clinic (as well as total number of new patient visits) increased for the 2018 school year over the 2017 school year, with a total of 439 visits in 2018 and 417 visits in 2017.

Provide primary and preventive health care services to children regardless of insurance status; promote health and wellness in school-aged children

Ongoing; the clinic provided services to 439 children throughout the 2017-2018 school year

**Partners**

**Partner Name, Description**

**Partner Web Address**

Benjamin A. Friedman Middle School

[www.tauntonschoools.org](http://www.tauntonschoools.org)

**Contact Information**

Julie Masci Morton Hospital 88 Washington Street Taunton, MA 508-828-7015

**Detailed Description**

The School-Based Health Center is an effort to improve the health and wellness of children and adolescents in Taunton and its surrounding communities and improve access to health care for all children. Services are provided regardless of ability to pay.

**Health Education/Outreach Program**

**Program Type**

Community Education, Direct Services, Health Screening, Outreach to Underserved, Prevention,

**Statewide Priority**

Address Unmet Health Needs of the Uninsured, Chronic Disease Management in Disadvantage Populations, Promoting Wellness of Vulnerable Populations,

<b>EOHHS Focus Issue(s) (optional)</b>	Chronic Disease with focus on Cancer, Heart Disease, and Diabetes,
<b>DoN Health Priorities (optional)</b>	Not Specified
<b>Target Population</b>	<p>☐ <b>Regions Served:</b> Other-Southeastern MA, Taunton,</p> <p>☐ <b>Health Indicator:</b> Access to Health Care, Other: Cancer, Other: Diabetes, Other: Nutrition, Other: Smoking/Tobacco, Other: Stroke, Overweight and Obesity, Physical Activity, Tobacco Use,</p> <p>☐ <b>Sex:</b> All,</p> <p>☐ <b>Age Group:</b> Adult,</p> <p>☐ <b>Ethnic Group:</b> All,</p> <p>☐ <b>Language:</b> All,</p>

<b>Goal Description</b>	<b>Goal Status</b>
Increase awareness of Morton Hospital services, chronic diseases and prevention practices	Ongoing; an estimated 1,000 residents were engaged during community education programs in 2018 including senior lunch and learn programs, presentations at local councils on aging, and information provided at the hospital's community health fair in the fall.
Influence the overall health and wellness of the greater Taunton community	Ongoing; Taunton has the highest chronic disease incidence rate of all towns in the hospital's service area. In 2018, Morton Hospital provided blood pressure screenings at more than 8 events, provided 12 community education talks and hosted a large-scale health fair at the hospital with nearly 500 community members in attendance who received health education and information as well as screenings.

### Partners

<b>Partner Name, Description</b>	<b>Partner Web Address</b>
Old Colony YMCA Middleboro	<a href="http://www.oldcolonymca.org/middleboro">www.oldcolonymca.org/middleboro</a>
Old Colony YMCA Taunton	<a href="http://www.oldcolonymca.org/taunton">www.oldcolonymca.org/taunton</a>

Raynham Council on Aging [http://www.town.raynham.ma.us/Public\\_Documents/RaynhamMA\\_Aging/index](http://www.town.raynham.ma.us/Public_Documents/RaynhamMA_Aging/index)

Trucchi's Supermarkets [www.trucchis.com](http://www.trucchis.com)

Coyle & Cassidy High School Food Pantry Not Specified

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen & Resource Center Not Specified

**Contact Information** Julie Masci 88 Washington St. Taunton, MA 02780 (508) 828-7015

**Detailed Description** Morton Hospital hosts educational programs and participates in community events on a regular basis in order to enhance awareness of programs/services and educate the community about chronic disease and preventive health. The program also includes special programs and screenings.

### Walk with a Doc Program

**Program Type** Healthy Communities Partnership, Prevention,

**Statewide Priority** Chronic Disease Management in Disadvantage Populations, Promoting Wellness of Vulnerable Populations,

**EOHHS Focus Issue(s) (optional)** Chronic Disease with focus on Cancer, Heart Disease, and Diabetes,

**DoN Health Priorities (optional)** Not Specified

**Target Population**

- ☐ **Regions Served:** Other-Southeastern MA, Taunton,
- ☐ **Health Indicator:** Overweight and Obesity, Physical Activity,
- ☐ **Sex:** All,
- ☐ **Age Group:** All,
- ☐ **Ethnic Group:** All,
- ☐ **Language:** All,

**Goal Description      Goal Status**

Increase the number of community walking programs held within the city of Taunton.      Ongoing; walks initiated in fall 2018 and will resume in 2019

Reduce the incidence of obesity in greater Taunton communities      Ongoing; Taunton maintains highest incidence rate of obesity and will be a focus for the hospital moving forward

**Partners**

**Partner Name, Description      Partner Web Address**

Walk with a Doc      [www.walkwithadoc.org](http://www.walkwithadoc.org)

Steward Medical Group      [locations.steward.org](http://locations.steward.org)

**Contact Information**      Julie Masci, 508-828-7015, 88 Washington Street, Taunton MA 02780

**Detailed Description**      In 2018, Morton Hospital partnered with Steward Medical Group to initiate a new "Walk with a Doc" program in Taunton. Six physician-led community walks were held in the fall of 2018 in an effort to encourage physical activity and healthier lifestyles among community members.

**Expenditures**

**Community Benefits Programs**

Expenditures	Amount
Direct Expenses	\$2,467,439.59
Associated Expenses	Not Specified
Determination of Need Expenditures	Not Specified
Employee Volunteerism	\$5,552.51

Other Leveraged Resources \$888,001.75

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**Net Charity Care**

Expenditures	Amount
HSN Assessment	\$297,241.00
HSN Denied Claims	\$520,876.00
Free/Discount Care	\$560,558.00
<b>Total Net Charity Care</b>	<b>\$1,378,675.00</b>

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Corporate Sponsorships \$20,491.00

**Total Expenditures** \$4,760,159.85

**Total Revenue for 2018** \$115,365,934.00

**Total Patient Care-related expenses for 2018** \$117,536,187.00

**Approved Program Budget for 2019** Not Specified

(\*Excluding expenditures that cannot be projected at the time of the report.)

**Comments:** In 2018, Morton Hospital also provided \$7,411,955 in unreimbursed Medicare services, and \$4,034,002 in unreimbursed Medicaid services.

**Optional Information**

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