

Roane Medical Center Community Engagement Plan

Significant Priorities / Issues

1. Prescription Drug Abuse

Goal - Develop a community plan to address to abuse and availability of prescription drugs in Roane County

Action Plan

- A. Partner with the Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition to form a prescription drug task force.

2. Transportation

Goal - Determine the feasibility of a Roane County transportation service for medical needs.

Action Plan

- A. Roane Medical Center together with the Roane Health Council will investigate programs that may be replicated to provide transportation for local medical needs.

3. Affordable Prescriptions

Goal - Provide a means for residents with limited resources to have access to prescription medications

Action Plan

- A. Roane Medical Center will administer the community prescription assistance program, providing access to free prescriptions to eligible Roane County residents.

4. Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Incidence

Goal - Increase awareness among the medical community of the prevalence of neonatal abstinence syndrome and increase referrals for treatment.

Action Plan

- A. Working together with the emergency room, medical staff and local medical community, identify women who could benefit from the M.I.S.T program (Mothers and Infants Sober Together), addressing the incidence neonatal abstinence syndrome infants.

5. Diabetes

Goal – Promote education about risk factors, treatment, prevention and disease management

Action Plan

- A. Roane Medical Center will enhance diabetes education efforts by building awareness of the local support group, referring patients, hosting meetings, and by providing educational information and speakers.
- B. To encourage more active lifestyles and weight management Roane Medical Center and Missy Kane will provide a hiking series and biking events utilizing using local greenways and back roads.