An Assessment of Community Health Needs in Edwards, MS

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Background and Goal

• Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center, MS’s largest FQHC
  – 15 locations, including Utica, Jackson, Vicksburg, Hazlehurst, and Tougaloo College
  – Edwards site purchased in 2012 from Bancorpsouth

  PURPOSE: Research health needs of Edwards residents to better inform JHCHC of potential needs for new clinic
1. When was your last doctor’s visit?

2. What was the reason for that visit?

3. Where did you go for that visit?

4. What are the main health problems you have (if any)?

5. What health services would you like the new Jackson-Hinds Health Center to offer?

6. Are you able to visit a doctor when you need to?
   
   ___ Always  ___ Sometimes  ___ Rarely  ___ Never

7. If you answered Rarely or Never to #6, please explain why.

Thank you for your time. Your answers to these questions will help Jackson-Hinds as it sets up the new Edwards Health Center.
1. When was your last doctor’s visit?

- Greater than 6 months: 19%
- Less than 1 month: 33%
- 1 month - 6 months: 48%

81% of responders had visited a provider in the past 6 months.

- Regular health needs, so the new clinic will likely benefit patients and Jackson-Hinds.

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2. What was the reason for that visit?

- Checkup/Physical: 33%
- Cold/Infection: 17%
- HTN: 11%
- Pain (foot, head, e.g.): 17%
- Eye: 5%
- Dental: 3%
- Other: 14%

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“Other” includes:
- Women’s health
- Child care
- Cardiologist
- AIDS, sickle cell disease

If JH-Edwards offers other services besides primary care, dental and eye services would be most utilized.
3. Where did you go for that visit?

- CMMC
- River Region
- UMMC
- JH-Utica
- JH-Main
- JH-Med Mall
- Other/not...
- Bolton Clinic
- Dr. Landrum...

Other/Not specified:
- 10 of these responses were “Jackson”
- “Wal-mart,” “MEA,” “jail”

JH = 29%

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4. What are the main health problems you have (if any)?

- HTN/Circ.: 30%
- Aches/Pains: 15%
- Diabetes: 11%
- Eyes/Dental: 6%
- GI/Resp.: 8%
- Other: 8%
- None: 22%

n=138*

* If multiple health problems were listed, all were counted separately
5. What health services would you like the new Jackson-Hinds Health Center to offer?

- General/Check up: 54%
- Other: 18%
- Dental: 11%
- Eyes: 11%
- Special Pop. (child, elders, women's health): 6%

n=109

“presence in community”
“anything possible”
“close access”
“what ever they can provide”
“everything you can”
“something”
6. Are you able to visit a doctor when you need to?  
_____ Always  _____ Sometimes  
_____ Rarely  _____ Never

- When health care access isn’t convenient, folks will still find a way to get it.

![](chart1.png) n=111

7. If you answered Rarely or Never to #6, please explain why.

- JH will provide both close and affordable access.
- “I’m in pretty good health for an old lady.”
- Improvements

![](chart2.png) n=19
Many thanks for Many Meaningful Experiences

With Mayor R.L. Perkins and Chief of Police Louis Johnson.

• Administrative meetings with Quest Labs, STI Grant providers, DHA for Meaningful Use
• “State of the City” address by Mayor Johnson
• Meeting with Mayor R.L. Perkins in Edwards
• Meeting with MS Primary Health Care Alliance
• Jackson-Hinds’ July Board Meeting
• Conversations with Dr. Jasmin Chapman, CEO; Dr. Lynda Assad, Medical Director; Mr. Jeff Aldridge, CFO; and Mr. Frank Crump, Jr., Board Chair
• Clinical Experience with Dr. Jackson, Dr. Ward, Dr. Watson-McGee, Dr. Walker-McNair, Dr. Hutchings, Dr. Assad