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Introduction to the Community Profile Report

The purpose of the 2015 Community Profile is to provide a comprehensive breast health and breast cancer needs assessment in Susan G. Komen® South Florida’s service area of Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie Counties. The Community Profile will help:

- Establish focused breast health awareness and breast cancer education and outreach
- Increase partnerships for the improved continuum of care
- Establish focused granting priorities
- Impact public policy
- Guide marketing and publicity campaigns
- Strengthen sponsorship and development efforts

Susan G. Komen® South Florida was founded in 1991, as an Affiliate of Susan G. Komen® which was established in 1982 by founder Nancy G. Brinker based on her promise to her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed her sister’s life. Komen South Florida is working to better the lives of people facing breast cancer along with more than 500 Komen volunteers who generously donate their talent, time and resources to achieve the Komen South Florida mission:

Ensure funding to save local lives and end breast cancer forever, by empowering people through education, providing access to quality care for all and funding Komen Headquarters for research.

In 2014, through events like the annual Susan G. Komen South Florida Race for the Cure®, Komen South Florida has invested over half a million dollars in ten local breast health and breast cancer awareness grants in the Affiliate’s service area. Up to 75.0 percent of the net proceeds generated by Komen South Florida stay in the service area with the remaining 25.0 percent allocated to research. Since 2000, more than $21.2 million dollars were dedicated to carrying out mission related activities. This includes Community Outreach and Education; Navigation, Patient Care Screening and Treatment grants; and Research funding through the national Susan G. Komen® Grants Program. A cumulative total of $12.3 million dollars has directly funded nearly 400 community and small grants to local programs in the Affiliate service area.

As a member of The Alliance for Access to Cancer Care, Komen South Florida helped build momentum for the passage of the Florida Cancer Treatment Fairness Act (“Oral Parity”) in 2013. Komen South Florida continues to advocate for the State of Florida to budget funds for the Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (FBCCEDP); as well as to work with community partners to increase the number of FBCCEDP breast health care providers in the Affiliate’s service area.
Quantitative Data: Measuring Breast Cancer Impact in Local Communities

Healthy People 2020 is a federal government health initiative that provides specific health objectives for the country. The Healthy People target goal for reduced late-stage breast cancer detection is 41.0 cases per 100,000 women by 2020. The Healthy People target goal for reduced death rates is 20.6 per 100,000 women by 2020. The Susan G. Komen South Florida Quantitative Data Report 2015 reveals that Martin County will not meet the Healthy People 2020 goal for reduced late-stage breast cancer detection without intervention. The Quantitative Data Report also shows that currently Palm Beach County as not meeting the Healthy People 2020 goals for reduced late-stage breast cancer detection and reduced death rates, but is on track for meeting both targets by 2020. St. Lucie County is currently meeting both Healthy People 2020 breast health target outcomes.

Martin County has a substantially older female population percentage residing in rural, medically underserved areas when compared to the Affiliate service area as a whole. St. Lucie County has a substantially higher unemployment level when compared to the Affiliate service area as a whole. Palm Beach County has a higher percentage of residents who are linguistically isolated when compared to the Affiliate service area. US 2010 Census data for local towns, cities, and counties, shows indicators adversely affecting the five selected target areas in the areas of limited English proficiency, less than a high school education, income below 250.0 percent of the federal poverty level, medically underserved, and/or no health insurance. Additional local data collected from the Florida Department of Health, Florida Charts, revealed zip codes within the Affiliate’s service area with high death rates due to breast cancer.

Breast cancer late-stage diagnosis and death rate statistics combined with analysis of socio-economic and demographic data led to the selection of the below five target communities in the Komen South Florida Affiliate service area, and within them the priority populations of seniors, women of African descent, Ashkenazi Jewish women, and Hispanic/Latina women:

**Martin County - Indiantown**
Indiantown is a low income, rural, isolated community in western Martin County. Martin County is designated as medium priority because the predicted time to achieve the Healthy People 2020 late-stage incidence target is 13 years or longer. Consequently, it is unlikely with existing trends that the 2020 goal can be achieved without intervention. When compared to Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties, a higher percentage of Martin County’s population is in rural areas and medically underserved areas. Indiantown has a relatively small and concentrated population with a substantial number of undocumented residents. Hispanic/Latinos are a majority, with the next largest ethnic population being Black/African-American.

**Palm Beach County - The Glades**
Similar to Indiantown, the Glades is a rural, isolated community located in western Palm Beach County. Farming is the principal source of employment, with sugar as its main industry. Palm Beach County is designated as a medium low priority based on the projection that it will take one year to achieve the Healthy People 2020 late-stage incidence target; and two years to achieve the Healthy People 2020 female breast cancer target death rate. The Glades has a relatively small and concentrated population with the largest ethnic group being Blacks/African-Americans, followed by Hispanic/Latinos. Similar to Indiantown, there are a substantial number of undocumented residents.
Palm Beach County - North Palm Beach County
North of Southern Boulevard to the Martin County line is a geographically contiguous area that has cluster areas of low socioeconomic standing resulting in access to care barriers. This area has pockets of low income, elderly, foreign born, linguistically isolated, and minority groups (Hispanic/Latino and/or of African descent) which places it at greater risk for adverse health outcomes. In 2011 the Health Services and Resources Administration (HRSA) designated census tracts covering the zip codes of 33458, 33469, 33477, and 33478 as a Medically Underserved Population (Florida Public Health Institute, 2010). Palm Beach County is designated as a medium low priority based on the projection that it will take one year to achieve the Healthy People 2020 late-stage incidence target; and two years to achieve the Healthy People 2020 female breast cancer target death rate.

Palm Beach County - South Palm Beach County
Southern Boulevard south to the Broward County line is a geographically contiguous area that, similar to North Palm Beach County, has cluster areas of low socioeconomic standing impeding access to breast health services. This area also has pockets of low income, seniors, foreign born, linguistically isolated, and minority groups (Hispanic/Latino and/or of African descent) which places it at greater risk for adverse health outcomes. Lake Worth, Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, and Boca Raton all have a high density of seniors who are Ashkenazi Jewish females who are at a greater risk for developing breast cancer in their lifetime. Palm Beach County is designated as a medium low priority based on the projection that it will take one year to achieve the Healthy People 2020 late-stage incidence target; and two years to achieve the Healthy People 2020 female breast cancer target death rate.

St. Lucie County - Ft. Pierce/Port St. Lucie
Ft. Pierce and Port St. Lucie are in close geographic proximity to one another (14 miles apart) in St. Lucie County. Compared to Martin and Palm Beach Counties, St. Lucie County is categorized as the lowest priority because it meets the Healthy People 2020 target breast cancer death rate and target for late-stage incidence. Both of these areas have a high percentage of residents that are low income, with the largest ethnic group being Blacks/African-Americans, followed by Hispanic/Latinos. There are a higher percentage of St. Lucie residents who are unemployed, uninsured, and without a high school degree when compared to Martin and Palm Beach Counties.

It is important to note that Palm Beach County has the most target areas selected in the Affiliate Service Area although it ranked second to Martin County based on the risk priority designation. Palm Beach County has a female population of 670,031 compared to Martin County’s 72,853. Therefore, selecting several target communities within Palm Beach County may have a greater impact due to the number of females.

Health System and Public Policy Analysis

Martin County - Indiantown
Indiantown’s breast health continuum of care for diagnostics, treatment, and survivorship services occur predominantly outside of the community. Consequently, transportation and sometimes translation services may be required which presents challenges. There are no mobile mammography services in this area. Education continues to be needed in this area to...
help navigate people to appropriate resources. Martin Health System and Florida Community Health Center, are important regional partners in providing affordable health care services.

**Palm Beach County - The Glades/ North Palm Beach County/ South Palm Beach County**

All three target communities, The Glades, North, and South Palm Beach County contain several key community entry points for education, navigation, and early detection screening referrals and/or services. Treatment and survivorship services are more concentrated in North and South Palm Beach County where the majority of the population for the county resides. There are two mobile mammography units that provide services throughout the county. Their focus is South and North Palm Beach County which represent their hospital catchment areas. The Glades, a tightly knit multicultural community in the western part of the county, implements outreach and/or health education through the CL Brumback Primary Care Clinic and Health Center, Florida Community Health Center and Lakeside Medical Center. Lakeside Medical Center is a nonprofit hospital in Belle Glade that facilitates access to mammogram screenings and diagnostics for low income women. In North Palm Beach County navigation and access to early detection and screening services is provided primarily through the following community partners: El Sol health program, MyClinic, Community Health Center, FAU Community Health Center, and Palm Beach Medical Society Services Project Access program (which coordinates services in South Palm Beach County as well). Jupiter Medical Center offers comprehensive breast health services and has increased its community outreach to low income women in North Palm Beach County. Although there is a FBCCEDP presence in each selected target community of the Community Profile, the largest number of FBCCEDP providers can be found in South Palm Beach County. The Caridad Center, Marie Louise Cancer Foundation, FoundCare and Genesis Community Health Center are entry portals for screening and referrals for mammograms in South Palm Beach County. Bethesda Health and Boca Raton Regional Hospital are nonprofit hospitals that partner with Komen South Florida to facilitate access to the continuum of breast health services for low income women in South Palm Beach County.

The salient limitation to the breast care continuum of services in the Glades is the lack of treatment sites as well as full time breast surgeons and oncologists. A deficit in North Palm Beach County is the limited availability of affordable screening, diagnostic, and treatment services for women who are uninsured, and ineligible for governmental assistance programs. Similar to all of the target communities in the Affiliate service area, undocumented community residents have limited access to breast cancer treatment. Also across all target communities, the requests for financial assistance far exceed the funds available.

**St. Lucie County - Ft. Pierce/ Port St. Lucie**

The Ft. Pierce/Port St. Lucie communities have limited resources in the area of diagnostics, treatment, and survivorship support. Undocumented community residents have difficulty accessing breast cancer treatment. There are no mobile mammography services in St. Lucie County. Martin Health System, Friends in Pink, Florida Community Health Center, the HANDS Clinic, Windsor Imaging, Whole Family Health Center, In the Image of Christ, the Martin and St. Lucie Health Departments, all work together to streamline care for at risk residents with breast health concerns. As of September 2014, Martin Health System began accepting underserved patients from all of St. Lucie County, including Ft. Pierce, dependent on individual assessments of eligibility. Martin Memorial Health Systems’ facilities include: Tradition Medical Center and St. Lucie West outpatient services in Port St. Lucie; and Martin Memorial Hospital South and Martin Memorial Medical Center in Stuart. Although services are now available in this target
community, the potential for access and utilization issues may still exist for Port St. Lucie/Ft. Pierce residents who lack transportation and/or insurance coverage.

**Public Policy Analysis**

Public policy is essential to improving breast health care service delivery in the State of Florida and assisting residents in the Affiliate’s service area in accessing the medical care they need for improved breast health. Komen South Florida will monitor the new health care laws introduced through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) which will help many low-income, underserved women obtain breast and cervical cancer screening tests by expanding insurance coverage and by removing co-pays for these services. However, even with good health insurance, many women will still have access issues due to geographic isolation, problems understanding cancer screening and how it applies to them, inconvenient access to screening services, language and financial barriers. Of particular concern are patients who fall in the “Medicaid Gap,” as a result of the State of Florida declining Medicaid expansion. Other vulnerable groups are undocumented women and men who are not eligible for the ACA. The Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (FBCCEDP) is the state implementation of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection program which provide a continuum of breast health services for low income women who qualify. There are many at risk groups for whom FBCCEDP is vital for providing services. Florida has the most stringent requirements for program eligibility in comparison to other states’ programs.

Komen South Florida in conjunction with the five other Komen Affiliates in Florida, comprise the Florida Komen Public Policy Collaborative, and together participate in statewide public policy initiatives to improve Floridians’ access to breast health services, including:

- Advocate for the continuation of the Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (FBCCEDP);
- Implement the Florida State Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition's goals and strategies for prevention; treatment and access to care; and survivorship and;
- Provide information to the community on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its impact on access to breast health services.

**Qualitative Data: Ensuring Community Input**

The purpose of the qualitative data review was to gain an understanding of the challenges facing the five target communities with regard to breast health services. Komen South Florida Affiliate and its Community Profile partners conducted nine focus groups, 27 key informant interviews and distributed 1,000 surveys to gather data to answer four key questions.

1. **What are the barriers that prevent women from obtaining screening and diagnostic services that may be contributing to late-stage incidence in the target areas?**

   Lack of money and/or lack of health insurance were the most predominant responses to what barriers prevent women from obtaining screening and diagnostics services. In fact, 29.0 percent of all participants stated that lack of money prevented them from seeing a doctor at least once in the last 12 months.
Likewise, participants often cited similar suggestions for improving the current model of service delivery in these target communities. These suggestions are: remove financial barriers to screening and diagnostic services; improve educational outreach with an emphasis on the importance and benefits of screening and diagnostic services; and reduce transportation barriers to make it easier to obtain screening and diagnostic services in the target communities.

Table 1. Characteristics of an Enhanced Service Delivery Model

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2. Although the proportion of women with screening mammography in the last two years is not significantly different when comparing each county to the Affiliate as a whole, will the health services analysis and qualitative data reveal any other communities within Martin County that are in medically underserved areas with seniors or other vulnerable populations?

The demographic profile for focus group participants in Indiantown/Martin County reveals that a higher percentage of participants (80.0 percent) were diagnosed with late-stage breast cancer (stages 3 and 4) when compared to the other target areas. Time constraints and a lack of resources prevented a statistically relevant number of focus group sessions from being held. Further assessment is needed to determine if additional underserved vulnerable populations are in Martin County.
3. **What is the tactic for designing the best service delivery system in north St. Lucie County given the limitation that there are no nonprofit hospitals in this area?**

During the course of implementing the Community Profile breast health needs assessment, Martin Memorial Health System’s expanded its breast health services from only south and central St. Lucie County to the entire county, thereby eliminating the service delivery limitation of there being no nonprofit hospitals accessible to northern St. Lucie County residents. Residents of Ft. Pierce in north St. Lucie County are now able to obtain services at any of Martin Memorial Health System’s nonprofit facilities if qualified; including Tradition Medical Center in Port. St. Lucie, Martin Memorial Hospital South, Martin Memorial Medical Center, and St. Lucie West outpatient services.

4. **Palm Beach County has the greatest percentage of people who are foreign-born compared to Martin and St. Lucie Counties. Yet, all face a similar compelling question of how do you facilitate breast health services in a timely manner for persons who are foreign born undocumented residents?**

Of the nine focus groups held one-third were conducted in a language other than English. Two focus groups were in Spanish, and one in Creole. Although there is not enough data to assess the specific needs of undocumented resident, common themes emerged and were identified as barriers that prevented women from seeking and obtaining breast health services. These themes are:

1. A lack of money and/or health insurance to pay for screening and diagnostic services
2. Fear of the result from the screening and or diagnostic procedure
3. A lack of knowledge or understanding about the importance of risk reduction

Due to the limitations of the data, the perspectives provided represent only those that participated in the focus groups, interviews and surveys and do not represent the general population of the community, survivors or providers as a whole.

**Mission Action Plan**

The target communities’ problem statements were derived from the triangulation of data collected through the Community Profile process. The problem statements cover high rates and/or percentages of late-stage diagnosis, death rates, linguistically isolated residents, and uninsured. The Community Profile priorities focus on developing and sustaining community partnerships to promote breast health education and services in a culturally competent manner, targeted grantmaking; and reducing financial access barriers to care. These priorities were chosen because collaboratives are critical to penetrating the Affiliate’s target areas. In order to implement successful interventions, cultural, language, and financial obstacles must be addressed. Objectives were developed to address the priorities and problem statements: 1) form collaborative relationships within the target communities; 2) increase access to breast health services through culturally competent outreach and education, navigation, and patient care grant programs; 3) advocate for the Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (FBCCEDP) and Patient Access initiatives to increase access to services.
**Problem Statement**

Martin County has the highest rate of late-stage diagnosis and the largest percentage of people living in medically underserved areas within the Affiliate service area. Qualitative data indicates that cultural differences play a role in preventing women from immigrant and/or minority populations from following up for a mammogram screening. The health systems data indicates that Indiantown does not have any mammogram facilities within the community which may contribute to late-stage diagnosis.

**Priority**

Partner with community-based outreach/health organizations to promote breast health education and services, including reducing cultural and language barriers for Hispanic/Latina and women of African descent who are at greater risk of being diagnosed with late-stage breast cancer. This will increase education on early detection and screening as well as navigation for services, potentially reducing the rate of late-stage diagnosis in Martin County.

**Objectives**

In FY 2016 develop a collaborative relationship with the Florida Rural Women’s Health Project to expand outreach to at risk populations.

Funding priorities starting with the FY 2016 Community Grant Request for Applications and onward will be culturally competent patient navigation, education and patient care programs. This will potentially lead to improved breast health.
PALM BEACH COUNTY - THE GLADES/ NORTH PALM BEACH COUNTY/ SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY

Problem Statement

Palm Beach County has higher than average death rates and has the highest percentage of linguistically isolated residents within the Affiliate service area. Qualitative data indicated that language barriers may prevent women from seeking breast health care and following through on referrals for a mammogram.

Priority

Partner with community-based outreach/health organizations to promote breast health education and services, including reducing cultural and language barriers for Hispanic/Latina and women of African descent for whom breast cancer is the most common cancer and the leading cause of cancer death. This will increase education on early detection and screening as well as navigation for services, thereby reducing the breast cancer deaths in Palm Beach County.

Objectives

By April 2017 collaborate with at least one new organization in South Palm Beach County to expand outreach to at risk populations regarding available breast health services.

Consistent across The Glades, North Palm Beach County, and South Palm Beach County, the funding priorities starting with the FY 2016 Community Grant Request for Applications and onward will be culturally competent patient navigation, education and patient care programs. This will potentially lead to improved breast health outcomes throughout Palm Beach County.

By October 2017 collaborate with at least one new health care provider to increase access to breast health care services for at risk residents in The Glades.

By April 2018 collaborate with at least one new organization in North Palm Beach County to expand outreach to at risk populations regarding available breast health services.
More than one in four women age 40-64 in St. Lucie County is without health insurance which reduces access to care for breast health early detection, diagnostic, and treatment services. The Qualitative data identified a lack of money and/or health insurance as a primary reason that women in the community do not seek breast health services.

Reduce financial barriers to screening, diagnostic, and treatment services in order that St. Lucie County residents without health insurance will potentially have increased access to the breast cancer continuum of care.

From FY 2016 – FY 2019 send information to all of St. Lucie County’s federal and state representatives and senators about how the Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection program (FBCCEDP) provides increased access to breast health services for residents by reducing financial barriers.

From FY 2016 and onward adjust grantmaking priorities to respond to the Affordable Care Act. Each grant year’s Applicant Workshop will encourage applications for patient care programs that reduce financial barriers for at risk vulnerable populations.

From FY 2016 – FY 2019 send information to all of St. Lucie County’s federal and state representatives and senators on the importance of supporting Patient Access legislation to increase access to breast health services for residents.

**Disclaimer:** Comprehensive data for the Executive Summary can be found in the 2015 Susan G. Komen South Florida Community Profile Report.