



# KANSAS RURAL HEALTH WORKS

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# Program Agenda

- Overview – progress to date
- Education, crime and traffic data fact sheets
- Review initial community concerns
- Community health care survey results
- Distribute directory
- Next meeting – agenda and date

# Program Overview

- Help foster sustainable rural community health care system
- Community-driven process
- 5-6 one-hour working meetings over 5-6 months
- Emphasis is on development of information products
  - Economic impact of health care system
  - Health services directory
  - Community health care survey
  - Data and information reports
- Summary meeting at conclusion
  - Discuss tentative action plan at the final formal KRHW meeting

# Data Fact Sheets

- Education data
  - Enrollment, student-teacher ratio declines
  - Dropout rates declining, student violence up
- Crime data
  - Crime index and arrests increased slightly
- Traffic data
  - Car-deer crashes high
  - No seatbelts in 17% of crashes w. injury/death, 5-20 crashes speed/alcohol

# Initial Community Perceptions

- Health-related concerns
  - Recruitment/retention of health providers & services
  - Some negative perceptions related to health care
  - Youth health-related behaviors
  - Age and condition of hospital
- Health-related needs
  - Recruitment/retention strategies
  - Community discussion about the hospital and support
- Health-related goals
  - Prevention and wellness strategies and support

# Health Survey Results

- Survey April 25 – May 8
- 212 responses (248 total with pilot)
- Generally representative of the market area

# Health Survey Results

- 84% saw primary care professional w/in past year
- 47% use Concordia, 13% Clyde (40% out of the local market)
  - Provider turnover, convenience cited
- General satisfaction with services
- Most believe more providers and specialists needed

# Health Survey Results

- 70% obtain health services w/in 20 mi.
- Most use a Concordia pharmacy
- 15 (7.1%) reported no health insurance for themselves or household members
  - Cost cited most often
  - 23% pay out of pocket

# Health Survey Results

- 57% used hospital services past 12 mo.; of those, 65% used CCHC
- Testing, specialists, emergency most cited
- 70% had prior experience with CCHC, 83% satisfied with services
- Compared to other hospitals, 52% believed services the same, 31% said other was better

# Health Survey Results

- 63% believe CCHC is meeting needs; 19% believes it is not
- 66% believe CCHC facilities are adequate; 14% believes they are not
- 32% believe CCHC needs renovation; 27% believes it does not; 41% don't know

# Health Survey Results

- 28% used Health Department; almost all satisfied
- Most familiar with nursing home would recommend it
- 80% believe EMS/ambulance adequate
- Pharmacy, vision, chiropractic most adequate; transport, rehabilitation services, adult daycare least adequate

# Health Survey Results

- No information/education topic adequate
- Abuse, STD, teen pregnancy most needed

# Survey Preliminary Conclusions

- About 40% of primary health care market “leaks” from the county
- Most who use local services are satisfied
- Health provider recruitment/retention is an issue
- 30% on their own for health insurance (7% w/o)
- Most are satisfied with CCHC services
- Large minority think CCHC facility is inadequate
- Majority uncertain if CCHC facility needs rehab.
- More I&E needed on most topics
- Other?

# Community Health Directories

- Distribution strategies

# Next Meeting

- Additional impressions from the survey
- Overall summary
- Discussion and reactions
  - Next steps?
  - Action planning?
  - Future meeting?
- Evaluation



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