



KANSAS RURAL HEALTH WORKS

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Program Agenda

- Overview – progress to date
- Community concerns revisited
- Conclusions from economic impact report
- Review data fact sheet highlights
- Community survey results, discussion
- Distribute health services directories
- Final meeting 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

Program Update

- Preliminary issues identified
- Economic impact report completed
- Data fact sheets distributed
- Health services directory distributed today
- Survey results today
- Next meeting: final meeting
 - Distribute survey report
 - Summarize impressions
 - Community discussion
 - Action planning?

Preliminary Community Concerns

- What are the Major Health-Related Concerns in Trego County?
 - Lack of local dental practice
 - Lack of affordable health care
 - Children without health insurance
 - Need for better mental health services
 - Transportation for reoccurring treatment
 - Childhood obesity

Preliminary Community Concerns

- What needs to be done to improve the local health care system?
 - Determining to proper role for local government in providing health-related services
 - Address community recreation access (winter)
 - Address issues of catastrophic illness
- What are the Greatest Barriers to Achieving Health Care Goals?
 - Cost of technologies for diagnosis and treatment

Conclusions from Economic Impact

- Health services is a major economic driver and a “must have” service for economic viability
- Rural communities face major challenges in sustaining accessible, quality health services
- Sustaining health services won’t happen by itself; local people need to step up

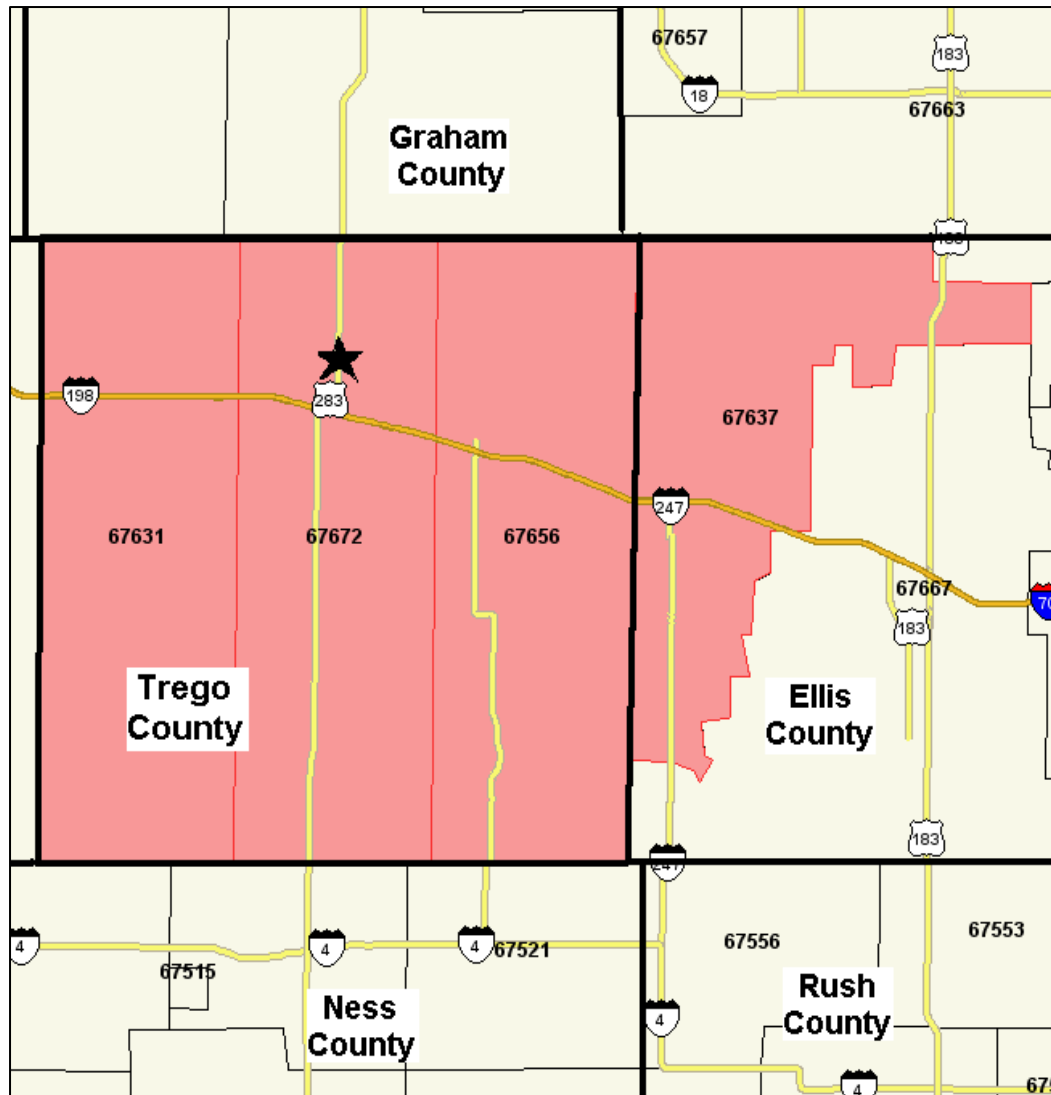
Overall Conclusions from Data

- Population trends and income levels are creating challenges
- Accessing state/federal assistance is essential
- Community-based services for those elderly, alone
- Improvement needed in preventable problems – neonatal care, tobacco, alcohol, seatbelt use

Community Health Survey Results

- Survey Nov. 5 – Nov.20
- 238 responses acquired (232 additional calls screened out)
- Respondents weighted
 - More WaKeeney, less Ellis
 - Skewed somewhat old
 - Skewed female

Trego Co. Health Market Area



Survey Results

- 80% saw primary care professional within the past year
- 65% use WaKeeney, 6% Ellis, 15% Hays, 11% Ness City
- 30% - 35% out of the local market
- General satisfaction with services – 98%

Survey Results

- 63% used any hospital w/in past 12 months
 - 51% used Trego County, 32% used Hays
 - Preference, insurance, referral
- 62% had experience with Trego County Hospital
 - 97% were satisfied
- General satisfaction with available health services

Survey Results

Response	Count	Percent	Don't Need	% Satisfied
Pharmacy Services	150	63.0%	3.4%	99.3%
Eye Doctor Services	77	32.4%	5.9%	98.7%
Chiropractic Services	94	39.5%	42.4%	100.0%
Dental Services	1	0.4%	5.0%	100.0%
Pregnancy Services	2	0.8%	81.0%	100.0%
Therapeutic Massage Services	16	6.7%	81.9%	100.0%
Physical Therapy Services	49	20.6%	66.8%	95.9%
Disability Assistance Services	4	1.7%	94.1%	100.0%
Counseling/Mental Health	0	0.0%	91.2%	0.0%
Other Therapy Services	2	8.0%	94.5%	100.0%

Survey Results

Response	Frequency	Percent	% Satisfied
County Health Department	124	52.1%	99.2%
Home Health Care	31	13.0%	93.5%
Emergency Medical Transport	44	18.5%	100.0%
Nursing Home	28	11.8%	88.9%
Elder Care	11	4.6%	81.8%
Total	238	100.0%	

Survey Results

- 95% have insurance
 - 52% employer
 - 38% Medicare/Medicaid
 - 33% self-paid
 - 5% uninsured (cost cited)
- 50% would use local dental practice; 42% would not

Survey Results

- Most believe more I&E needed
 - 50% suicide prevention
 - 40% substance abuse
 - 39% spousal abuse
 - 38% teen pregnancy
 - 38% child abuse
 - 38% childhood obesity

Survey Preliminary Conclusions

- Approximately 35% of primary health care market “leaks” from the county
- Most who use local services are satisfied
- 50% employer insurance, 25% self-pay health insurance, 41% need government assistance, 5% w/o any
- Most are satisfied with Trego Hospital services
- More I&E needed on most topics
- *Other?*

Community Health Directories

- Trego County Health Services Directory
 - 39 pages of resources
 - 24 local health service providers
 - 29 local government, community and social service providers
 - 140 state and national service providers
- Distribution strategies

Next Meeting

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