2019 COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

Background and Process

In July 2019, the Cloud County Health Center presented the community with a Community Health Needs Assessment Survey, asking their opinions on the most important health issues in our community that need addressing over the next three years. The surveys were made available at the Cloud County Fair, online via Facebook, the hospital website(www.cchc.com), Cloud County Health Department, Hospital and Family Care Center registration desks and through survey monkey email invitations. The survey listed the following health needs and concerns requesting feedback form the community members to rank them in order of importance:

1. Obesity
2. Depression/Mental Health
3. Diabetes
4. Heart Disease
5. Tobacco Use including vaping and chewing
6. Stroke
7. Trauma/Falls
8. Hypertension(high blood pressure)
9. High Cholesterol
10. Substance Abuse
11. State of Art Healthcare Facility

We received approximately 200 responses. In addition to the 11 listed healthcare needs on the survey, respondents were invited to suggest other areas of concern. These responses included the following; Proactive Wellness Programs, Safety & Improved Healthcare for Children, Surgical capabilities and Quality Medical Providers.

The Community Health Assessment Committee then met to discuss the results and develop a follow-up Implementation strategy (Community Health Improvement Plan). The plan was developed by a 50% weighting to the community responses and a 50% weighting to the committee input. The Committee consists of 18 members from various organizations in the community.

The Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requires that tax-exempt hospitals complete this assessment (CHNA) once every three years and then adopt a written strategy to be called the Cloud County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Cloud County Health Center is required to formally adopt the CHIP within the current tax year that the CHIP was completed. It is expected to monitor this plan and develop progress reports on the plan.

The improvement plan will address the priority need areas identified by the CHNA Committee. The plan will cover the next three years until a new or revised CHIP is developed as required. It will detail specific tasks to be completed, how these tasks will be measured, and who is responsible for completing the identified tasks, and target dates for completion of each task.

This plan will address 2 Priority Need Areas identified in the CHNA.

1) Accessibility and Availability to Healthcare
2) Promoting healthy lifestyles

These areas will be listed in the Improvement plan for the next three years 2019 – 2022.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

For the purposes of this assessment, the target focus area is the population of Cloud County.

In 1854, the Kansas Territory was organized, then in 1861 Kansas became the 34th US state. In 1867, Cloud County was established. Cloud County was named in honor of Colonel William F. Cloud. The Republican River passes through the county, entering from Republic County to the north and exiting to Clay County to the east. Major highways in the county are US 81 which runs through the town of Concordia and connects north to Belleville, Kansas and to the south Salina, Kansas. Another major route in US route 24, which connects Clay Center, Kansas from the east to Beloit, Kansas to the west.

The population as of the 2010 census for Cloud County was 9,533 or a 7.2% decline from the 2000 census of 10,268.
Based on the census data the population stats for the County were as follows:
1) 1990 population of 11,023 or a 11.8% decline from 1980
2) 2000 population of 10,268 or a 6.8% decline
3) 2010 population of 9,533 or a 7.2% decline
4) 2020 est. population of 9,032

Cities included in the county population were Aurora, Clyde, Concordia, Glasco, Jamestown and Miltonvale.

DEMOGRAPICS ANALYSIS FOR CLOUD COUNTY

Listed below are the racial/ethnic composition of Cloud County as of the 2000 Census data:

White – 98.3%
Black or African American - .34%
Native American - .25%
Asian - .25%
From 2 or more races - .86%

Population of the county by age category:

Under 18 years of age – 22.40%
From 18-24 years of age – 10.40%
From 25-44 years of age – 21.90%
From 45-64 years of age – 22.20%
Over 65 years of age – 23.20%

EDUCATION ANALYSIS FOR CLOUD COUNTY

Unified School Districts include the following:

1) Concordia USD 333
2) Clifton-Clyde USD 224
3) Southern Cloud USD 334

Colleges:

Cloud County Community College established in 1965
It serves the education needs of 12 counties in North Central Kansas

NOTABLE PEOPLE FROM CLOUD COUNTY KANSAS

Frank Carlson – 30th Governor of Kansas
Has the Concordia Library named in his honor

Charles H. Blosser – Aviator in Kansas
Has the airport in Concordia named in his honor

Napoleon Bonaparte Brown – soldier, businessman, Politian and resident of Kansas
He is most known as the namesake and builder of the Brown Grand Theater in Concordia
It was completed in 1907 and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS LISTING
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