

# Addressing SDOH in Rural Kansas Communities

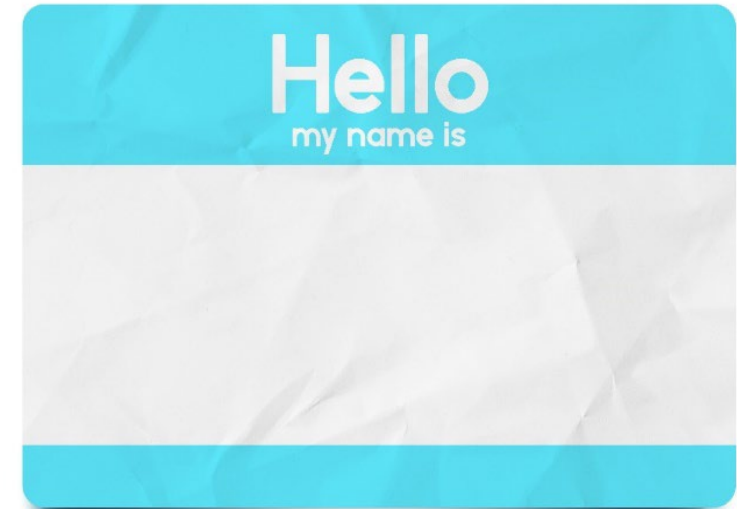


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# Today's Webinar Agenda

- Welcome – 5 mins
- Content Presentation 45 mins
  - Emersen Frazier and Shelly McMaster, Stormont Vail Health – Regulatory Considerations and Data
  - Melissa Wimmer, Sterling Medical Center – Using CHWs to Address SDOH
  - Nicole Baum, Holton Community Hospital – Community Fund to Address SDOH
- Q&A 8-10 Mins
- Closing Comments 2 mins



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- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas
- Community Care Network of Kansas
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Kansas Health Information Network
- Kansas Health Institute
- Kansas Hospital Association
- Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative

# **SDOH Regulatory Considerations and Data Collection**

**Emersen Frazier, Stormont-Vail Health**

**Shelly McMaster, Stormont-Vail Health**



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# ADDRESSING SDOH IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

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Stormont Vail  
Health

# Stormont Vail Health 2022

*Working together to improve the health of our community.*

## STORMONT VAIL HEALTH

- Employed Physicians – 283
- Employed Advanced Practice Providers – 251
- Employees – 5,452
- Volunteer Hours – 25,349
- Community Benefit – \$55,508,502\*

Stormont  
Vail  
Topeka  
Hospital



Licensed Beds	586
Births	1,498
Surgeries	17,646
Inpatient Admissions	19,380
Emergency Visits	53,405
Outpatient Visits	156,726

Cotton  
O'Neil  
Clinics



Primary Care & Specialty Clinics	30+
Express Care Visits	86,392
Clinic Visits	763,858

Unique Patients Served	209,429
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*- Flint Hills Campus became part of Stormont Vail in 2023, therefore is not included in the 2022 numbers -*

# CMS Regulatory Requirement



1. Expand the collection, reporting, and analysis of standardized data
2. Assess causes of disparities within our programs and address inequities in policies and operations to close gaps
3. Build capacity of health care organizations and the workforce to reduce health and health care disparities
4. Advance language access, health literacy, and the provision of culturally tailored services
5. Increase all forms of accessibility to health care services and coverage

# Social Determinants of Health Collection

## Screening Requirements:

- Admitted for Inpatient Hospital Stay
  - 18 years or older on date of admission
  - Domains:
    1. Food Insecurity
    2. Housing Instability
    3. Transportation Needs
    4. Utility Difficulties
    5. Interpersonal Safety
- CMS Screening Tool Flexibility



**Social Determinants of Health:**  
Social Determinants of Health

Social Determinants Flowsheet

<b>PHYSICAL ACTIVITY</b>	How often do you get together with friends or relatives?	Once a week	04/15/24 1606
On average, how many days per week do you engage in moderate to strenuous exercise (like a brisk walk)?	How often do you attend church or religious services?	Never	04/15/24 1606
On average, how many minutes do you engage in exercise at this level?	Do you belong to any clubs or organizations such as church groups, unions, fraternal or athletic groups, or school groups?	No	04/15/24 1606
<b>FINANCIAL RESOURCE STRAIN</b>	How often do you attend meetings of the clubs or organizations	More than 4 times per year	04/15/24 1606

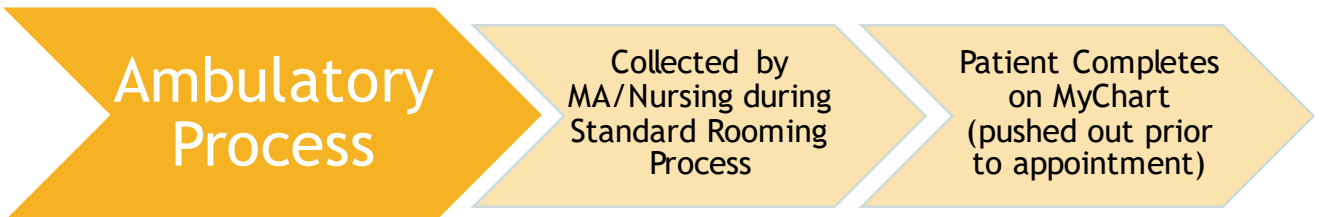
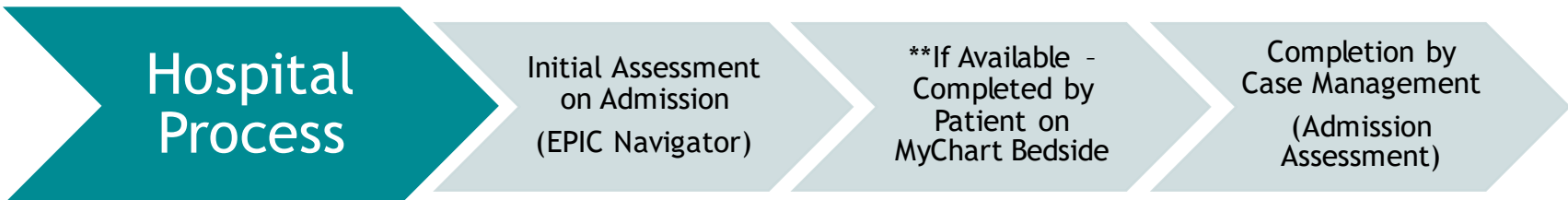
# SDOH DATA COLLECTION JOURNEY

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhanced Risk Score (ERS)</li><li>• Pilot PCMH model and process in ambulatory clinics</li><li>• EPIC Health Planet Tools and Committee</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ERS, plus</li><li>• 3 Target Questions</li><li>• Roll process out to all Primary Care Clinics</li><li>• My Chart Questionnaire</li><li>• Develop Reporting</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SDOH on Strategic Plan</li><li>• Roll SDOH out to Hospital</li><li>• LINK Grant</li><li>• Endo Food Pantry</li><li>• Increase focus to SDOH EPIC Tool</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EPIC Enhancement - Document in Flowsheets</li><li>• COVID Hits</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SDOH Strategic Plan - Increase Capture Rate</li><li>• Evaluate and re-engineer process</li><li>• Establish compliance metrics</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Engagement and Resource Focus</li><li>• Director of Health Equity Position</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus on CMS Regulation and Gap Analysis</li><li>• Stormont Vail obtains Flint Hills Hospital</li><li>• Establish SDOH Culture and Process at Flint Hills</li><li>• New SDOH questions for specialties (ACOG)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SDOH and Population Health Management</li><li>• Establish SDOH Committee focused on new evidence</li></ul>

*Changing Culture*



# SDOH DATA COLLECTION PROCESS



# SDOH Collection Barriers and Scripting

2017 - No one knew what SDOH was and why it was important

2018 - Staff felt awkward asking questions

2019 - Resistance to collecting during hospitalization

2020 - Covid slowed down progress

2023 - Specialty Practice use of SDOH

## Scripting

### **Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)**

#### **Scripting to start conversation-**

As part of our efforts to better care for you, we have a few questions to help identify and support your healthcare needs.

#### **Scripting when patients get upset with personal questions-**

These questions are asked and help in our efforts to keep you well, the information can be used to improve your plan of care &/or connect you with needed resources, some of which are available in this clinic.

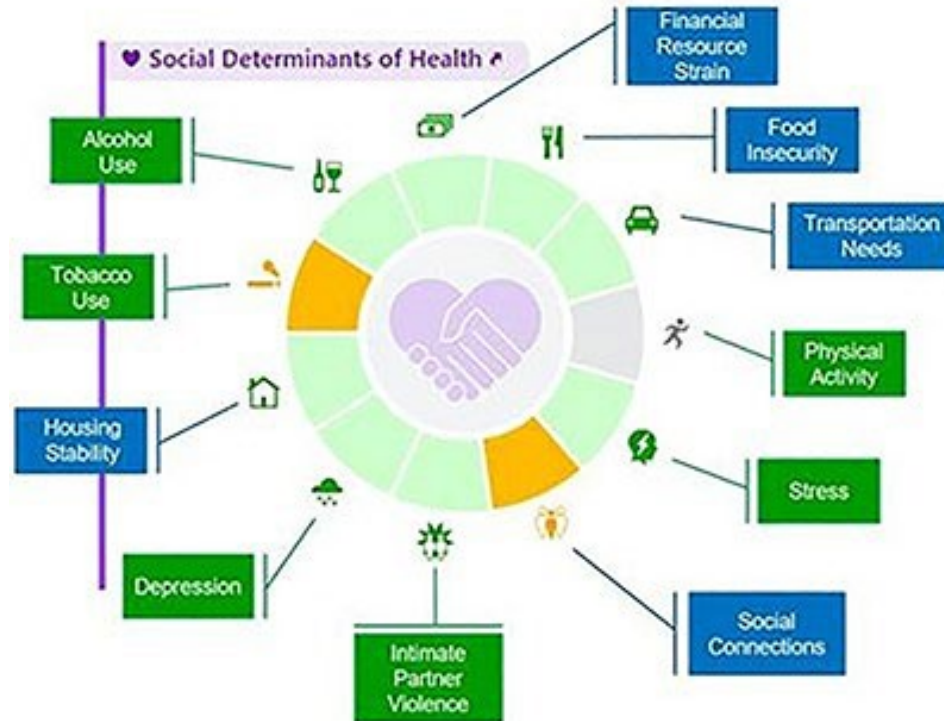
#### **Scripting if need is identified-**

We have identified your difficulty with getting to appointments. We have a Social Worker in the building I would like to share this information with.

# SDOH Questionnaire-

- ✓ SUBSTANCE USE
- ✓ DEPRESSION
- ✓ FINANCIAL RESOURCE STRAIN
- ✓ FOOD INSECURITY
- ✓ HOUSING STABILITY
- ✓ INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE
- ✓ PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
- ✓ SOCIAL CONNECTIONS
- ✓ STRESS
- ✓ TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

## EPIC SDOH Wheel



- ❖ Social Risk Factors
- ❖ Behavioral Health Risk Factors

As social factors are documented, the SDOH Wheel will update:

- **Green**....no to low risk
- **Yellow**...moderate risk
- **Red**.....high risk
- **Gray**.....no data (patient refused or not screened)





# EPIC Screening & Referrals

Plan of Care- Provider | Event Log | Intake/Output

♥ Social Determinants of Health ↗

Find community resources

**SOCIAL DETERMINANTS**

Community Resources

Search by name

Showing results near 66610. Filtered by: **Provided Service**

- Favorite
  - My favorites
- Provided Service
  - Elder Community Supp...
  - Exercise and Fitness
  - Food Insecurity Services
  - Substance Use Services
  - Visiting and Companio...
  - Youth Community Supp...
  - +Add
- Language
  - +Add
- Communication Mode
  - +Add

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Show results with no address

# SDOH Tools and Transparency



### Social Determinants of Health

Macros: (1) Patient Declined (2) Patient Unable L...

#### Physical Activity

On average, how many days per week do you engage in moderate to strenuous exercise (like a brisk walk or jog)?

0 days 1 day 2 days 3 days 4 days **5 days** 6 days 7 days Patient unable to answer

Patient declined

On average, how many minutes do you engage in exercise at this level?

0 min 10 min 20 min **30 min** 40 min 50 min 60 min 70 min 80 min 90 min 100 min 110 min

120 min 130 min 140 min 150+ min Patient unable to answer Patient declined

#### Financial Resource Strain

How hard is it for you to pay for the very basics like food, housing, medical care, and heating?

Very hard Hard Somewhat hard Not very hard **Not hard at all** Patient unable to answer Patient declined

#### Housing Stability

In the last 12 months, was there a time when you were not able to pay the mortgage or rent on time?

Yes **No** Patient unable to answer Patient declined

In the past 12 months, how many times have you moved where you were living?

3

At any time in the past 12 months, were you homeless or living in a shelter (including now)?

Yes **No** Patient unable to answer Patient declined

### Chart Review

Encounters Labs Imaging Procedures ECG Other Orders Medications Episodes Letters Notes Misc Reports Wounds

Plan of Care

#### Care Coordination Notes

Updated 6 years ago - Eliza Jenkins, RN

The patient has multiple medical issues. Followed by case management since 2010. Intermittent medication non-compliance. Always confirm whether patient is taking medications and whether she understands doses and timing.

#### Allergies

Penicillins  
No severity specified - Hives

#### Problems

Cardiovascular and Mediastinum Noted

**Essential Hypertension** 22 years ago  
Local chart  
Patient admits to poor compliance with med regimen in past-- doing better now

#### Social Determinants of Health

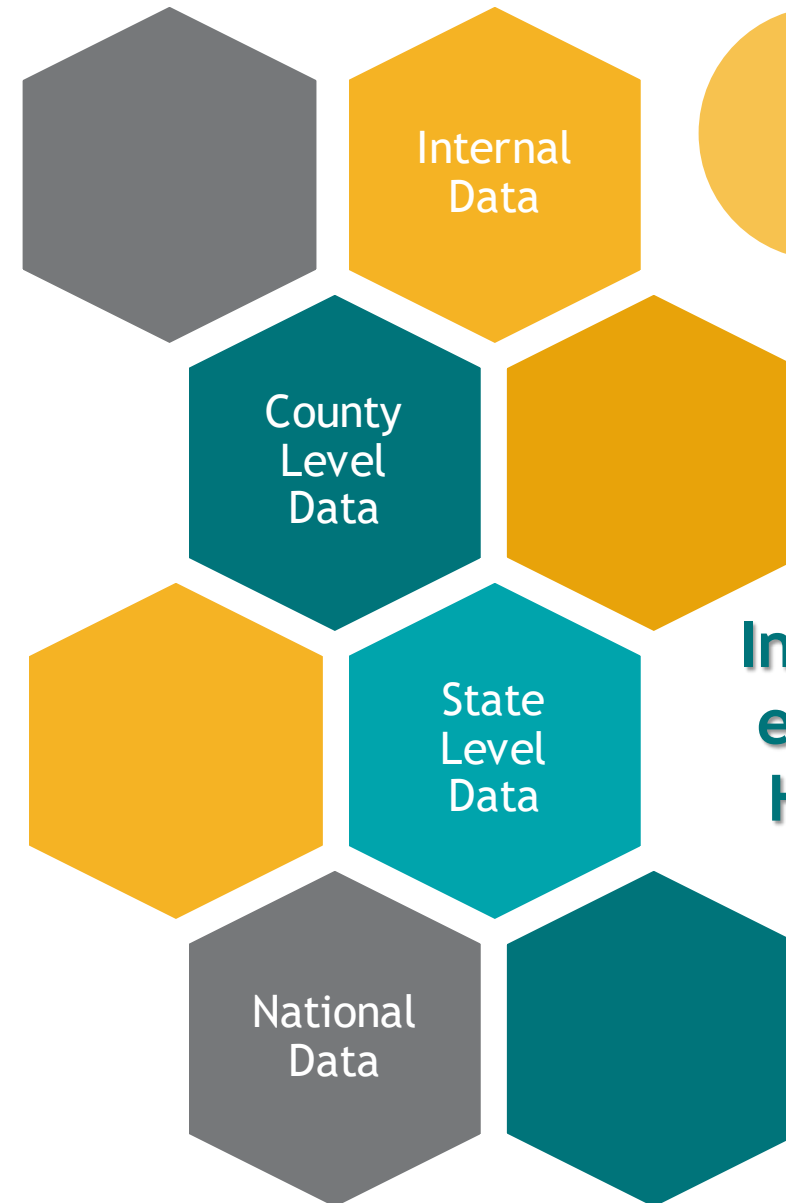
Find community resources

Electronic health record system, patient surveys, CAHPS, payer mix data, etc.

County Health Rankings, CHNAs, CHIPs, health department, zip code level data, etc.

Kansas Health Institute, KDADS, KDHE, Kansas Health Matters, Kansas Hospital Association, etc.

CDC, NIH, OMB, AHRQ, HRSA, Census Track data, academic research centers, etc.



**Information is everywhere.  
How can we utilize it?**

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# WHEN PRIORITIZING LOCAL DATA IS HELPFUL

- Small amount of internal resourcing to collect data
- Hold a large share hold of patient care in your area (>70%)
- Have access to community level data that is updated on a regular basis
  - Ideally every 6 months to a year
- Have information on methodology of how data is collected and interpreted
  - When more resources are available, can use statistician to replicate using internal data.
  - Vital to understand what leading and lagging indicators your organization has the power to impact



# WHAT CAN A DASHBOARD DO?

“The dashboard is able to **capture progress** made in certain areas as well as **identify areas of focus**. The dashboard also serves to **identify patient populations** that may be at increased risk for adverse outcomes. Discussing these dashboards in regularly scheduled quality meetings allows leadership to **continuously address gaps in care** and work to eliminate disparities.”

- The American Hospital Association in partnership with Health Research & Educational Trust



## Capture Progress

Will be able to easily acquire data that shows how SVH compares to other systems or public health data



## Help Understand Populations

High level overview of patient population and which groups are underserved in our community



## Identify Trends in Risk

See how various outcomes trend over time to track overall effectiveness of care



## Drive Policy Change

Have ready data that supports new or innovative policy recommendations



# EXAMPLE DASHBOARD

## County Health Ranking Measures

- Takes data from Shawnee County from 2013-2019 to come up with %
- Defines LBW % as babies born <2500 grams or about 5.51 lbs.
- No distinction between LBW and VLBW, or cause of LBW
- Baby race based on mother no ethnicity data reported

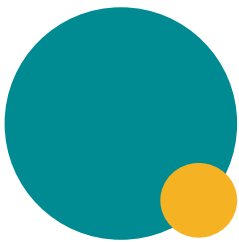
## Stormont Vail Mini Dashboard Measures

- All patients from Shawnee County 2013-2019
- Used same categories for LBW %
- Used % unit instead of rate
- Raw numbers = total cases NOT %

## What the County Health Ranking Reports:

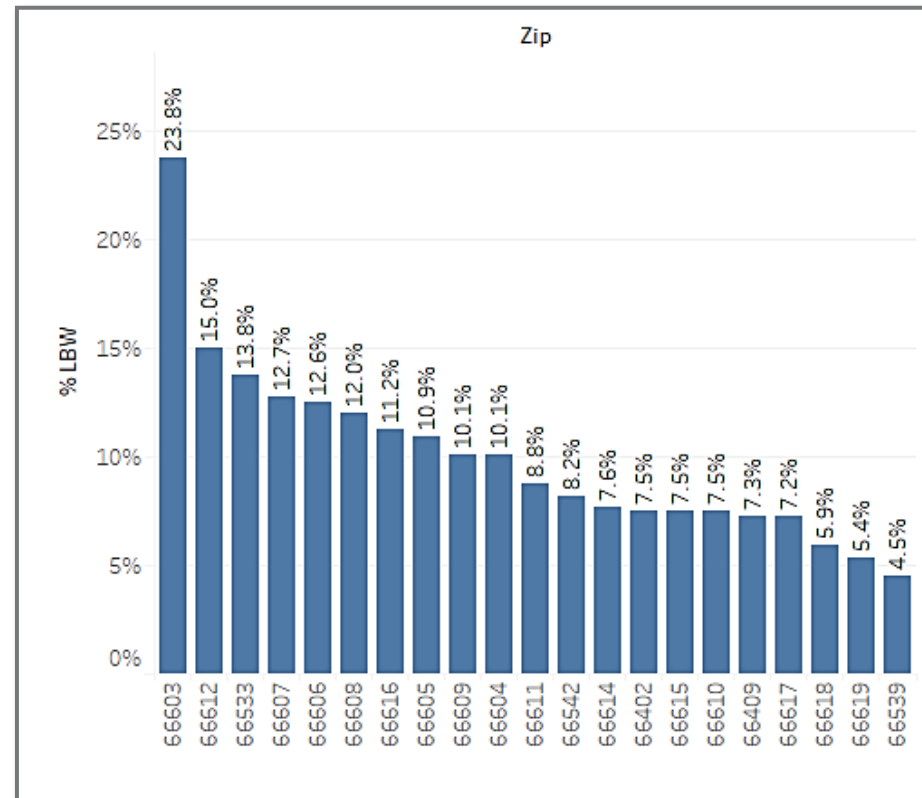
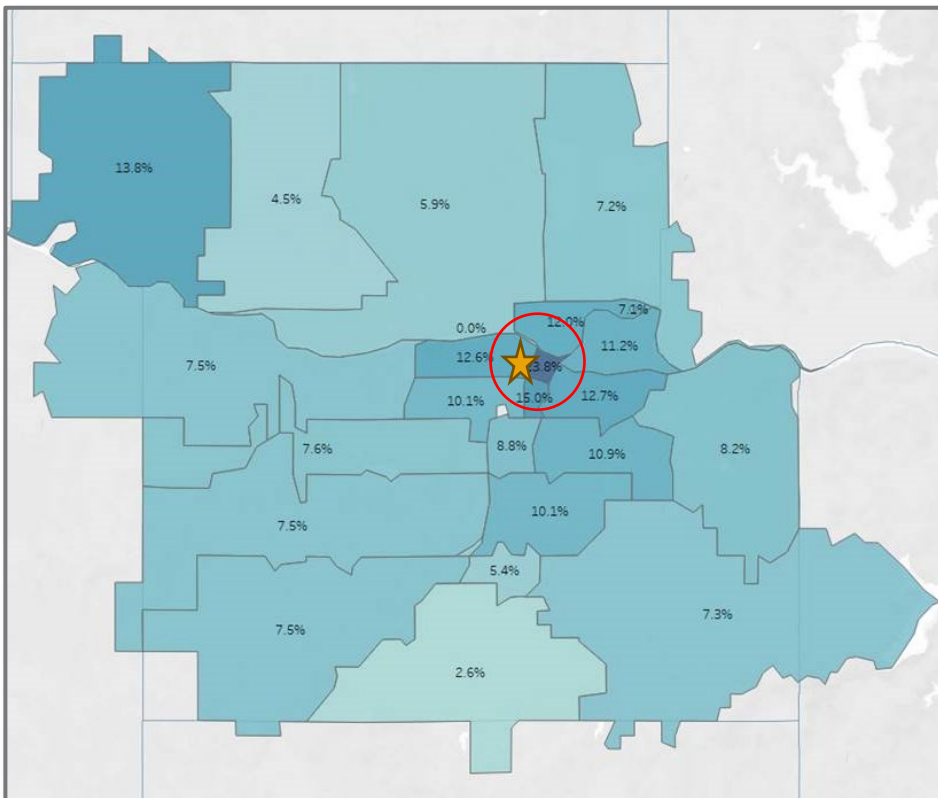
	Shawnee (SN) County	Trend ⓘ	Error Margin	Top U.S. Performers ⓘ	Kansas
Low birthweight	7%		7-7%	6%	7%
	Value		Error Margin		x
<b>% LBW</b>	<b>7%</b>		<b>7-7%</b>		
American Indian & Alaska Native	6%		2-10%		
Asian	7%		4-10%		
Black	12%		10-13%		
Hispanic	7%		6-8%		
White	6%		6-7%		

Low birthweight (LBW) represents infant current and future **morbidity**, premature **mortality** risk, and **maternal exposure** to health risks. LBW children have greater **developmental and growth problems**, are at higher risk of **cardiovascular disease**, **respiratory conditions**, and cognitive problems such as **cerebral palsy**, and visual, auditory, and intellectual **impairments** (County Health Rankings and Roadmaps).



# EXAMPLE DASHBOARD

This mini dashboard was created in collaboration with the strategy team to use patient data in Epic compared to data from the Shawnee County Health Ranking. This information plus SDOH needs context can lead to a comprehensive health equity intervention.



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## Stay in Touch with Us!

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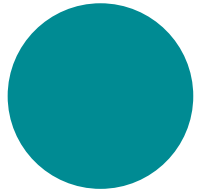
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THANK YOU



# Best Practices for Using CHWs to Address SDOH in Rural Communities

**Melissa Wimmer, Sterling Medical Center**



# Community Health Workers Program

STERLING MEDICAL CENTER-LYONS MEDICAL CENTER

RICE COUNTY DISTRICT HOSPITAL

# CHW TEAM

-Melissa Wimmer RN, BSN  
Program Director/Home Health RN

-Lisa Stout, Patient Navigator, CHW-C

-Jessica Inguanza, CHW-C

-Julissa Reyes, CHW-C





# Rice County Health CHW

Bridging the gap between resources and wellness

- ▶ Chronic Health Issues
  - ▶ PreDiabetes
  - ▶ Hypertension
  - ▶ COPD
- ▶ Health Education
- ▶ Prenatal/Postnatal Support
- ▶ Disability Advocacy/Application
- ▶ Food Disparity
- ▶ Housing Instability

# RCH CHW cont..

- ▶ Medical Appointment Transportation Facilitation
- ▶ Mental Health Advocacy
- ▶ Insurance Education
  - ▶ Presumptive Eligibility



# Who and how are we serving?

- ▶ PreDiabetics/Diabetics
- ▶ Hypertensives
- ▶ COPD
- ▶ Pre/Postnatal Patients
- ▶ Newborns
  
- ▶ Patients over 60
- ▶ Disabled
- ▶ Families caring for grandchildren in foster care or kinship



# How do we get patient referrals?

## Relationships and Trust

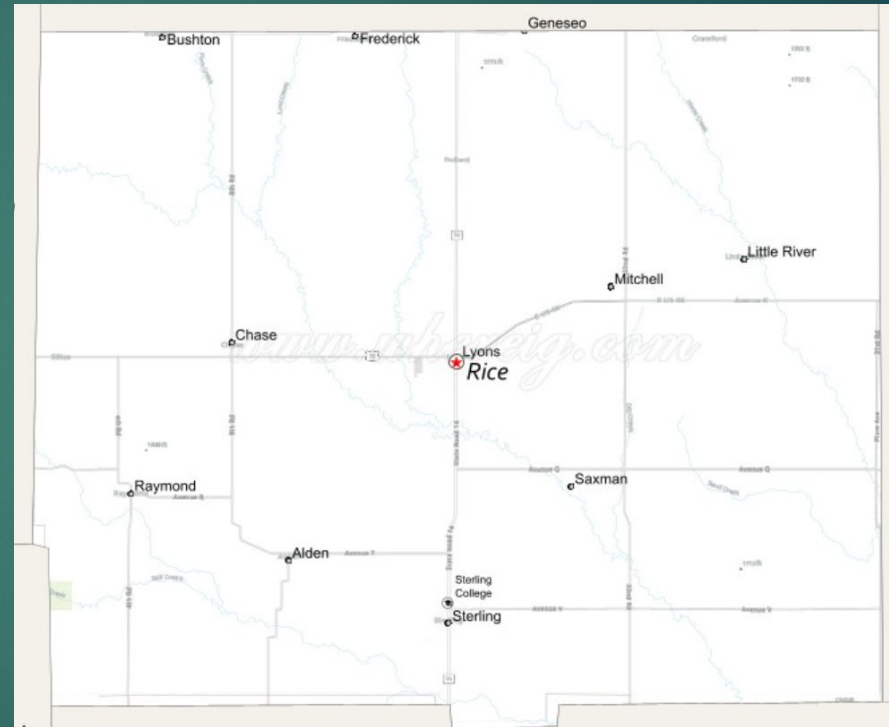
- ▶ Clinic Provider Referrals
- ▶ ER/Hospital Discharge Provider Referrals
- ▶ EMS
- ▶ Community Events
- ▶ School Staff
- ▶ Council on Aging Staff
- ▶ Community Members



# Rice County Overview

## Small Town Strength

- ▶ Alden (122)
  - ▶ Bushton (203)
  - ▶ Chase (399)
  - ▶ Frederick (9)
  - ▶ Geneseo (89)
  - ▶ Little River (472)
  - ▶ Lyons (3,556)
  - ▶ Sterling (2,507)
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- ▶ Total County Population 9,150



# Each Communities Needs and Resources

- ▶ Serve in each community
  - ▶ Pt home visits in each town
  - ▶ Know resources specific to where they are located
  - ▶ Find the community advocates
  - ▶ Be the voice between the patient and provider



# Health and wellness can be a long journey when there has been no previous roadmap.

- ▶ Walk along side patients through lifestyle changes
- ▶ Offer simple education and goals
- ▶ Make the process enjoyable
- ▶ Provide resources in conversation, then reinforce by providing contact information or making contact calls with patient



# Reaching the Community....

- ▶ At the local coffee stops
  - ▶ Farmers BP Check/Mental Health
- ▶ Local Hispanic Business
  - ▶ BP/BS Check Saturday Morning
- ▶ High School Mental Health Day
  - ▶ CHW Staff Provided Support
- ▶ Local Craft Fair
  - ▶ Health Trivia and Education
- ▶ Thrift Store Support
  - ▶ Referral/Donate Time



# Education, Activity, Support

- ▶ Hypertension
- ▶ Mobility issues
- ▶ Pre Diabetes
- ▶ Helped qualify for Disability
  
- ▶ Meal Planning
- ▶ Exercise Support
- ▶ Mental Health Championing
- ▶ Medication Advocacy



# Since the start of our CHW program....

- ▶ Over 130 patients seen for home visits
  - ▶ No Patient Charge
  - ▶ Scheduled by patients need level
  - ▶ SDOH assessment, resource search, and referral collaboration
- ▶ Integral Partner with County Health Collaborative
- ▶ Outreach through Community Events
  - ▶ Created access to health education, tools, and resources
  - ▶ More than 300 people reached and multiple populations
  - ▶ Increased access to affordable fresh fruits and vegetables



# Challenges are everywhere...

- ▶ Lack of Understanding of CHW team goals and expectations
- ▶ Resource limitations
- ▶ Sustainability/CMS/Medicaid Funding
- ▶ Unite Us Barrier
  - ▶ Small entities not using computer system to connect
  - ▶ Referral process limited
- ▶ Patient Transportation limitations

# The Future is Exciting!

- ▶ Increased Community Knowledge of Program
- ▶ New Centralized and Visual Location in County
- ▶ Foundational Healthcare Community Support
- ▶ Continued Partnership Growth
  - ▶ K-State Extension
  - ▶ Rice County Health Department



# Community Health Workers choose everyday to..

- ▶ **Believe in the basics of creating trust and support in the home. This choice sets a foundation for navigating communication and stability to achieve a healthier future physically and mentally for every person they come in contact with.**

# Addressing SDOH with a Community Fund

**Nicole Baum, Holton Community Hospital**



*HOLTON COMMUNITY  
HOSPITAL  
FOUNDATION*

HOMETOWN HEART FUND



**HOLTON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL  
FOUNDATION**

# *AGENDA*

- Introduction of myself
- Foundation Mission/HHF Policy
- The Community Tie
- Sustaining Funds
- Patient Stories
- Final Takeaways





# *INTRODUCTIONS*

- Nicole Baum, RN, BSN
- Program Director for Senior Life Solutions
- Foundation Director
- Born and raised in Holton, KS- returning to my established roots

# THE HOMETOWN HEART FUND

**Foundation mission:** *The Holton Community Hospital Foundation supports the hospital in achieving its goals of compassion, professionalism and excellence in healthcare through philanthropic giving. Operating in accordance with the mission of Holton Community Hospital, the foundation builds lifelong relationships with contributors, raises funds and dedicates its resources to further advance the needs of the Hospital and those it serves.*

- Creation of the Hometown Heart Fund:
  - Created in 2021
  - Purpose: to assist Holton Community Hospital or physician's clinic patients with expenses for basic needs items, durable medical equipment, pharmaceuticals and travel expenses. Assistance can also be granted for physical, occupational, and cardiovascular service patients due to lack of insurance or for those who are underinsured
  - Special account within this fund for No-Cost Mammograms



# HOMETOWN HEART FUND POLICY BREAKDOWN


- Funds will not be paid directly to patients but rather on behalf of the patients.
- This fund covers:
  - \$200 yearly for basic needs and transportation services
    - Jackson County EMS and our local transport directly bill the Foundation
    - Secured Transports
  - \$500 annually for assistance with DME (oxygen equipment, wheelchairs, crutches, etc.), Pharmacy, Therapy, and Cardiovascular Services
  - No cost mammograms cover \$200 per mammogram which covers the screening process
- Exceptions for the total yearly amount paid on behalf of any one patient or category of items eligible will only be approved under extenuating circumstances and if all other applicable funding sources have been exhausted.

# NO COST MAMMOGRAMS

-Funds provided cover the screening/reading process for our patients covering \$200 per mammogram

-Patient story- *"In December I went in for my mammogram and they told me to come back for a different one. I did. Then it was "you need to have a biopsy." I was in shock! I did mammograms every year! My chemo doctor told me that I have the pten gene. During my chemo, the breast I was having removed got infected and I got a 102 temp. I had to run to Lawrence for emergency surgery. He said if I would have waited the cancer would have went in my chest wall. So he took it out and I told the surgeon no more and to take the other breast too. I got prosthetics and can say- I am a survivor."* - Tracey Shumaker




  
Holton Community Hospital  
Foundation

## Early detection saves lives.

Early detection increases your 5-year Survivability	<b>99%</b>	3D Mammography reduces call backs by	<b>40%</b>	The average length of a 3D mammogram exam is	<b>20 minutes</b> Once a year
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Did you know that we offer  
**NO COST 3D MAMMOGRAMS**  
for those who do not have  
insurance or those who are  
underinsured?

For more information on qualifications for no cost  
mammograms call Nicole Baum, Foundation Director at:  
**(785) 364-9610**



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# THE COMMUNITY TIES

## Holton Community Hospital Foundation Board

- Currently composed of 10 members
- Board consists of members throughout the community: Banks, local businesses, etc.
- Part of composing the Hometown Heart Fund or any changes made upon yearly review
- Vote upon exemptions under extenuating circumstances

## Our community truly supports this Hospital and Foundation:

- Supports through monetary donation, volunteering, estate, memorials etc.
- Funds that come through the Foundation get poured directly back into the hospital and the HHF to give back to our patients.

*“Keeping Our Patients Care Close To Home”*



# *SUSTAINING FUNDS*

Two main factors that help to keep our funds with the Hometown Heart Fund sustained/growing:

- Gracious donors
  - Designations within a will/Property-Vehicle/Real Estate
  - Specified Donations
  - Memorials or Tributes
- Events:
  - Color Run 2023
  - Breast Cancer Awareness Events



The HCH Foundation received an amazing donation in the amount of \$4,000.00 in memory of Jane Aeschliman-Evans in support of the recent purchase of breast biopsy equipment for our radiology and surgery departments.

This equipment allows our general surgeon, Dr. Denis Jimenez, to provide surgical intervention for patients that have been diagnosed with breast cancer.





# WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

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**GIANT COMMUNICATIONS**  
 TO THOSE WHO HAVE FOGGIED AND ARE CURRENTLY FIGHTING  
 THE BATTLE - MIKE AND SHIRLEY COYLE, CHRIS HEINERIKEN,  
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# *EXAMPLES OF PATIENTS WE HELP*

- Patient unable to afford a medication (Short term coverage)
- Patient needing a ramp to be able to safely enter and exit home
- Patient life flighted to Kansas City. Family member could not afford gas to make it to the hospital.
- Patient needing to leave hospital on Lovenox. Pharmaceutical coverage while social work is completing patient assistance.

While the Hometown Heart Fund is used as more of a short term/immediate solution- I work directly with our social work/case management team to meet the needs of the patient moving forward.

- Applying for Medicaid
- Referring on to the Health Department for basic needs
  - Etc.

*THANK YOU!*

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# Questions?



# Resources

- [Health Equity Resource Hub](#)
- [KHC Health Equity Education Archive](#)
- [KHA/KHC: Regulatory Requirements Related to Health Equity & Social Determinants of Health](#)
- [KMAP Bulletin: Community Health Worker Services](#)
- [CMS Health Equity Services in the 2024 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule](#)
- [Kansas Health Matters](#)





# Health Equity Resource Hub

## Dismantle Health Disparities & Foster Equitable Healthcare Solutions

KFMC and our partners believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to lead a healthy life, regardless of their background, identity, or socioeconomic status. Our Health Equity Resource Hub was created to help healthcare professionals, organizations, and communities make informed decisions, raise awareness, and take action.



Visit [www.kfmc.org/health-equity-resource-hub](http://www.kfmc.org/health-equity-resource-hub) or scan the QR code to access the Health Equity Resource Hub. The Hub will be updated regularly, so be sure to check back as we expand upon the current offering.





# Upcoming Education and Important Dates

- 5/9 Navigating Rural Health Resources Series – HPSAs
- 5/22 KHC Office Hours - Applying High Reliability Concepts in Critical Access Hospitals
- 6/19 IHC Annual Forum - Altoona, IA
- 6/21 Resilience Learning Action Series
- 6/26 KHC Office Hours - Advanced Directives are for the Living - Improving Workflows in Your Organization
- **July 31, 2024: Next Health Equity Webinar (Transportation)**
- 8/8 KHC Summit on Quality
- October 30, 2024: Kansas Health Equity Summit

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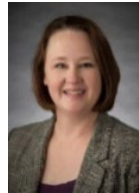


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