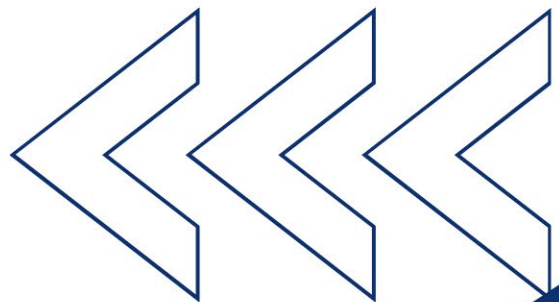
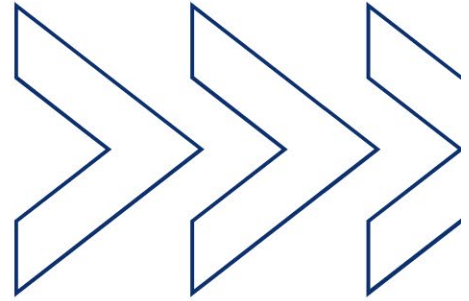




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Introduction

The Southeast Health District 2022 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was developed in partnership by the Southeast District Health Department (SEDHD) and the district’s six not-for-profit hospitals – Johnson County Hospital, Nemaha County Hospital, CHI St. Mary’s, Syracuse Area Health, Pawnee County Memorial Hospital, and Community Medical Center – plus various other community partners and agencies. The CHIP addresses health concerns in the five-county district of Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson Counties. As the Chief Health Strategist—who convenes coalitions that investigate and act to make meaningful progress on complex health community issues¹—for the district, the SEDHD conducts a Community Health Assessment (CHA) and CHIP in collaboration with the not-for-profit hospitals every three years. To maintain their tax-exempt status, hospitals are required to conduct a health assessment every three years. SEDHD conducts a health assessment, at minimum, every five years to be eligible for public health accreditation. This CHIP is the shared vision of the public health system partners within the Southeast Health District.

The goals and strategies in this CHIP align with local, state, and national priorities in order to keep pace with emerging public health challenges, to address leading causes of morbidity and mortality, and to improve and protect the health of populations within the Southeast Health District. This document provides 1) an overview of the district’s health indicators (including data by county when available) and 2) a road map on how to improve the top health concerns in the district over the next three years.

¹ Public Health Foundation, “Becoming a Community Chief Health Strategist,” http://www.phf.org/consulting/Pages/Becoming_the_Community_Chief_Health_Strategist.aspx (June 24, 2019).



Overview of Priority Areas

Priority areas were determined through various meetings between SEDHD and the district's six not-for-profit hospitals during the fall of 2021. Rather than selecting definite priorities, SEDHD and its partners elected to prioritize broad, overarching themes within the district. In doing so, individual organizations can tailor their efforts based on their specific needs while also addressing the health status of the district collectively.

Priority areas selected were:

- Behavioral/Mental Health
- Preventative Care and Screening
- Social Determinants of Health

Background data for each priority can be found in the 2021 Southeast District Health Department Community Health Assessment.

Selecting Goals and Objectives

Goals and objectives for each priority area were determined in June 2022. Similar to the prioritization process, broad and overreaching goals were selected to provide stakeholders the opportunity to tailor this plan to their organization's specific needs. The goals and objectives selected serve as a starting point for the aforementioned priorities. Objectives may be refined and or added following input gathered from community stakeholder meetings to achieve desired outcomes.

Behavioral/Mental Health Priority Area—Action Plan

Goal: Increase the capacity of the community in mental health awareness and behavioral/mental health services and supports (i.e., telehealth/medicine, peer support and behavioral/mental health programming).

Objectives:

1. By December 31, 2022, convene key stakeholders around behavioral and mental health to map access points.
2. By June 30, 2025, increase community capacity to identify mental health distress.
3. By June 30, 2025, implement community-based programs to reduce mental health stigma and build resilience.

Partners:

Schools
Hospitals
Local health department
Primary care clinics
Law enforcement
Local behavioral health services

Preventative Care and Screenings Priority Area—Action Plan

Goal: Increase the number of individuals who receive preventative care and screenings as a means of early detection and preventative care for chronic diseases, cancer, and other health-related illnesses.

Objective: By March 31, 2023, create a coordinated plan to increase awareness and access to preventative care services.

Partners:

Primary care providers
Local health department
Hospitals
Schools
Local behavioral health

Social Determinants of Health Priority Area—Action Plan

Goal: Develop a sustainable regional infrastructure for collective impact to increase the number of SEDHD residents who are healthy at every stage of life

Objectives:

1. By September 30, 2022, convene with stakeholders and Unite Us representative to identify community-based organizations already on-boarded and using platform for social need referrals.
2. By June 30, 2023, increase the number of health systems and community-based organizations utilizing Unite Us for social need referrals.
3. By June 30, 2024, increase number of referrals made with Unite Us platform.

Partners:

Hospitals
Local health department
Primary care clinics
Law enforcement
Local behavioral health services
Community action agency
Community coalitions
Schools

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