



# INCREASE COMMUNITY HEALTH



## AGING

- Provided 350 Farmers Market Vouchers to Seniors 60 and over June 2019. Same number distributed June 2018.
- Served 39,875 meals this quarter. (Home Delivered and Congregant). Last quarters meal served was 39,875.
- Partnered with "Giving the Basics" Organization to provide 5500 incontinent supplies to homebound seniors and seniors in the community at large for months July/August. With the expectation of 2000 to be distributed in September based on monthly averages. 6000, incontinent supplies were distributed last quarter. This very needed program was able to be implemented due to a partnership between the Transit Department and the Building and Logistics Department by all three departments working in sync. Supplies are picked up and delivered monthly to AAA by Building and Logistics. Aging staff prepare orders for homebound seniors. They are then picked up by transit, who delivers to homebound meal participants. AAA staff also package the additional incontinent supplies for seniors, and families of seniors who, pick up their supplies at the AAA office monthly.
- Went Live August 1, 2019 with the implementation of the new Brain Injury (BI) Assessment.
- 45 customers received Dental services through the mill levy dental program, compared to 40 last quarter.
- Implemented a new Enhanced Fitness Site to the Bonner Springs Senior Center – (First site in the Western part of the city). This site also allows Leavenworth County seniors greater access. Enhanced Fitness is a Nationally recognized Evidence Based Program. Certified Personal Trainers work with seniors at congregate sites and senior centers, to assist seniors with building greater endurance, increased mobility and strength.
- Implemented a small pilot program – (CHAMPS) "Choosing Healthy Appetizing Meal Plan Solutions" for SENIORS. This program is geared more toward independent mobile seniors. Currently the partnership is with HYVEE Groceries. Meals that are Registered Dietician approved for the CHAMPS menu are clearly marked. Before becoming a CHAMPS participant, seniors must attend

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informational meetings at the AAA. They make the suggested donation of \$3.00 per meal is then loaded on to their CHAMPS card. Their CHAMPS cards are loaded at the AAA with the number of meals purchased. Once the meals are purchased the AAA reimburses HYVEE at a predetermined and agreed upon cost \$5/6.00 for the CHAMPS meal. There are plans to utilize grocers in Wyandotte County, who historically have not participated in the CHAMPS Program. The HYVEE Corporation has been a CHAMPS provider for the Johnson County AAA, and Jay Hawk AAA over 10 years. Local Providers have shown interest in the program and discussions are taking place. The PILOT program will provide data to assist our local providers in making determinations toward capacity to provide the service. The CHAMPS program offers more choice to customers who routinely attend congregate meal sites.

## **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

- Newly operational behavioral health court exceeded its target of 5 participants in FY19 by ending the year with 6 participants and 8 pending referrals.
- In addition to continuing to provide the Youth Employment Services program, the Aggression Replacement Training program, the Strengthening Families program, two staff members became certified in a new initiative, the Parent Project which will help exhausted parents with tools and a support group for parenting “strong-willed” youth.
- Youth Services partnered with community-based non-profit “The Village Initiative” to put together a pilot program where selected youth were paired with reformed adult offenders to hear the adult’s story and their lessons learned. Youth volunteered at the Village Initiative’s “Kids Kitchen” food distribution site for community service.
- Youth Services created a new full-time cognitive education program facilitator position to enhance the program which served over 150 youth in 2018.
- Youth Services created a new Youth Case Expediting position to decrease the time youth spend in detention and aide the families/youth in beginning services before their case is finalized in court.
- In March, Community Corrections began having an on-site Master’s Level Therapist to provide mental health services to youth and their families who on

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the youthful offender case load in the 29th Judicial District. The mental health liaison position is funded through a grant from the Kansas Department of Corrections. The UG contracts with PACES, Inc. to provide mental health services to youth. Direct services from PACES, Inc. includes crisis intervention, assessment, mobile outreach, travel with clients to appointments/court hearings, etc. The grant also provides for resiliency training for youth and families, direct training for justice system staff including district court, district attorneys, probation and community corrections officers and defense council on Trauma Informed Care.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- kNOw LEAD KCK Grant Program – Received 47 eligible requests for assistance for lead remediation. Completed lead-safe clearance on 13 properties, 6 properties under contract, 9 properties with lead inspections and risk assessments awaiting contractor walkthroughs for bids, and 18 eligible applicants in pipeline. Eligible properties also undergo healthy home assessments.

## **DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE**

- Abstracting vacant and problem structures to be placed in the tax sale has moved (31) structures (in the last 3 sales) into the Land Bank for rehab or to be secured. These properties are no longer a safety or health hazard to the community
- 70 structures went to new owners as a result of the last 3 sales, giving those homes and neighborhoods a chance to improvement the overall health of the community

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Groundbreaking for the downtown grocery store, the Merc Co+Op, took place on August 15 with significant news coverage and attendance by nearly 300 community members. The construction is now underway with the grand opening set for early summer 2020.
- The University of Kansas Health Systems opened the first phase of their Strawberry Hill Campus. The facility for inpatient mental and behavioral health

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care hosted over 800 neighbors and community members during the week of grand opening festivities.

- Submitted a Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant application in coordination with KCMO to the EPA for environmental assessment funds.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- 40 residents received free diagnostic and emission reports at the Car Clinic outreach event June 15, 2019.
- Won an award from the Social Media Club of Kansas City for a tobacco cessation video campaign launched on Facebook
- Recently released adult smoking rate data showed Wyandotte County had an estimated smoking rate of 21.8%. This is a drop from the 25.4% rate recorded in 2013. (The HD conducts varied smoking cessation activities.)
- Completed 5 PSA-type videos to raise awareness about the importance of Safe Sleep practices with infants. These videos will be distributed through the community later this year.
- Edwardsville City Council passed the Tobacco 21 law in January, which took effect in April. Health Department staff provided assistance and testimony to the City Council in support.
- Curriculum and incentives for tobacco-free childcare facilities have been created by the HD. Trainings will be done in partnership with Children's Mercy Hospital and K-State Research & Extension.
- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) has secured \$150,000 to support the "Lead Agencies" who are helping implement its priority strategies. \$100,000 was awarded by the Wyandotte Health Foundation. An additional \$44,000 from UG/Hollywood Casino funds, and \$6,000 of Health Department funding served as 50% match.
- CHIP Updates:
  - Jobs & Education – Increasing the capacity by 300 for additional children to receive licensed childcare services in Wyandotte County. New day care homes and providers have been opened in 2019.

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- Safe and Affordable Housing – An affordable housing summit was held on June 22, attracting a diverse group of 75 to discuss housing affordability and safety in WyCo.
- Health Access – Three outreach events were held in early 2019 to engage Wyandotte residents in advocating for KanCare expansion.
- Violence Prevention – MOCSA trained 50 community leaders in the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) initiative and is promoting a project to add community-designed art to blighted structures.
- An STD 101 class is now being presented by the Health Department in the Juvenile Detention Center on a quarterly basis.

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

- In conjunction with Council of Community Members a Community Resource/Health Fair was hosted with 27 vendors present.

## **KNOWLEDGE DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE AND INNOVATION TEAM**

- Coaching and collaborating a student-led Health Outcome Disparities initiative with the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and participating in ongoing efforts to secure a National Science Foundation grant. The project team attended the national Metrolab summit in Washington D.C. in April to present this grant among other major cities' initiatives as a top-25 finalist. This project aims to improve access to health resources by identifying how regional Kansas City residents navigate their environment and applying this information to how and where resources are presented. This project is part of the curriculum of the Law, Technology, and Public Policy course at UMKC School of Law, and is supported at the local and national level by Chancellor Murali Agrawal, Dean Barbara Glesner-Fines, and the UMKC School of Medicine.
- Working with the Wyandotte, Riley, Shawnee, Johnson, and Douglas County health departments to complete the implementation of an Electronic Medical

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Records (EMR) system. As of September 1st, three out of the five counties' software systems have been deployed.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

- Phase 3 of Wyandotte County Lake water line replacement is in progress
- Received a \$5,000 KRPA "Healthy Hometown Grant" towards the St. Margaret's Park Fitness Court Project
- Provided a Spring Break Program in March at Eisenhower Community Center, 15 kids attended
- For the first time in 5 years, swim lessons were offered at Parkwood Pool and had 18 participants
- 1st year of "Yoga in the Park" series which consisted of 3 dates that drew a total of 30 participants
- Replaced 100-gallon gas hot water tank at Bethany Community Center
- Replaced 84-gallon electric hot water tank with circulation pump at Eisenhower Community Center
- Ran new 1" water service to restroom at St. Margaret's Park (Approximately 720')
- New septic tank and laterals were installed at George Meyn Building
- Replaced failed boiler piping at the George Meyn Community Center
- Replaced 20-ton compressor in West Four seasons Unit at Eisenhower Community Center.
- Replaced all contactors, zones valves, and cooling controller in East Engineered Air unit at Eisenhower Community Center
- Replaced all compressors, cooling controller, sensors, and 2 zone actuators at Parkwood Community Center
- James P. Davis Hall
  - Installed new Select red oak floor in South room, sanded, and finished with 4 coats sealer

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- Reconstructed all failing floor supports in south room
- Sanded and refinished select maple and select oak in North room. Finished with 4 coats
- Had all chimneys re-flashed and sealed, all flat roofs resealed, and rock work around chimneys tuck pointed and sealed
- Had new concrete flume poured on North East side of building to stop water infiltration and promote proper drainage

## **PLANNING**

- Continued work thru the Final Design Process to issue the building permit for the MERC Grocery Store.
- Worked with the new northeast grocery cooperative to begin initial planning for a store on Quindaro. It is important to note that The MERC is also assisting the new cooperative.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- Working with a statewide health coalition to pass Medicaid Expansion

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Quiet Zone draft agreement with Edwardsville was completed and approved. House demolitions were completed. Plan revisions for additional work in Edwardsville is underway.
- Completion of a ¼ mile Sidewalk/Trail network made to the Regan Park area as a part of the SOAR and NRSA initiatives. Curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements were also made to surrounding local streets.
- Removed 8,538 cubic yards of debris from the roadway with street sweepers for a 43% increase over 2018.

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- Water Pollution Control received inspection report of 5 interconnected force mains leading to Kaw Point. Inspection results indicate a need to repair or replace Pump Station 2 (CID) force main.
- Began design of CID force main repairs as part of a larger project for upgrades to the pump station and septage hauling stations.
- As a follow up to the low pressure reroutes done last year in Piper, we began the design of an active air filtration system at pump station 66 to treat anticipated issues.
- Began easement negotiations for the Lower Conner Creek Interceptor from the pump station 50 site at Donahoo & I-435 to the new Wolcott treatment plant.
- Began construction of 2 pump stations 16 (Polfer Rd near 115th) improvements.
- Began construction of pump station 18 (51st and Kansas Avenue) force main extension.
- Began construction of 2018 Storm Sewer spot repair project and Sanitary Sewer lining contract.
- Began and completed construction of Plant 20 Scum Pump Replacement project.
- Progressing on several projects related to Plant 20 WWTP including Screening and Dewatering improvements to be bid in 2019.
- Completed Kaw Point WWTP and Pump Station 18 Lighting Improvements project.
- Water Pollution Control finalized design, Bid and Awarded contracts for the pump station and linear assets (gravity and force main sewers) for the Piper Creek Regional Interceptor Improvements Project. Construction should begin before the end of September once condemnation is finalized.
- Working on easement acquisition and final design of pump station 4 & 5 (Santa Fe District near 635 and Kansas Avenue) improvements. Project will be bid before the end of the year.
- Finalized design and bid Kaw Point WWTP Improvement for installation of a centrate pump station, and replacement of electric gate and fence.

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- Finalizing design of Lombardy Ave sewer improvements to relocate failing sewer from under existing houses east of Wyandotte HS. Project will bid near the end of the year and be awarded in early 2020 when funds become available.
  - Finalized design of 2019 storm sewer spot repair project.
  - Progressing on design and initial bid package with CMAR team for new Wolcott WWTP to be online by end of 2021, currently at 60% design level.
  - Selected design-builder for Kaw Point Digester Improvements project, currently doing preliminary data collection while Contract is executed.
  - Design of system wide SCADA project nearing Phase 1 design completion for bidding, future phase(s) to commence immediately upon bidding.
  - Began design of needed improvements to the main electric switch gear at Kaw Point WWTP and Motor Control Center improvements at Plant 20.
  - Began design of improvements to pump station 62 (near 635 and Metropolitan).
  - Began a roof assessment of all treatment plants and pump stations.
  - Continuing efforts to formalize and document true asset management plan and program division-wide and in coordination with all Public Works groups.
  - Supporting role as local sponsor in cooperation with other UG personnel for USACE KC Levees improvement project.
  - Responded to multiple sanitary and storm sewer emergencies. Goal is to reduce emergencies as part of the Asset Management program by identifying and completing rehab/repair prior to failure and at a reduced cost. Most costly emergency related projects in 2019 include repair of 2 storm crossings on Marxen Road (west of 123rd) and sanitary sewer inspections and rehab planning in vicinity of Sporting Park and across 435. Rehab of the 435 crossing will approach \$1M.
  - Safe Routes to School projects completed at West Middle/William Allen White and Noble Prentis schools.
  - Safe Route to Schools Walking School Bus program has 15 schools participating in the program – 7 more than 2018.
  - Completed improvements to reduce traffic congestion near Kansas University Hospital.
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- Placed priority traffic signals on Parallel parkway at 24th, 27th, and 29th Streets.

## **SHERIFF**

- Participating Partner with the University of Kansas Health Systems new Strawberry Hill Campus in handling community mental health services

## **TRANSIT**

- Applied to become a non-emergency medical transportation provider under the Kansas Medical Assistance Program.
- Began delivering incontinence products to eligible older adults

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