JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
JUNE 17, 2019

Community Health Needs Assessment: Health Director Dan Pekarek and Community Health Planner/Educator, Jillian Doherty provided the following information for the assessment:

Background

- Health Departments should conduct Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA's) on a regular basis to get a picture of how healthy a community is. This is a process whereby we look at health status indicators (cancer rates, COPD rates, etc.), along with demographic data, and other data and compare ourselves to state and national data.
- Locally, we have done this for many years (since the 1990's), but we have conducted these assessments as part of a local health coalition (the Jasper and Newton Counties Community Health Collaborative-CHC). We recognized many years ago that it didn't make sense to have multiple assessments being conducted in the area by the various health departments. Basically, diseases don't recognize city limits or county lines. This was and continues to be unique. We conduct one assessment that covers the entire metro area, representing Joplin, Jasper and Newton Counties.
- The CHC is made up of representatives of the 3 local health departments, the 2 health systems, United Way, Access Family Care, Community Clinic, MSSU, and other community partners with an interest in "community" health.
- The end result of the assessments is we have a current picture of the health of the community, but we can also start to make decisions about what we might be able to do to improve the areas where we might be lacking. CHC partners, and others use the report to guide program development, apply for grants, etc.

2016 Assessment-A New Approach

- In 2015 the CHC was approached by the Springfield/Greene County Health Dept. asking if we wanted to participate in a joint (regional) health assessment. They proposed that we join several other communities to conduct a single assessment covering a large area of SWMO, SE Kansas, NW Arkansas and NE Oklahoma covering 52 counties. The assessment boundaries were largely defined by the service areas of the participating health systems (Cox, Freeman and Mercy). The primary guiding force of this request was a new requirement in the Affordable Care Act that requires non-profit health systems to participate in a local health coalition while performing their CHNA for their service area.
- The CHC agreed and that first regional CHNA was completed in 2016.

2019 Assessment

- The CHC agreed again in 2018 to participate in the regional assessment process. This time the process involved a smaller overall footprint of 29 counties but still covering portions of the 4 states and still involving the 3 health systems.
- Instead of a static, 1,200 page PDF, the report is in a more user friendly and interactive format.

Joplin Report

- Joplin Report Landing Page
- Go to map-explain
- Community Summary-gives an overview of counties in "community"
- Demographic Info. -more demographics
- Populations of Interest e.g. are we younger, older, high % of minorities, etc.

Priorities

- Lung Disease, cardiovascular disease, mental health
- Click Lung Disease
- Definition of Problem
- Causes
- Why a Priority?
    - Hospital data
    - Community Data
- What does it cost?
- What can community do?
- What can you do?
- More Lung Disease Data

Common Threads

- Explain Sociological Model (e.g. national policy mandating seat belts effects many people, vs. individual decision to do something like start exercising).
- The common threads effect how healthy a community is are found to affect each or many of the health issues in a community (don't just affect one health condition but many).

Process

- Explains in-depth the process used in analyzing data.
- View Prioritization Matrix- summarizes prioritization process for health issues, i.e. was prevalence trending up/down, better/worse than state/national; was mortality rate trending up/down, better/worse than state/national rate, etc. How complex is the health issue to change, etc.

Data

- Community, hospital, local (survey)

Boards & Commissions: Reappointments

Motion by Mr. Lawson, second by Mr. Cortez to approve the following reappointments:

ADA: Betty McCartney
Capital Improvement: Joshua Bard
Capital Improvement: Les Cypret
Library Board: Nicole Shoaf
Library Board: Mary Gaarder
Voting in favor were Council Members: Brown, Colbert-Kean, Cortez, Lawson, Monteleone, Reid Adams, Shaw, Stanley and Stinnett, 9. Nays: 0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Barbara Gollhofer, City Clerk