



COMMUNITY EFFORTS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY

December 2023



BioMedical School

Lead: Wichita State University, WSU Tech, and University of Kansas

A new state-of-the-art facility in downtown Wichita to house Wichita State and WSU Tech's health professions programs as well as KU School of Medicine-Wichita and KU Pharmacy that will expand programs, improve patient outcomes, and engage new clinical trials.

Update

1. Design phase is underway and intended to break ground late March of 2024.
2. The land transfer acceptance from City to WSU/KU was on the agenda of the KBOR meeting on 12/13/23.
3. [Wichita BioMedical Campus.](#)



COMCARE Crisis Center

Lead: Sedgwick County

Sedgwick County purchased a location in close proximity to the Bio-Medical School, anticipating engaging an architect to begin design work with the building to resemble the design of the Bio-Medical school. The funding for the expansion is supported by Sedgwick County. Development begins the first or second quarter of 2024. The expansion will include 10 Medical Detox beds in addition to the existing detox and sobering beds.

Update

1. There is a current purchase agreement for a building located at 235 S. Topeka.
2. An architect will be hired in the next few months for this project.
3. The project is projected to be completed in conjunction with the BioMedical campus timeline (end of 2026).

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Mental Health and
Substance Abuse Coalition



South-Central State Psychiatric Hospital

Lead: Kansas Dept. of Aging & Disability Services & Sedgwick County

Developing programming and design of a regional state hospital, and working with partners to develop strategies for workforce development and talent recruitment.

Update from Sedgwick County

There are 4 sites that have been short-listed:

1. 2622 West Central Avenue and 723 North McLean Boulevard, Wichita
2. A parcel on the corner of Macarthur and Meridian, Wichita
3. A parcel at 53rd North and Greenwich, Bel Aire
4. A parcel at 85th North and I-135, Park City

Update from State of Kansas

1. The Governor's Advisory Panel on the regional state psychiatric hospital met on 12/11/23 to discuss potential locations for the hospital.
2. A report from Greenbush was given to the panel in response to the survey results from Sedgwick County residents.
3. Over 800 individuals responded to the survey indicating that a site for the childcare centers, middle, or high schools.
4. The Advisory Panel revived the draft interim report to the Governor and Legislature including the recommendation to seek funding to build 100 beds in the hospital, focusing on workforce development, and studying the potential to operate the hospital through a third part contract for staffing.
5. The report will be finalized in January before submission on January 15, 2024.
6. A public Town Hall meeting was held on December 12th to discuss potential locations for the hospital.
7. Recommendations from the Town Hall meeting and survey will be provided to the Advisory Panel and to the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners in regards to the recommendations on the property on December 20th meeting of the SC BUCC.
8. Sedgwick County is working to review Architectural and Engineering proposals to bring on a contractor in January. This will kickoff the design discussions about the layout, functionality, and appearance of the State hospital.



City of Wichita HOME-ARP Projects

Lead: City of Wichita

Contracting with a developer team and national consultant to work with the community and providers to identify site options for an effective service area for a navigation center, non-congregate housing and affordable housing, to be co-located with a 24/7/365 emergency shelter representing national best practices.

Update

1. Organization/Stakeholder Engagement
 - One on one meetings with 9 additional organizations.
 - HFG sent representatives to County Commissioner roundtables and the Homelessness Taskforce meetings to garner additional insight and perspective from those parties.
 - HFG would like to schedule a closed group design charrette with Homelessness Taskforce sometime in December. Initially, this was considered to take place Dec 7th while Dr. Coburn is in town with COC, but there was not adequate time in the schedule to adequately conduct.
 - Petra, HFG, and McCownGordon presented at the 12/1/23 meeting with Legislators hosted by Sedgwick County. Adjacency diagram presented is attached.
2. Review of Other Communities' Response to Homelessness
 - Physically Toured and/or Engaged Representatives of Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Topeka, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Bergen County, NJ. Physical visits to each location were performed by Austin Parker.
 - Additionally, David Wright and Mitch Binns separately traveled to Bergen County, NJ to tour the facility.
3. Multiple meetings with Julia Orlando have occurred over the past several weeks. Working to schedule meetings with Homebase over the next two weeks.
4. An initial comprehensive run rate model for the MAC as well as the LIHTC-Driven multifamily development process has been developed.
5. A Site Selection Matrix was developed and completed. It is currently under revision as one of the top three sites for potential location has been disqualified due to other acquisition opportunities.
6. Several sites have been initially vetted, and we are in the process of performing site due diligence for the remaining three sites.
7. The LIHTC Co-Development Partner has been contacted and the specifics of that relationship are being finalized in accordance with the provisions of the Development Agreement between Petra and the City of Wichita/Wichita Housing Authority.
8. The Market Study for the top 3 sites has been ordered.
9. Multiple capital needs assessments have been performed, and a detailed financial analysis integrating potential sources of funding has been completed.
10. Initial applications have been submitted for additional State HOME-ARP Funds, as well as New Market Tax Credits, have been submitted.
11. Facility form factors for the MAC and Permanent LIHTC-Driven Housing have been extensively explored with our team and Julia Orlando.
12. Transitional planning activities for cross-utilization of the MAC in the time after achieving functional zero have also been explored and will be integrated into the MAC design criteria.



Homelessness Task Force

Lead: Public Policy and Management Center, Wichita State University

Between July and September of 2023, the Taskforce identified 5 areas of focus that required subgroup planning: Housing, Provider Coordination/Gap Analysis, Emergency Services, Community Engagement, and Funding. More than 55 individuals across sectors participated in the subgroup work. All subgroups apart from Funding, were tasked with developing a future vision for the area of focus and identifying a six-month plan to include action steps necessary to move the goals forward.

Update

1. Subgroups (Provider Coordination, Emergency Services, Community Engagement, Housing) met twice, Nov. 1 and Nov. 29.
2. The Funding Subgroup met on Nov. 15 - Initial planning is focused on identifying capital and operational needs across Task Force planning, both short-term and long-term.
3. Progress on 6-month action plans (phase 1) continues - goals defined and lead persons established - - The work this month focused on implementation plans and timelines for executing.
4. Community-wide Phase 1 plans were predated December 14th Task Force meeting with a focus on how each part of the plan can complement the other.
5. Implementation of Phase 1 plans are a priority in 2024, along with developing next steps and goals for the long-term plan.
6. Housing Subgroup's goal of legislative roundtable discussions proceeded and reached a major milestone: Coordinated and collaborative ask across the city of Wichita, Sedgwick County and state delegation requesting establishment of a grant opportunity in the Governor's budget. The grant would go towards capital investment needs in communities across the state. In the Wichita community, it would be an opportunity to further the vision of the City's Multi-Agency Campus.



COMMUNITY EFFORTS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY TIMELINE

Efforts Timeline	Effort	Projected Timeline																(Lead) and Partners & Stakeholders	
		2023				2024				2025				2026					
		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
State Behavioral Health Hospital	Oversight committee appointed through Governor's Executive Order																		(KDADS & Sedgwick County) Regional CMHCs, community hospitals, law enforcement, education
Project Hope	Design work																		
	Site selection, construction vendor selection																		
	Construction (completion 2025)																		
Project Hope	Create 2 Care Coordination Teams																		(City of Wichita) Law enforcement, Continuum of Care, Workforce Alliance, Goodwill, Healthcare, IACP, SafeNite, US State's Attorney's Office-District of Kansas, Breakthrough Club
City of Wichita Home ARP 2477 Homelessness Center	Site selection																		(City of Wichita)
	Begin construction (completion TBD)																		
BioMed School	Construction (completion Fall 2026)																		(Wichita State, University of Kansas) Sedgwick County, City of Wichita
COMM-CARE Community Crisis Center	Expanded Community Crisis Center																		(Sedgwick County) Continued collaboration with BioMed School