

UPDATE

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Central Plains Health Care Partnership

From the executive director



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Things have been very busy in the three programs that I oversee: Health ICT, Project Access, and the Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care. Here are updates on each:

Health ICT

We have received our initial communication from KDHE, which includes the outline and strategies for the two grants we will oversee. The first one, called 1815, will focus on Cardiovascular Disease Prevention and Management, and Diabetes Prevention and Type 2 Management. The second one, 1817, will focus solely on Cardiovascular Disease Prevention and Management. Health ICT is one of four sub-grantees of KDHE for the 1815 grant. This grant also includes work with 16 different counties within the state, including Sedgwick County. We will work with clinics in other counties, although at this time we are unsure which ones will be assigned to whom.

WBCHC

We have making a great deal of progress as we work to restore the strength and value of the Coalition. Dr. Justin Moore, MD, has become our medical director. We are included in one of the Health ICT grant strategies. We have created a 2019 calendar of events, including four presentations focused on HR benefits, health care literacy, mental health in the workplace, and obesity. We have secured several national speakers for our Health Care Roundtable conference, which will be held May 2 at Mark Arts. We are working with a local graphic design firm to help us create new materials. We have been very involved with the National Alliance for Health Care Purchasers, based out of Washington, D.C., and are engaging a number of other coalitions throughout the country in possible collaborative initiatives that could be offered to our members. We are very excited about the momentum and energy of our current members and several new members.

Project Access

We are very pleased that the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County have funded us again this year. We are in the process of preparing our presentation to United Way for 2019-20 funding. As we continue into our 20th year of operations, we are hopeful that we can expand the service we offer to our clients. While we help them secure treatment for very serious health conditions, we believe there are other areas influencing their health where we also could be of help. I believe the work we do closely aligns with that of a traditional community health worker, and so we are requesting additional funding to provide this support.

Planning for our upcoming event, Access the Edge, is in full swing. This is an exciting event to be held Aug. 29-30. MSSC executive director Phillip Brownlee and I recently met with our county commissioners and two of them agreed to be VIPs and participate in the event on day one. We now are seeking sponsors as well as participants for the event. Please check our website at www.cphcp.com to learn more about the event and to sign up. I will be the first one over the edge. I am terrified of heights, so if I can do it, you can too! This promises to be our largest fundraiser yet.

Finally, I want to again thank each and every one of you for your commitment to our program – both through your generosity in donating much-needed health care services to vulnerable individuals in our community, and also for your financial support. We couldn't do it without you!

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Executive Director



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Why you matter

Project Access Patient Testimonial

Deborah — Project Access Patient

While at an eye appointment, Deborah was told she needed to see a primary care physician due to a concern. Although Deborah's mother was diabetic, Deborah was not showing any signs of the disease. A primary care doctor diagnosed Deborah with diabetes. When she told the doctor she did not have health insurance, the doctor told her he participated in a program called Project Access and referred her. Since Deborah lived in Sedgwick County, was uninsured, low income and had an immediate medical need, she met the qualifications for enrollment. Now Deborah can control her diabetes through regular donated office visits. Project Access staff also assist her with pharmaceutical patient assistance programs to get her expensive diabetic medication for free. Thanks to Project Access, Deborah is maintaining her own health, which allows her to provide in-home care to her ailing sister. Deborah and her sister have a special bond and Project Access is providing a way to keep them together.



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Access the Edge ... for the uninsured

Action seekers and charitable spirits alike should join Project Access on Aug. 30 for a great day of rappelling down the side of a Wichita high-rise.

The fundraiser will take place at the 125 N. Market St. building in downtown Wichita. Rappel times will be throughout the day. There are only 76 rappel slots available, so be quick to register to participate at www.cphcp.com and follow the prompts. Or, you can contact Michael Cayless, Project Access Development Director, at (316) 688-0600 or at michaelcayless@cphcp.com for additional information.

Access the Edge provides an exciting, fun-filled opportunity for businesses, colleagues, neighbors and friends to come together for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to safely scale down 19-stories while raising essential funds for Project Access. Participants are challenged to meet a minimum fundraising goal of \$1,000 and will receive an event T-shirt, refreshments and other goodies. Event proceeds will help Project Access continue to coordinate vital health care services for low-income, medically uninsured patients in Sedgwick County.

Want to Toss your Boss ... Over the Edge? Has your boss ever pushed you over the edge? Well, now is the opportunity for payback! Rally your co-workers and raise \$1,000 or more through office events such as jeans days, potlucks, etc., and then Toss Your Boss ... Over the Edge at Access the Edge. Don't worry, your boss will be safe, as all participants will be specially harnessed by the skilled technicians from Over the Edge who will manage the rappels. You will have the satisfaction of knowing you finally pushed your boss over the edge!

Would you like to **Toss your favorite Client ... Over the Edge?** Are you a financial advisor, insurance representative, car dealer or other professional who has that special client you would like to treat to something extraordinary? How about treating your client to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to rappel down the 19-story building at 125 N. Market St.? For a tax-deductible donation of \$1,000, your client will become one of 76 individuals to take part in Access the Edge for Project Access. The event emcee will gladly announce the name of your business and/or your client as they descend the building. Contact us for more information!

► Access the Edge ... for the Uninsured

When: Aug. 30, 2019

Where: 125 N. Market St., Wichita, KS

Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

