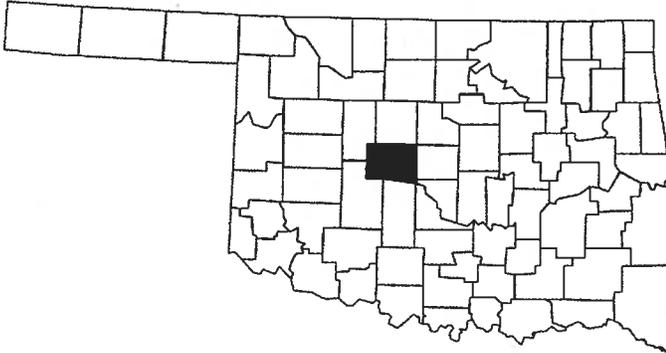


CANADIAN COUNTY—EL RENO

EL RENO HEALTHCARE COALITION

Established in 2002



The El Reno Healthcare Coalition began meeting with OSU to go through the community health planning process. Once the surveys were in and the needs were identified, the coalition decided to continue working to improve the health for their residents. Their priority issues included: mental health, diabetes, and elder issues. One of the driving forces behind this coalition was Mrs. Rogers, who passed away suddenly in July. The coalition has taken a break the past few months.

Activities

- Participated in the Oklahoma State University (OSU) Community Planning Process.
- Established priority health issues.
- Two subcommittees were formed to address the priority areas identified by the group: mental health and diabetes.
- Host an Annual Town Hall Meeting focusing on priority health issues identified by the community.
- Hosted a Bioterrorism Update for first responders and concerned citizens in the county.
- For Diabetes Awareness Month, hosted a teleconference at Redlands Community College, submitted articles on a weekly basis educating the community on diabetes prevention, held a poster contest in area schools giving a bicycle away as the grand prize.

Outcomes

- Partnership of strong, dedicated individuals committed to address the health issues of the community.
- Through the OSU process the community received a health services directory, a report on the economic impact of the health sector in El Reno, and a survey on health care issues in the community.
- Increased communities' awareness of public health issues.

Future Plans

- Expand partnership.
- Develop a Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Continue to work with the schools to increase awareness about diabetes, proper nutrition, and physical activity among students and faculty.

Participants

- C.A.R.E.
- Canadian County Health Department
- Concerned Citizens
- El Reno City Government
- El Reno Schools
- Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service
- Parkview Hospital
- Russell-Murray Hospice