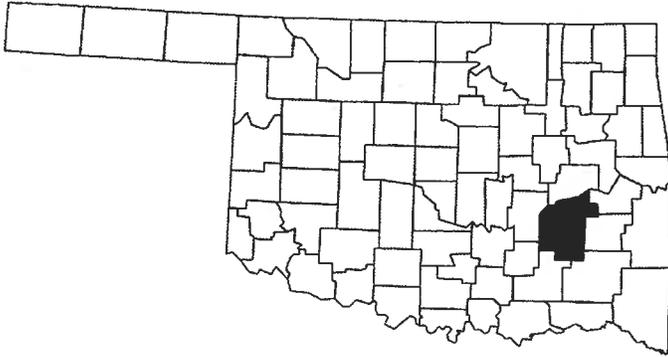


PITTSBURG COUNTY HEALTHY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Established in 2003



The coalition was formed many years ago but chose to dissolve at the end of 2002. The coalition was re-established as the Health Community Council in the Spring of 2003. The Pittsburg HCC is in the process of developing their strategic plan. Their identified goals and objectives are community education, advocacy, and school and community involvement.

Activities

- Adopted ByLaws.
- Established Advisory Board.
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Annual Golf Scramble.

Outcomes

- Identified a Legislative Committee.
- Annual Health Fair/Baby Fair.
- Annual Celebration of Drug-Free Lives.

Future Plans

- Expand the partnership.
- Increase community participation through community based activities.
- Provide community and health education through public forums, presentations to civic and church groups, health fairs, special speaker presentations and community activities to promote self-reliance and empowerment.

- Become more involved with county schools.
- Increase parental involvement in youth activities while improving parenting skills.
- Stimulate economic development.
- Establish/maintain consistent communication with city, county, state and federal representations.
- Encourage community leaders to enforce/increase penalties and/or fines against anyone contributing to the delinquency of minors.
- Encourage leaders to support policy changes to enhance community health.
- Develop a strategic plan.

Participants

- Southeast Tobacco Free Oklahoma Coalition (SETFOC)
- McAlester Regional Hospital
- American Cancer Society
- The Oaks/State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (Substance Abuse Prevention Grant)
- The Oaks/Area Prevention Resource Center
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Turning Point staff
- Healthy Community Council
- Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service
- Choctaw Nation
- Carl Albert Mental Health Center
- McAlester News Capital & Democrat
- McAlester Radio
- Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Tobacco Use Prevention Service
- Oklahomans for Independent Living
- Pittsburg County Health Department
- Pittsburg County restaurant owners
- KJAX Productions
- Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY)
- Pittsburg County District Attorney
- Pittsburg County Public School Systems
- Community members at large