

Harper County

Harper County Turning Point Partnership

2004

- **Activities**

- Partnership held meetings monthly
- Conducting funding research for senior living center for the elderly population
- Sponsoring and assisting in fund raising events for independent living center
- Focus groups were held in both communities. The purpose of the focus groups was to try and determine what amenities, etc people feel is important to include in the housing project.
- Negotiated with County Commissioners of possible land acquisition in Buffalo for future projects
- Retained architect to develop initial plans for senior living center
- Small Business Bureau reviewed a copy of the business plan
- Continued fundraising efforts including brisket dinner, sold chances to win a Dixon lawnmower, tailgate dinner before football game in Laverne and Buffalo

- **Outcomes**

- Strong partnership between hospital, health department, county commissioners, schools, business community, city and county government, and community
- Partnership consulted with county health department to establish local Community Health Services based on community needs
- Partnership identified top priority to establish independent living center for the elderly population
- Established Harper County Development Authority and a governing board.
- Property was purchased for independent living center in Laverne
- Contract pending on property for independent living center in Buffalo
- Architect plans for affordable independent living center complete
- Received donation from Murphy Family Farms
- Results from focus group were shared with HCDA and other citizens and architectural plans were revised due to information received from focus groups
- Developed Business Plan and Mission Statement
- Turning Point Partnership named the senior living center, Parkview Senior Complex and was approved by the HCDA (Harper County Development Authority)
- HCDA approved to build only one senior living complex in Harper County rather than two

- **Future Plans**

- Local Partnership will continue to help design programs based on community needs
- Local Partnership will continue to help in the implementation of programs
- Expand Prevention programs in Harper county
- Expand the partnership
- Make application for grants to construct independent living housing for the elderly population
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- Local partnership will help in the implementation of programs
- Utilize health professionals from existing area health departments
- Pursue developer to construct senior living center
- Explore and research a new project for Buffalo community
- Hold a fish fry and auction fundraiser

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- **Participants**

- Bank of Laverne
- Beaver County Health Department
- Buffalo Public Schools
- City of Laverne
- Community Health Services (OSDH)
- County newspapers
- Freedom West
- Harper County 4-H Clubs
- Harper County Commissioners
- Harper County Community Hospital
- Harper County EMS
- Harper County Firefighters
- Harper County Turning Point Partnership
- Laverne Public Schools
- Murphy Family Farms
- Northwestern OSU
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Turning Point staff
- Oklahoma State Department of Health/Community Health Services
- OSU Extension
- Senior Citizens
- Texas County Health Department
- Woodward County Health Department
- Oklahoma Pork Council
- Dixon Lawnmowers
- Laverne Lumber Company
- Laverne Economic Development Director
- Buffalo Economic Development Director
- Oklahoma State Department of Transportation
- Local citizens