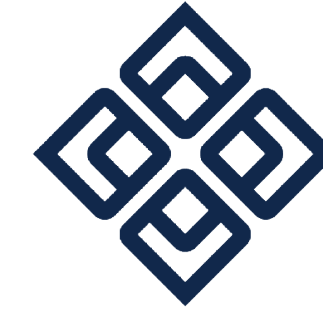


# KANSAS: MOBILE HEALTH CARE PCA& HCCN CONFERENCE GALLERY WALK (2023)



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## PROJECT AIM

The CHCs who have begun to utilize mobile units are setting the stage for more health centers in Kansas to bring this capacity online. At the start of this grant, at least 5-6 additional health centers expressed interest in establishing mobile units and are challenged with securing funding at this point. Through this project, our goal was to ensure CHCs and look-a-likes (LALs) are prepared to apply for new access point expansion funding when it becomes available. Through this project, the Community Care Network of Kansas (Community Care) will:

- Convene the CHCs and LALs and create a peer learning team to assist with navigating the development of a mobile unit program.
- Contract with existing CHCs to serve as Subject Matter Experts for those CHCs intent upon adding a mobile unit or expanding the services provided through their existing mobile unit(s).
- Provide technical assistance with CHCs and LALs for new or existing mobile units to ensure proficiency with billing and coding procedures provided at mobile sites.
- Partner with the State Medicaid Office and the Mobile Healthcare Association.
- Identify additional resources that may support the development of mobile clinics (i.e., Capital Link).

Through the peer learning team, we aimed to convene members to share best practices to address such topics as insurance, workflows, staffing, etc. Copies of memorandums of agreements, workflows, policies and procedures and mobile unit design will be shared. Community Care has contacted two of the other three Region 7 states thus far and they have expressed interest in participating in the learning collaborative. We know there is at least one Missouri CHC that is coordinating services with a local ambulance service and plan to invite them to share their experience through this learning collaborative.

Kansas is a non-expansion Medicaid state, and CHCs and LALs continue to identify ways to connect with patients and reduce barriers to accessing care. There are some unique collaborations happening that can be replicated in Kansas and other states such as collaborating with local fire departments to drive the mobile units and assist with staffing.

Another important factor relates to the rurality of Kansas. Kansas is comprised of 105 counties. According to the 2020 US Census, only five counties are classified as urban counties and 10 classified as semi-urban counties. Geographically, approximately 70% of the state is classified as frontier or rural, requiring residents in these areas to travel further from their homes to receive care. Mobile units level the playing field by ensuring that rural and frontier-area Kansans can receive quality health care closer to home, more efficiently and expediently. This can result in lower overall costs to the health care system as patients with chronic care will be less likely to delay care or skip appointments due to travel requirements and provide less stress and expense for the patient.

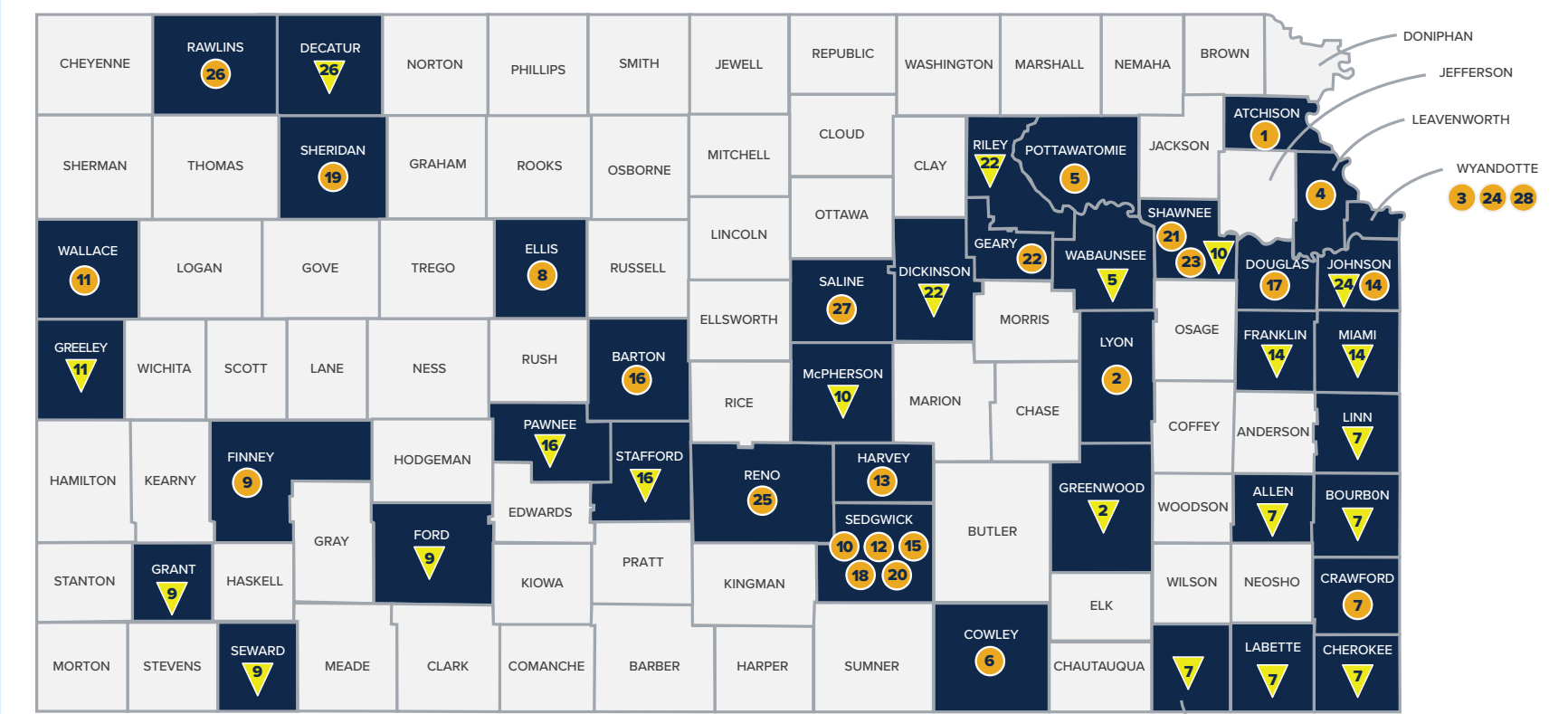
## CURRENT STATE OF MOBILE

The number of Kansas Health Centers utilizing mobile units for outreach activities has increased over the last three years. Due to a recent policy change (January 2023) the state Medicaid office now permits CHCs and LALs to bill for services provided through mobile units and it is expected more will look to incorporate this modality into their operations. Since the policy change, several CHCs with mobile clinics have been providing primary care, dental and behavioral health services through these units, with one solely focused on providing immunizations at this time. Currently seven (7) are utilizing mobile units, with another 5-6 interested in pursuing. FQHCs in Kansas that currently utilize mobile units include:

- Salina Family Health (rural)
- PrairieStar Health Center (rural)
- HealthCore (urban)
- Health Ministries Clinic (rural)
- GraceMed (urban)
- Hoxie Medical Clinic (frontier)
- HealthCore Clinic (urban)
- Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas (rural)

Health Ministries Clinic has been engaged with the Mobile Health Care Association and Community Care will pursue membership to support this project and utilize their expertise and resources.

## 2023 Member Clinics



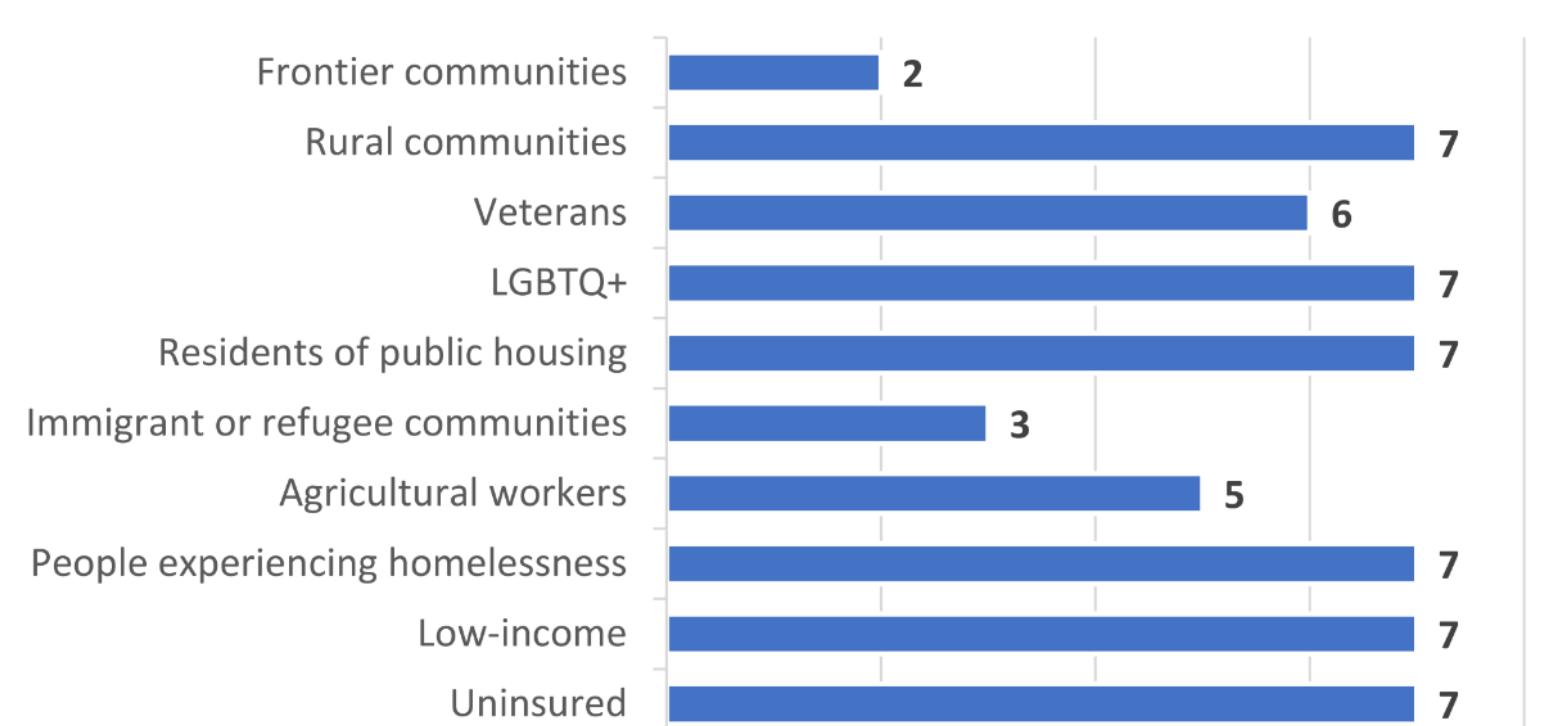
- Main Clinic
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- Atchison Community Health Clinic
- CareArc
- Caritas, Duchesne Clinic
- Caritas, St. Vincent Clinic
- Community Care Ministries
- Community Health Center in Cowley County
- Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas
- First Care Clinic
- Genesis Family Health
- GraceMed Health Clinic
- Greeley County Health Services
- Guadalupe Clinic
- Health Ministries Clinic
- Health Partnership Clinic
- HealthCore Clinic
- Heart of Kansas Family Health Care
- Heartland Community Health Center
- Holy Family Medical
- Hoxie Medical Clinic
- Hunter Health
- Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program
- Konza Prairie Community Health and Dental Center
- Marian Clinic
- Mercy and Truth Medical Missions
- PrairieStar Health Center
- Rawlins County Dental Clinic
- Salina Family HealthCare Center
- Vibrant Health

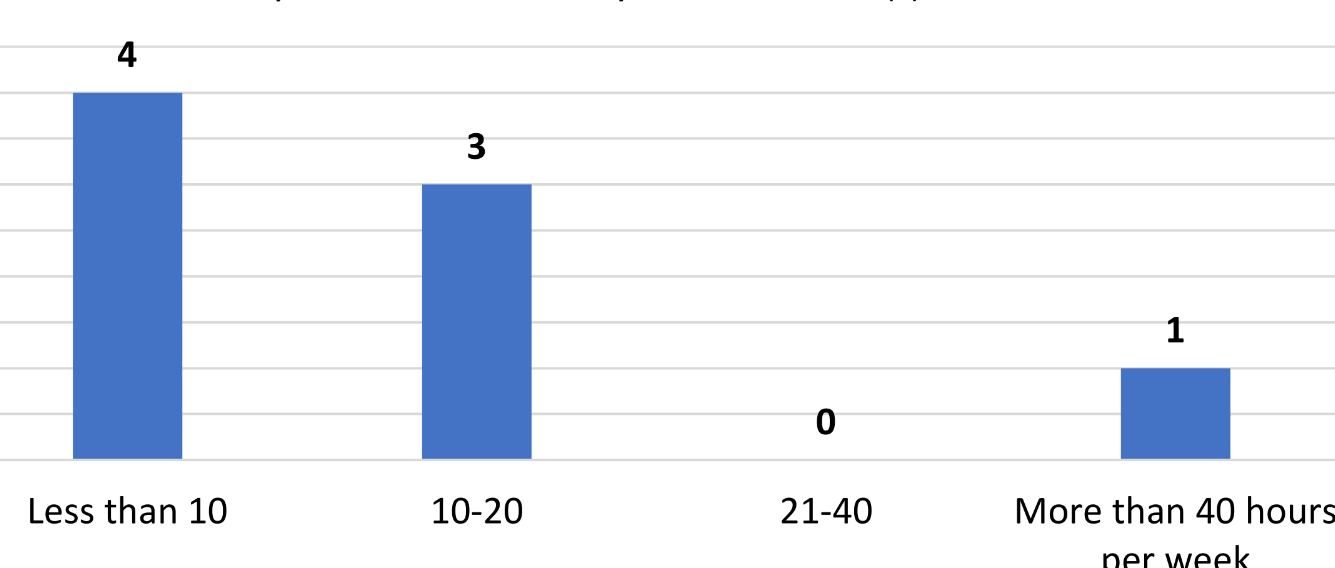


## SURVEY RESULTS

What patient populations does your mobile unit serve? Please check all that apply.

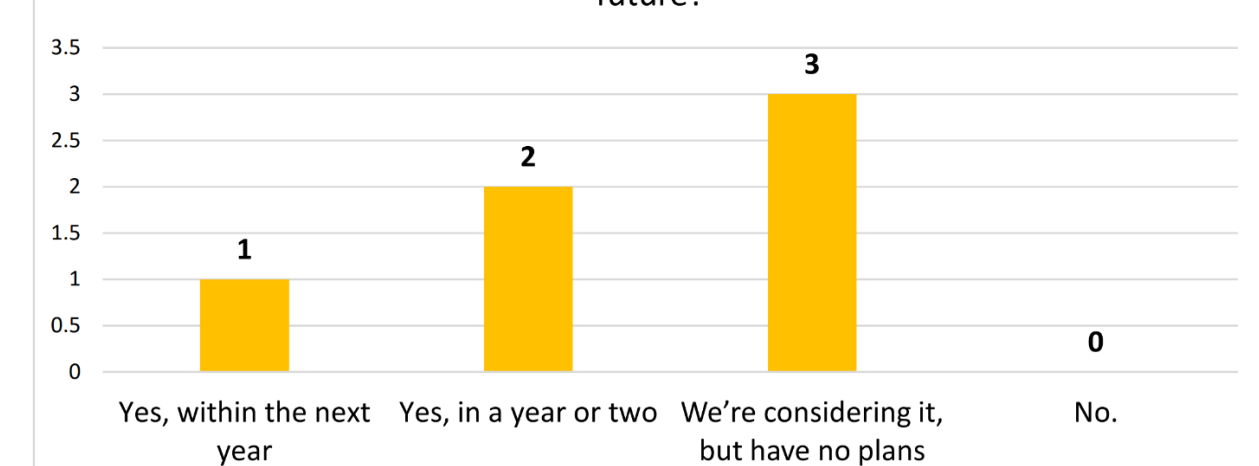


How many hours does each of your mobile unit(s) run each week?



Health Centers without a Mobile Unit

Is your health center interested in operating a mobile unit in the future?



## IMPACT SO FAR

Community Care is conducting a 4-session learning collaborative with Kansas Health Centers. The LC has been opened to Region 7. The first session, which was virtual, took place on June 29. There were 36 attendees representing 11 health centers and 3 PCAs. During the first session, Amy Flowers (NACHC) shared the preliminary data and Elizabeth Wallace (Mobile Health Care Association) presented "Why Go Mobile?" session. We briefly discussed funding opportunities and gathered topics from the attendees for the next three sessions. Session 2 will be in person and is scheduled for July 24th in Manhattan KS, at Konza Prairie Community Health Center. We had several health centers attend with a team of staff which was something we encouraged to happen. We have additionally used our newsletter and weekly training emails to convey this learning collaborative opportunity.