

Community Coalition meeting  
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Welcome

A. Introductions- Flip the Future “Community health” in McPherson County

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Truth	Flip	Reason/Signal
Communities have a grocery store in 10 miles		
We have public parks and Playgrounds		
More liquor store than positive social amenities		
Rank in top 10 for county health rankings		
We have 3 hospitals who provide 24/7 Emergency Care		
Majority of children are vaccinated	Majority of Kids are not Vaccinated	Misinformation Deteriorating trust with healthcare/science Public Policies Insurance updates/costs Vaccination costs Lack of parent engagement/information Availability for marginalized groups
Access to speciality care		
Lots of social activities for elderly		
McPherson County is older than other counties in Kansas	McPherson County is younger than average in Kansas	More college enrollment and retaining college students Places to live for current commuters

		Child care abundance More social amenities for younger people Environments that align with priorities and value Acceptance from the current community Focus on inclusion and intergenerational community Focus on Quality Education
Community Food pantries		
Lacking childcare		
Barriers to services for marginalized community members		

#### B. Community Successes!

- a. Drug Court starting Aug 7, 2025 training went well
- b. Health Department has safe sleep certified nurse Opens up lots of opportunities for families
- c. McPherson Hospital hosted WACC mano-ammo event, 104 Women
- d. Pride in McPherson and Lindsborg festivals went well.
- e. Lindsborg has a new family provider and also mammo & dexa machines
- f. Meadowlark has one more mile
- g. STEP graduation August 7
- h. Prairie view here in McPherson has been averaging 28-30 people per month coming in for same day access services, crisis help or wanting to start routine services as a new patient.
- i. CAN going well thinking about how it looks in the future

#### C. Community Needs Assessment Opportunities

- a. Working to begin Beautification Committee (Neighborhood and Built environment)
- b. [PAX training](#) - KDADs Mental Health (Social and Community Context)
  - i. Did it last year- parenting
- c. <https://suspenders4hope.com/course-content/> Other potential for mental Health Training

#### D. Child Care Opportunities

- a. Books, Balls, and Blocks- Aug 16, 2025 at Community Building for ASQ
  - i. Health Dept
  - ii. Library- Yes!
  - iii. United Way
  - iv. Other potential Resources?

- b. Increase Awareness of Subsidy usage- [KState Research Focus](#)
- E. Mastermind Year 3, Mastermind on the Road.
  - a. **City of Canton:** Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. | Canton Carnegie Library
  - b. **City of Galva:** Aug. 11 at 12 p.m. | Galva Community Building
  - c. **City of Inman:** Aug. 8 at 7 a.m. | Inman Senior Center
  - d. **City of Lindsborg:** Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. | Lindsborg Community Library
  - e. **City of Marquette:** Date and Location TBA
  - f. **City of McPherson (Two meetings):**
    - i. Aug. 14 at 3 p.m. | First United Methodist Church
    - ii. Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. | First United Methodist Church (StepMC meeting)
  - g. **City of Moundridge:** Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. | West Zion Mennonite Church
- F. Immediate needs or concerns?
- G. Upcoming events
  - a. Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk September 27, Memorial Park 9-12
    - i. Ask Suspenders 4 Hope
    - ii. Safe Project, Safe Families
- H. Dismiss

Next Coalition meeting will be **September 25, 2025**- I will be sending out zoom and calendar reminders