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### **Miami County Medical Center Invites Community to Provide Input About Healthcare Needs**

**PAOLA, KAN. (Aug. 29, 2018)** – Miami County Medical Center (MCMC) is seeking input from community members about the healthcare needs and desires in Miami County. All community residents and business leaders are encouraged to fill out a short online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MiamiCoCHNA> by Sept. 7. In addition, you are invited to attend a Town Hall meeting from 7:30 - 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Town Square, 15 W. Wea in Paola, Kan., to discuss this topic with representatives from MCMC and other community health providers. Breakfast will be provided.

"The health of our community is a priority for our entire health system," Paul Luce, Vice President/Chief Operating Officer of Miami County Medical Center, said. "We hope the community and health professionals will take advantage of this opportunity to provide input into the future of healthcare delivery in our county."

The information discussed at the Town Hall will be part of a final public report, called the Miami County Community Health Needs Assessment (MCCHNA). The report is an update to the MCCHNA completed in 2015 and will provide guidance to address the county's healthcare needs. The goal of this report is to help MCMC understand its progress in addressing community health needs cited in the 2015 report and to collect up-to-date community health perceptions.

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MCMC executed several projects based on the healthcare needs cited in the 2015 report, including:

- Relocating Olathe Health Family Medicine – Paola to a more visible, convenient location
- Adding pediatric providers in the county to better serve the population and enhance access to those services
- Partnering with local and state organizations to enhance access to behavioral health services.

The full version of MCMC's 2015 Community Health Needs Assessment and 2017-2019 Community Health Improvement Plan can be found at [olathehealth.org/community](http://olathehealth.org/community).

We value your input and hope you take the short survey and join us at the upcoming Town Hall. If you have any questions about CHNA activities, please call 913-791-4311.

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