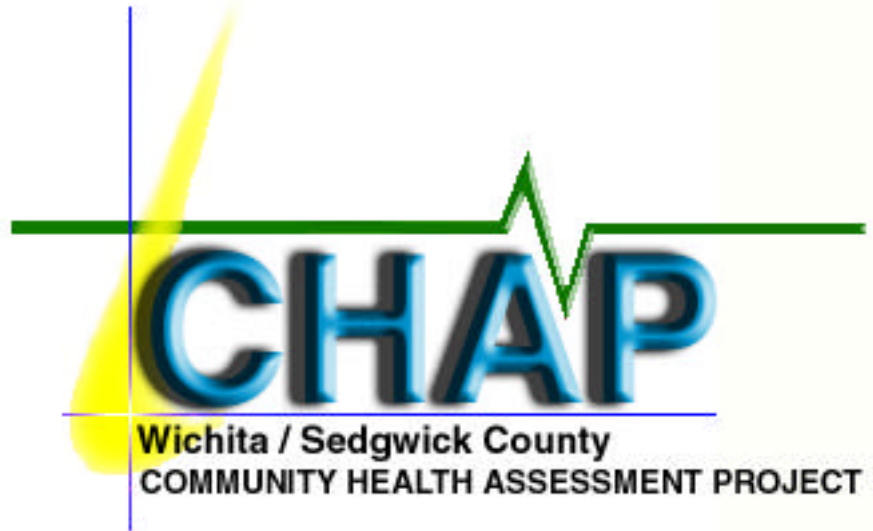


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PREFACE

This is an interim report of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Community Health Assessment Project (CHAP). It serves as a working draft that will be updated, revised and expanded. Most importantly, after much more community input, a detailed community health plan will be developed and implemented. This report was assembled by a large number of people, including important local leaders in community health, medical care, and academic medicine/public health. However, the contents have not been reviewed in depth by our large number of shareholders. Therefore, this document is presented as an interim report to be reviewed in detail by interested parties. Some data may need to be corrected or expanded. Some conclusions may need to be revised or expanded.

Most importantly, this document is intended to be used by interested parties to improve the health of our citizens and community as a whole. Our community's diverse resources will be needed to improve health. Therefore, this document can only provide data and suggestions for how to improve community health. The resources for change and improvement are already in the community waiting to be tapped and coordinated.

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