The County Manager’s Office implements the priorities and goals of the County Commissioners, in order to improve quality public service for citizens of Sedgwick County. The Manager’s Office works to assure essential services and programs are provided to citizens in an efficient and effective manner.

The Manager is the chief administrative officer of Sedgwick County, reporting directly to the Board of County Commissioners. Responsibilities include policy generation, positions and alternatives, research on issues and concerns of the County, supervision of major divisions of County Government and preparation of the weekly agendas for Commission meetings.

Two Assistant County Managers are housed in the County Manager’s Office and reports directly to the Manager. Both Assistant County Managers maintain line responsibility over their own divisions and departments within the County. The increase in full-time equivalents (FTEs) results from the transfer of a Communication’s Coordinator from the Health Department in late 2005.

A valuable link between both County employees and the citizens of the community, Communications provides information about the current activities of County Government operations. Using various technological and creative methods, Communications is able to relay
information to citizens through publications, Internet content, video, and interaction with local media. Communications provides services to various County departments including developing news stories and releases, assistance with special projects, creation of materials and advertisements, graphics support, streaming video and photography services.

The Communications Office includes the Government and Community Relations function and the County Manager Intern Program. Responsibilities transferred to Communications include monitoring state and federal legislative activity, informing Sedgwick County of legislative issues, researching and summarizing potential impacts on Sedgwick County while working with County departments to identify and ensure passage of priority issues at the state and federal level.

The following items are some of the recent interests, initiatives, and priority issues achieved during 2006:

- Commitment to developing alternative solutions for increasing jail populations
- Approval of a technical education and training center at Jabara Airport as part of long-term workforce development efforts
- Passage of an Affordable Airfares bill in the Kansas State Legislature to provide funding from the state
- Community engagement process to gain input from citizens on exterior design selection

Projects and objectives for the remainder of 2006 and 2007 for the County Manager include:

- Continued efforts to reduce overcrowding at the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility through creative solutions
- Improving technical education in order to provide a skilled workforce for the business community through the Jabara campus
- Continued development of the vision for the Downtown Arena
- Cultivating economic development and job retention.

### Department Performance Measures and Goals

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**Goals:**
- Assist the Board of County Commissioners in implementing policy and program initiative
- Enhance communication between the Manager, Leadership Team and the entire organization to improve awareness of issues and services
- Engage citizens, employees, and other government entities and community leaders in a collaborative environment