

**Strategic Plan for Pettis County Health Center
2019-2021
VISION STATEMENT**

The people of Pettis County will be healthy individuals living in a healthy community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Pettis County Health Center is to work with community partners to promote a healthy community by addressing the health needs of the county.

OBJECTIVES

1. To monitor the health status of the community and of individuals in order to identify and solve community health problems.
2. To develop and promote policies and plans that advance individual and population-based health in collaboration with the community planning processes.
3. To promote a healthy environment and health services which reduce the risk of disease, injury, disability, and premature death.

Strategic Issue #1 Chronic Disease Prevention

Pettis County has high rates of chronic disease particularly heart disease, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes. Lifestyle issues such as obesity, lack of exercise, and poor nutritional choices are contributing factors chronic disease.

Goals

1. By 2022 Pettis County residents will experience a decrease in the rate of diabetes from above the state rate to at or below the state rate.
2. By 2022 Pettis County there will be a decrease in the number of Pettis County residents with an initial diagnosis of stage 3 or 4 cancer, particularly in breast, cervical and colon cancer.

Strategic Issue #2 Acute Disease Prevention

Pettis County is experiencing a decrease in the number of children fully immunized attending school. Some schools are reporting immunization rates below 80% which sets the stage for an outbreak of vaccine preventable diseases. In addition, the STD rate for chlamydia and gonorrhea are above the state rate. Finally, the rate of vector borne illnesses are increasing.

Goals

1. By 2022, Pettis County residents will have a rate of STD infection at or below the state rate.
2. By 2022, Pettis County immunization rates will increase to above 90% in all county schools.
3. By 2022, Pettis County will experience a decrease in vector borne illness to a rate at or below the state rate.
4. By 2019 Pettis County Health Center will be better prepared to manage a major disease outbreak.

Strategic Issue #3 Mental Health

Mental health issues continue to be an ongoing concern in Pettis County. The Community Connections program, funded by the Bureau of Justice Administration grant has brought a variety of partners together to support those with mental health issues involved in the criminal justice system. A new community partnership has developed to prevent suicide. There still remain many unmet needs for improving the mental health of community members. There will never be enough mental health providers, so assisting the community to become more resilient will assist with having the resources for those most in need.

Goals

1. By 2020 Pettis County residents will have increased access to mental health screening in a variety of venues as well as information on becoming more resilient.
2. By 2020 Pettis County Health Center staff will be active participants in assisting Pettis County to become a trauma informed community.
3. By 2021 Pettis County Health Center staff will be active participants in supporting the work of the suicide prevention programs in the county.

Strategic Issue #4 Health Literacy

The ability to understand and process information to support one's health and well being is critical to creating a healthy community. Many of our residents struggle to understand the information needed to meet their health needs. In area of environmental health there are many misunderstandings related to the regulations regarding food service and on site waste water which create hazardous conditions for county residents and visitors.

Goals

1. By 2020 Pettis County Health Center environmental health staff will identify the knowledge gap related to environmental health issues and design appropriate educational interventions.
2. By 2022, the health indicators for children will improve as measured by Kids County data.
3. By 2022 there will be an increase in the number of residents reporting participating in preventative health screenings.