



COMMUNITY EFFORTS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY

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BioMedical School

Lead: Wichita State University & University of Kansas

A new state-of-the-art facility in downtown Wichita to house Wichita State and WSU Tech's health professions programs as well as KU School of Medicine-Wichita and KU Pharmacy that will expand programs, improve patient outcomes, and engage new clinical trials.

Update

1. Land transfer was approved by Wichita City Council on August 1st
2. Location: see further information on attached handout
3. Working with design team to finalize architectural plans
4. Construction projected to start 1st quarter of 2024



COMCARE Crisis Center

Lead: Sedgwick County

Sedgwick County is currently seeking a location in close proximity to the Bio-Medical School, anticipating engaging the architect working on the Bio-Medical School to resemble the design of the school. The funding for the expansion is supported by Sedgwick County. Development begins the first or second quarter of 2024. The expansion will include 10 Medical Detox beds in addition to the existing detox and sobering beds.

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Mental Health and
Substance Abuse Coalition



State Behavioral Health Hospital

Lead: Kansas Dept. of Aging & Disability Services & Sedgwick County

Developing programming and design of a regional state hospital, working with the Governor's Office to form an advisory panel to collect public input on location and operations, and working with partners to develop strategies for workforce development and talent recruitment.

Update from KDADS

Staff from KDADS, Larned State Hospital, Osawatomie State Hospital and Sedgwick County held a kickoff meeting with the architectural firm hired to create the programmatic design and initial schematics for the regional state hospital building. The kick off was on August 15 and the project design documents are expected to be finished by the end of October.

Update from Sedgwick County

The contract for the beginning phases of the State Behavioral Health Hospital has been issued to GLMV Architecture. A designated team from Sedgwick County, the State, and GLMV will have 60 days to complete the programming and schematic design. A search will be conducted for an existing structure that could be utilized for the hospital, occurring consecutively during schematic design, as well as a search for land where a new structure could be erected. Upon completion, Sedgwick County will open an RFP to identify an architect and contractor after design completion. The project is expected to begin construction within the fourth quarter of 2024. The State will disperse funding from the State general fund and the Spark Grant to Sedgwick County, with the first amount of \$60,000 being dispersed in August 2023.



City of Wichita HOME-ARP Projects

Lead: City of Wichita

Contract with a developer team and national consultant to work with the community and providers to identify site options for an effective service area for a homelessness navigation center, non-congregate housing and affordable housing, to be co-located with a 24/7/365 emergency shelter representing national best practices.

Update

1. The City's 2021-2022 HOME Program funding allocation is \$1.5MM
2. The City also received \$5.5MM in HOME-American Rescue Plan
3. City Council approved a contract with Development Strategies Inc. and HomeBase to consult with local providers, analyze homelessness needs, and prepare City's HOME-ARP allocation plan (April 19, 2022)
4. City Council approved the HOME-ARP plan (December 6, 2022), which includes funding for non-congregate shelter, affordable housing units, and coordinated support services through a housing-focused navigation center; the plan also includes a general contractor partner and management partners to operate affordable housing and non-congregate shelter
5. The HOME-ARP plan was approved by HUD (March 28, 2023)
6. City Council approved the agreement with PETRA Inc. for multi-phased development of the Multi-Agency Center (August 22, 2023)
7. PETRA Inc., HomeBase, and Julia Orlando to begin stakeholder consultation to identify potential partners, services, scale, funding, and site location

