COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT
TOP HEALTH PRIORITIES

1. Physician recruitment and retention
2. Increase capacity of oral health services
3. Promote health, wellness, and chronic disease prevention

ADDRESSING COMMUNITY HEALTH PRIORITIES
"Our Dental Outreach team serves the community’s health needs by providing education and preventive services in the school districts, WIC clinics, Head Start programs, Developmentally Disabled Centers and Skilled Nursing Facilities in 9 counties in NW Kansas."

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
HOSPITAL "refers patients...community partners...participate in local health fairs..."
HEALTH DEPARTMENT "refer patients in need of additional services... host health fairs... contribute to community health services"
MENTAL HEALTH CENTER "direct relationship...serve their patients by doing dental screenings..."
PRIVATE PRACTICES "work with local service and private practices"
OTHER "work with schools, nursing homes, and center for individuals with disabilities"

COLLABORATION EXAMPLE
"Rawlins County Dental Clinic is currently collaborating with Rawlins County Health Center, Rawlins County Public Health, Atwood Good Samaritan and Healthy Communities Initiative group to perform a current community health needs assessment."

CARE COORDINATION & PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL CARE
"Blood Pressure checks are performed in our office. We talk to our patients about the importance of proper dental care and how it reflects on the continuum of their health care overall. We participate in Health Fairs as stated and provide literature that educates the public on the importance of maintaining a healthy oral health care plan."

USING GRANT FUNDS TO IMPROVE PATIENT CARE
"The grant fund will allow us to recruit a 2nd dentist to provide restorative dental care and education to our patients. The second dentist will allow us to see more patients in a day and decrease the days of waiting for an open appointment slot. The dentist will also provide the coverage for Head Start visits and a service site within the Hoxie Medical Clinic. Overall, the grant will allow Rawlins county Dental Clinic to provide access to affordable oral healthcare for all residents of Northwest Kansas."