

City of Lawrence  
Outside Agency  
Bi-annual Report  
2016

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at [dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org](mailto:dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org). Reports on activities from January 2016 to June 2016 are due on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. Cumulative reports on activities from January 2016 through December 2016 are due on February 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.

**Agency Name:**

**Reporting Period (please check one):**

☐ January - June  
(deadline July 15)

☒ January – December  
(deadline February 15)

1. Give a brief narrative of the activities that were funded with City funds over the reporting period checked above.

Heartland Community Health Center ("Heartland") has utilized the City of Lawrence funding to screen for and intervene in substance abuse among Heartland patients. Every patient who establishes care with Heartland is screened for substance abuse and then annually thereafter. Any patient who screens positive for possible substance abuse is referred to Heartland's Behavioral Health Consultant who then completes a more in-depth screening to determine the severity of the patient's substance use. The Behavioral Health Consultant then determines if the individual could benefit from a simple brief intervention that she would administer or if more intensive treatment is needed. If more intensive treatment is needed, she either refers the patient to an in-house consultant from DCCCA, a Douglas County drug and alcohol treatment facility, or refers the patient to other outpatient or inpatient treatment.

2. Provide specific detail (and supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate progress made toward your goals/objectives.

Heartland Community Health Center has established an outstanding partnership with DCCCA that meets the substance abuse or treatment needs of its patients. DCCCA continues to successfully utilize Heartland's services to meet the primary care and behavioral health needs of its residents and clients. In addition, Heartland has made great strides to increase its partnership with Bert Nash to ensure that patients experiencing substance abuse are accessing the services they need.

Since January 2016, Heartland has increased its Behavioral Health Consultant (BHC) time and availability by adding a 1.0 FTE BHC. This has allowed Heartland to see an increase of patients in need of behavioral health services. Collectively, the BHCs at Heartland have recorded more than 850 patient encounters in the calendar year. This yields to more than 385 unique individuals that have utilized behavioral health services at Heartland.

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

With an ever growing need and constant challenge, Heartland is working with expert agencies in our community to alleviate substance abuse impacting the health and lives of our local citizens. Heartland is positioned to skillfully intervene and holistically meet the needs of community members. As our mentioned project objectives illustrate, Heartland is equipped to detect substance abuse problems or tendencies before substance abuse becomes destructive in one's life. As a result, citizens or the target population will have the knowledge and skills to make individually appropriate choices about alcohol use and reduce the incidence of dependency thereby positively impacting an entire community. Furthermore, by treating the root causes of substance abuse, mental illness and physical health issues will lead to an a reduction of overall health care costs, principally among those with substance use diagnoses. This has the potential to greater influence and impact our community.

4. What barriers, if any, have you encountered? N/A

5. Review the line-item budget you provided in your application. How much of your allocation has been spent?

See attached budget form. For additional budget questions, please email Angela Puckett at [apuckett@heartlandhealth.org](mailto:apuckett@heartlandhealth.org)

## Heartland Community Health Center Class QuickReport

**January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016**

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