



CVC Meeting Format: October 28, 2010 (Community)

Part #1: Social, Health, and Human Services (4:30pm-6:10 pm)

Panel Discussion (30 minutes)

A panel of experts has been assembled to help inform the committee's discussion on the topic of Social, Health, and Human Services. Participants include:

- Karen Wulfkuhle, Executive Director, United Community Services (Overview of Trends)
- Deborah Collins, Director, Johnson County Human Services
- Lougene Marsh, Director, Johnson County Health Department
- Maury Thompson, Director, Johnson County Developmental Supports
- David Wiebe, Director, Johnson County Mental Health Center

Following an overview of trends influencing Social, Health, and Human Services by Karen Wulfkuhle, the remaining four panelists will be asked to respond to the following questions as it relates to their particular area of expertise:

- How is your department's work changing (or how has it changed) as a result of current trends?
- What are the biggest challenges and opportunities you see for Johnson County in the next 10 to 20 years with regard to social, health, and human services?

Questions and Answers (30 minutes)

Following the panel's presentation, committee members will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panel to help further inform their subsequent discussion.

Committee Discussion (40 minutes)

The consultants will facilitate a discussion with the committee that will serve as the foundation for a preliminary vision for Social, Health, and Human Services in Johnson County. Key objectives for the committee's discussion are as follows:

- Identify common values among the group that will serve as the foundation for a preliminary vision; and
- Identify areas of potential disconnect among the group that may warrant further consideration of options as the visioning process moves forward.

To help focus the committee discussion, some key questions for the committee as well as a summary of information and ideas generated specific to the topics at hand is provided on the following page, for the committee to consider prior to the meeting and as they listen to the panelist's presentation and discussion.

VISION TOPIC #1: Social, Health, and Human Services

Following is list of targeted questions for the committee to consider as they deliberate over this broader question as the foundation for a preliminary vision: ***How should Johnson County's role in the provision of social, health, and human services change over the next 10 to 20 years?*** The questions below were derived from the committee's discussions to date and from community input received as part of the Online Community Workshop in August. They are intended as a starting point for discussion as a way to confirm the group's interest and general agreement (or lack thereof) on the discrete elements or guiding principles that will ultimately comprise the vision.

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Question to consider: How can Johnson County work with its state, federal, local government, and nonprofit partners to help meet the needs of its changing population and growing vulnerable, low income population?

What we've heard so far:

- How do we fund growing demand for social, health, and human services?
 - How can existing resources (county, local government, nonprofit) be leveraged to serve more people?
 - Should County government maintain its current role in social, health, and human services?
 - Should the role of County government in social, health, and human services contract in light of revenue shortfalls and competing demands for resources?
- Other?

Question to consider: How do trends related to Johnson County's changing population and increasing demand for social, health, and human services relate to other issues, such as transportation, land use patterns, and the fiscal ability to provide services?

What we've heard so far:

- Land Use/Housing
 - Lack of low income/affordable housing
 - Zoning/flexibility for senior housing
 - Boomers—independent to assisted care
- Transportation
 - Limited transit options in Johnson County contribute further limit access to social, health, and human services for some segments of the population
- Other??

Part #2: Culture, Arts, and Humanities (6:15pm-7:30pm)

A panel of experts has been assembled to help inform the committee's discussion on the topic of Culture, Arts, and Humanities. Participants include:

- Porter Arneill, Executive Director, Kansas City Municipal Arts Commission (regional and local perspective)
- Frank Byrne, Executive Director, Kansas City Symphony (regional perspective)
- Mindi Love, Director, Johnson County Museum (county perspective)

Each panelist will be asked to respond to the following questions as it relates to their particular area of expertise:

- What major initiatives has your organization been focused on that will have an influence on Johnson County in the future?
- What are the biggest opportunities you see for Johnson County in the next 10 to 20 years with regard to culture, arts, and humanities?

Note: Due to a speaker scheduling conflict, libraries will be covered during the December 2 meeting in conjunction with the education discussion.

Culture, Arts, and Humanities—Charting our Vision

Following is list of targeted questions for the committee to consider as they deliberate over this broader question as the foundation for a preliminary vision: ***How should Johnson County's role in culture, arts, and humanities change over the next 10 to 20 years?*** The questions below were derived from the committee's discussions to date and from community input received as part of the Online Community Workshop in August. They are intended as a starting point for discussion as a way to confirm the group's interest and general agreement (or lack thereof) on the discrete elements or guiding principles that will ultimately comprise the vision.

Question to consider: How do culture, arts, and humanities contribute to the quality of life and economy of the county and region?

What we've heard so far:

- Arts and culture contribute to the county's ability to attract/retain businesses and talented workers (e.g., creative class)
- Arts and culture can help create a sense of "community" among an increasingly diverse population
- Other??

Questions to consider: How should Johnson County's current level of commitment to culture, arts, and humanities change in the future?

What we've heard so far:

- Maintain current endeavors and their on-going goals
- Expand existing programs/create new organizations
- Reevaluate whether arts be a focus of government, in light of revenue shortfalls.
- Consider how to balance commitments to culture, arts, and humanities with increasing demand for essential services (e.g., police, infrastructure, public transportation, and other services)

- Other??

Questions to consider: What role should Johnson County play in programs and amenities that serve the broader metro area?

What we've heard so far:

- Johnson County is a contributor and beneficiary of arts and cultural amenities in the region
- Foster good coordination and support between Johnson County and other organizations
- Johnson County should be seen as a leader in the state of Kansas, as well as a thriving part of the KC arts scene.
- Other??