

4.3 Health Services

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Assessment Process	
A.	Health Needs Assessments were completed by Barton County Achieving Wellness and Security (BCAWS). See Section C below on program standards for the assessment.
B.	Open meeting forums are offered monthly through BCAWS to address issues of public health concern
C.	Lamar Community Betterment and the Chamber of Commerce administered an extensive survey in 2002 that rated health services among other aspects of quality of life for the community.

Program Standards	
A.	Organization: Barton County Achieving Wellness and Security (BCAWS) is an organization of health services providers and recipients or end-users of local health services. BCAWS collectively addresses health concerns identified through community needs assessments. BCAWS also provides a valuable networking link for health care providers and social service agencies.
B.	Mission Statement: The purpose of BCAWS and its Health Services Program is to be an organization of people concerned with the security and wellness of the individuals and families of Barton County. As a group, BCAWS will be more effective in assisting in the development of a community in which all citizens are inspired to achieve and maintain a high level of security and wellness.
C.	Health Needs Assessment: BCAWS has carried out two county-wide surveys (1998 and 2001) to assess services offered, public perception/awareness of these services and additional services needed. In addition, Lamar Community Betterment and the Barton County Chamber of Commerce conduct an annual needs assessment survey. Data from both of these surveys is used extensively to plan direction of community resources as well as support data for grant applications.
D.	State Health Services Coordination: BCAWS receives excellent technical assistance and support through the CHART-sponsored Institute of Community Health Leadership. In addition to the Missouri Hospital Association and the Missouri Department of Health, BCAWS also collaborates with the Division of Family Services, Economic Security Corporation, Division of Aging, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, University Outreach and Extension, and many other community-based organizations. The collaborative partnerships help meet the health needs of Lamar and Barton County residents.

E.	<p>Availability of Basic Health Services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primary health care: Lamar is served by seven family practice physicians, two chiropractors, three dentists, and two optometrists. Nurse practitioners and physician assistants further compliment local services provided. 2. Home health care: Home Health services are provided by Barton County Memorial Hospital and the Barton County Health Department. 3. Emergency service: Full emergency room acute care services are provided at Barton County Memorial Hospital. The hospital is equipped with a helicopter transport facility to transport patients, if needed. 4. Ambulance service: Onsite emergency care and transport is provided by full-time staff through the Barton County Ambulance Service. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is accessible through Emergency 911 phone service. 5. Community health nurse: Services from this full-time position are made available through the Barton County Health Department. Additionally, the public school system provides health nurses at the school campuses. 6. Sanitation: As addressed more thoroughly in MoCAP Sections 4.7, 5.2, 5.3, and 5.7, services are available through the City of Lamar. Additionally, Environmental Health Care Specialists are available from the Barton County Health Department and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. 7. Health educator: As part of their mission to promote health and prevent disease, the Barton County Health Department has retained a community health educator. Furthermore, Barton County Memorial Hospital and the University Outreach and Extension Service provide community health education. 8. Nutritionist: Services and consultations from nutritionists are available through the Barton County Health Department, Barton County Memorial Hospital, and the University Outreach and Extension Service. 9. Social worker: Clinical consultation and in-take coordination is provided by Barton County Memorial Hospital. Social workers are also employed by Lakeview Rehabilitation Center, the Division of Family Services, and the Division of Aging. 10. Family Practitioner: Seven D.O. and M.D. family physicians practice in Lamar. 11. Dentist: Three physicians holding DDS or DMD status practice in Lamar. 12. Pediatrician: A pediatrician has been retained for the community through Barton County Memorial Hospital 13. OB/GYN: Gate-keeping family physicians will refer patients as needed to specialists made available through Barton County Memorial Hospital.
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Program Goals and Planning

Specific goals related to both health services and child cares are found in MoCAP Section 1.3.

Program Evaluation

The success of Health Services projects for Lamar are addressed through:

- Specific indicators available from the Missouri Department of Health
- Benchmarks and best practices guidelines established through the state agencies
- Monthly focus group collaborative meetings conducted by BCAWS
- Annual Surveys of the local population through Community Betterment and the Chamber of Commerce