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## Johnson County Department of Health and Environment to partner with Olathe Medical Center and Shawnee Mission Medical Center to assess community health needs

(Olathe, KS - **September 28, 2012**) Over the next two months, the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment will partner with both Olathe Medical Center and Shawnee Mission Medical Center (SMMC) to assess community health needs. As part of the new federal healthcare reform law (the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act), non-profit hospitals are required to perform a community health needs assessment (CHNA) every three years. Results of this assessment will provide guidance to address current and future healthcare needs for each hospital's primary service area. Assessment topics include current health practices and healthcare perceptions such as delivery and access to services.

To gather the required Johnson County resident information, several assessment activities are being planned:

1) **Shawnee Mission Medical Center** will mail a **CHNA public survey** to residents in its primary service area on Friday, Oct. 5. (Note: Johnson County residents can also take this survey online by going to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CHNA\\_SMMC](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CHNA_SMMC) ) **All survey returns are due on Wednesday, Oct. 31.**

2) **Olathe Medical Center** will host a public **Town Hall dinner meeting from 5:30 – 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1** at the Olathe Health Education Center, 21201 W 152<sup>nd</sup> St., Olathe, Kan. 66061.

3) **Shawnee Mission Medical Center** will host a public **Town Hall dinner meeting from 5:30 – 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13** at Matt Ross Community Center, 8101 Marty St., Overland Park, Kan. 66204.

Vince Vandelaar MBA, Managing Consultant from VVV Research & Development INC – Olathe, Kan., has been retained to conduct all research assessment activities. For further information about these upcoming CHNA activities, please call Lougene Marsh, Director, Johnson County Department of Health and Environment, at 913 477-8300, Stephanie Manning, PR & Marketing Manager, Olathe Medical Center, at 913-791-4398 and/or Shannon Cates, Marketing Manager, Shawnee Mission Medical Center, at 913-789-5565.

### **About Johnson County**

Located in the southwestern quadrant of the Kansas City Metropolitan Region, Johnson County, Kansas is a community of choice with a current population of more than 544,000, making it the most populated of the 105 counties in Kansas, but traditionally having the lowest mill levy in the state. Johnson County offers a vibrant quality of life including nationally recognized schools, libraries and parks where businesses and families choose to locate and call their home. For more information visit the county's website at [www.jocogov.org](http://www.jocogov.org).

