

Horizon Council Hosts First Community Meeting

The Morgan County Healthcare Horizon Council hosted the first of four community meetings on December 11th at Morgan Community College. About thirty-five people attended. The four meetings are being facilitated by staff from the National Center for Rural Health Works (RHW), based in Oklahoma. During these meetings, participants from throughout the county are working together to help identify Morgan County's healthcare needs and examine the social, economic, and political realities affecting the local delivery of healthcare. The first meeting produced a report on the economic impact of the health sector on Morgan County's economy. According to this report, there are 1,162 people employed in the health sector in Morgan County. This employment generates over \$54 million in direct income, and has a total impact of over \$67 million for the county. The full report can be found on the Council's website at www.mocohealthcarehorizon.org.

The second community meeting will be held from 12:00 noon until 1:00 on Thursday, January 14th, again at Morgan Community College. During this community meeting, the RHW staff will be presenting a draft of a county health services directory they have developed. The meeting participants will look over the draft and help determine whether or not the information is complete and accurate. There is no charge to attend the meeting. Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center is providing lunch for participants who pre-register. To register, please visit the Horizon Council's website.

For additional information about the Morgan County Health Care Horizon Council, visit their website at www.mocohealthcarehorizon.org.

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