



**PRESENTATION**  
**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**April 25, 2018**

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Department Finance

Director Approval Lacey Lies

**AGENDA ITEM** Presentation by Four County Mental Health Center to inform the Commission about its current substance use treatment and prevention activities.

**BACKGROUND** Four County Mental Health Center provides substance use treatment and prevention activities in Montgomery County and surrounding counties. The state of Kansas allocates local alcohol tax collections to the City, which one-third provides funding to the Special Alcohol Program fund maintained to help support these types of programs in the community. The City has in previous years provided these funds to Four County to support its substance use treatment and prevention program in Independence.

**BUDGET IMPACT** The City has budgeted an expected collection of approximately \$42,000 throughout 2019 in the Special Alcohol Program fund. \$30,000 of that balance collected is budgeted to be expended to fund external organizations.

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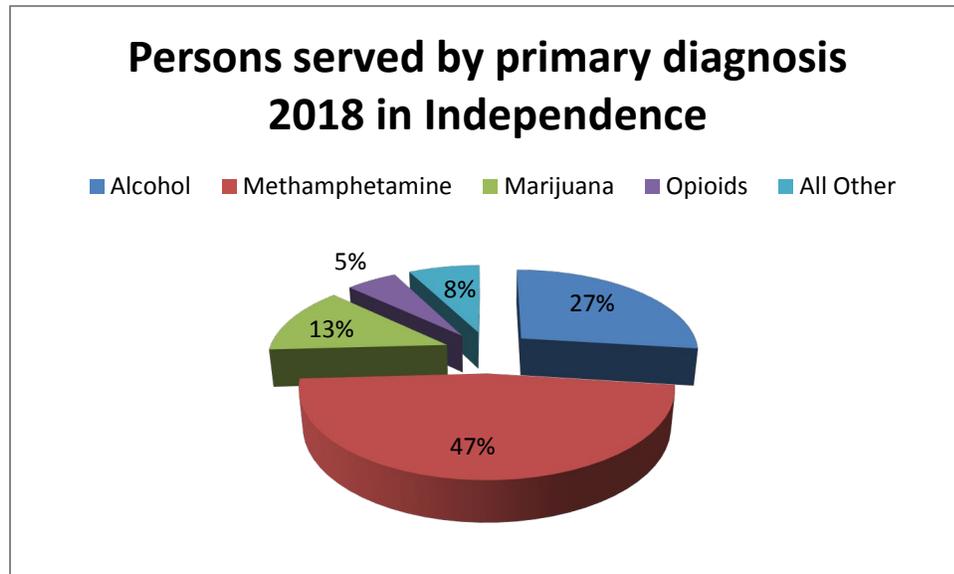
#### **Statute KSA 79-42 a04**

(d) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, each city treasurer of a city that has a population of more than 6,000, upon receipt of any moneys distributed under this section, shall deposit the full amount in the city treasury and shall credit 1/3 of the deposit to the general fund of the city, 1/3 to a special parks and recreation fund in the city treasury and 1/3 to a special alcohol and drug programs fund in the city treasury. Each city treasurer of a city that has a population of 6,000 or less, upon receipt of any moneys distributed under this section, shall deposit the full amount in the city treasury and shall credit 1/2 of the deposit to the general fund of the city and 1/2 to a special parks and recreation fund in the city treasury. Moneys in such special funds shall be under the direction and control of the governing body of the city. Moneys in the special parks and recreation fund may be expended only for the purchase, establishment, maintenance or expansion of park and recreational services, programs and facilities. One-half of the moneys distributed under this section to cities located in Butler county shall be deposited in a special community support program and parks and recreation fund in the city treasury. Moneys in the special community support program and parks and recreation fund may be expended only for (1) the establishment and operation of a domestic violence program operated by a not-for-profit organization or (2) the purchase, establishment, maintenance or expansion of park and recreational services, programs and facilities. Moneys in the special alcohol and drug programs fund shall be expended only for the purchase, establishment, maintenance or expansion of services or programs whose principal purpose is alcoholism and drug abuse prevention and education, alcohol and drug detoxification, intervention in alcohol and drug abuse or treatment of persons who are alcoholics or drug abusers or are in danger of becoming alcoholics or drug abusers.

#### **Organizational Mission & Purpose**

Four County Mental Health Center Inc. is dedicated to providing accessible, innovative services in partnership with individuals and families in our communities. Four County Mental Health Center has been serving Montgomery County residents since 1964 and has a long-lasting relationship with residents and community partners in Independence. The alcohol and drug treatment program is dedicated to achieving recovery in partnership with individuals that struggle with substance use and addiction.

## Relevant data and highlights from the past year



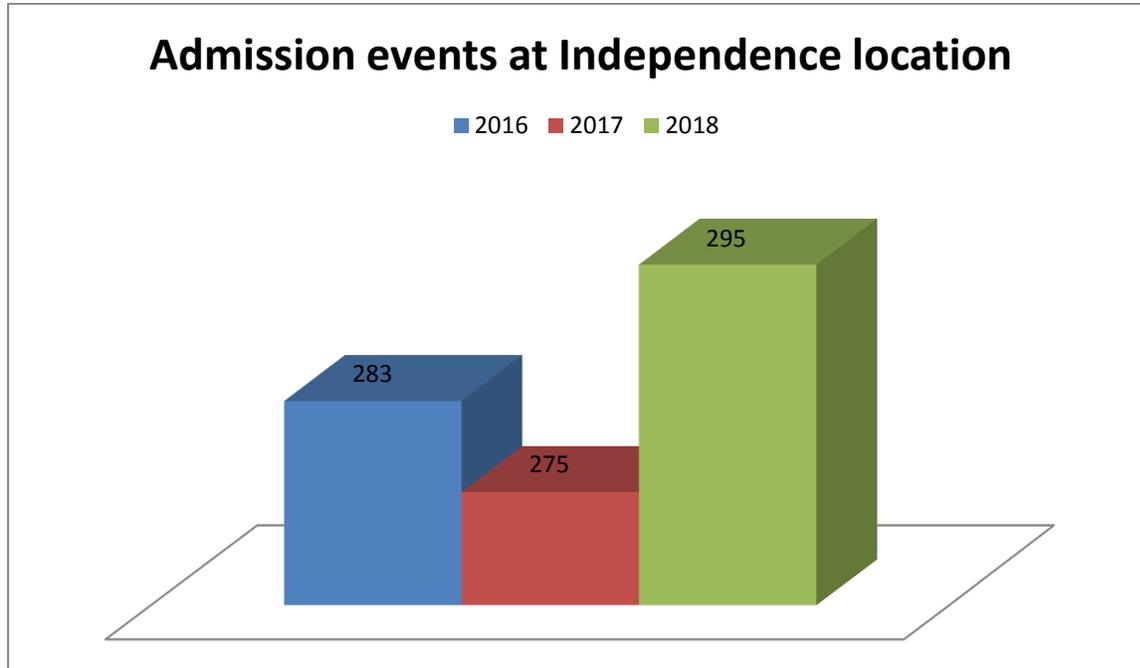
- Methamphetamine is the number one reason for admission for the 3rd year in a row and continues to present a significant concern in the Independence community.
- Four County has hosted 2 community events partnering with law enforcement, corrections staff, emergency rooms, and other community partners to begin addressing community wide problems related to mental health and substance abuse. The project is called the ***Southeast Kansas Behavioral Health Emergency Summit***
- 46 individuals have successfully discharged from services in 2018.
- 57% of successful discharges were employed at the time of discharge

## Service Description and Provision

Four County uses the City of Independence liquor tax funding to help provide the following services to both adults and adolescents in Independence:

1. Alcohol & Substance Use assessment and referral
2. Alcohol and Drug treatment including individual, group, and family intervention
3. Intensive outpatient services
4. Peer support services
5. Assessments and recommendations for DUI evaluations
6. Public education and prevention presentations as requested

7. Substance related crisis response services including emergency assessments and referral to detox programs



#### **Fund Distribution: Four County uses liquor tax funding to fil the gap of unreimbursed care**

- 1. Reimbursement for services not covered by insurance or State resources:** In calendar year 2018, Four County served 166 persons at the Independence location who were uninsured or underinsured. Four County heavily relies Substance Abuse Prevention Treatment (SAPT) funding administered by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) to help cover these costs, but these funds are not sufficient to cover the agency's entire programming. SAPT funding is expected to be fully expended by the end of April 2018. *Independence liquor tax dollars plays a key role in keeping services from being uninterrupted for Independence residents.*
- 2. Non-billable treatment activities:** Individuals with alcohol and drug disorders often require coordination to assure that the needs are met. This coordination includes essential communication with correctional officers, law enforcement, medical professionals, foster care agencies and family members

#### **Training and outcome measurement**

The Independence location maintains an independent license to practice substance use disorder treatment. All Four County providers are trained in evidenced practices and use ASAM criteria for assessing and determining level of need. Outcomes are measured with emphasis on improving

functioning. The following are examples of outcomes that we seek to achieve with the populations served:

1. Gaining and maintaining employment
2. Improved functioning in family and relationships
3. Community involvement and participation
4. Decreased involvement with the correctional/law enforcement

**Additional Benefit:** By offering evaluations and treatment locally, many clients are able to maintain their work schedule with minimal disruption. In addition, intensive outpatient services help community members avoid long residential stays that can be disruptive to home and family life.

### **Conclusion**

Four County Mental Health Center requests to receive full allotment of liquor tax distribution as in years past. Four County is dedicated to provide quality care and maintains the best interest of the Independence community and surrounding areas. If there are additional questions, please contact Steve Denny, Clinical Director or Greg Hennen the Executive Director.