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Lafayette County Residents Weigh-in on Transportation and Health Care Survey
Sample Size of 300 residents participate in HCC-sponsored Survey

January, 6, 2009 (Lexington, MO) – The Health Care Coalition of Lafayette County recently concluded a County-wide consumer survey, with a sample size of nearly 300, to gauge resident propensities toward transportation needs, health care access, electronic medical records and an insurance co-op initiative. The surveys were administered online and via inserts in the *Odessan*, *Oak Grove Focus*, and *Lexington News and Higginsville Advance*.

“As we continue to develop and plan for programs like supplemental transportation and county-wide health insurance for Lafayette County residents and employers, it’s integral that we hear from the individuals these programs are designed to serve,” said Toniann Richard, HCC executive director. “Also, as the nation increases efforts to enhance health information technology, we want to equip residents with the information they need to understand how these advances will impact and improve the way health care services are administered. This survey is one of many initiatives we’ll use to continue to dialogue with residents about these important matters.”

Survey Results

Transportation

78.1% of respondents indicated a willingness to pay for supplemental transportation

Factors that would influence use of supplemental transportation:

- Gas prices, 87.2%
- Unreliable vehicle, 30.7%
- No car insurance 5.0%
- Additional responses included concerns about aging and driving; saving money, reducing stress, and medical conditions among others

Most critical transportation needs

- Medical/dental appointments, 56.5%

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- Employment, 52%
- Education, 7.2%
- Daycare, 3.1%

Weekly frequency of supplemental transportation needs

- One day a week, 48.6%
- Twice a week, 17.3%
- Three times a week, 12.6%
- Four times a week, 5.1%
- Five times or more, 16.3%

55.3% of survey respondents said they are willing to pay five dollars or more for in-County roundtrips

The maximum amount respondents indicated they would pay for out-of-County roundtrips varied by distance. The maximum amounts offered ranged from \$5.00 to over \$25.00.

Health Care

48.1% of respondents indicated they consistently see the same health care provider

Among the specialty service respondents said they would like to have access to include:

- Dentist/orthodontist, 15.1%
- OB/GYN, 13.1%
- Pediatrician, 8.2%
- Cardiologist, 7.5%
- Oncologist, 6.2%
- Optometrist, Ophthalmologist, 6.2%
- Additional responses included: dermatologist, orthopedics, neurology specialist, rheumatologist, podiatrist, eyes, ears and nose specialist, urgent care facility, among others

78% of respondents indicated an interest in extended health care service hours after 5:00 p.m.

67.4% indicated an interest in a County-wide insurance health care plan

83.8% of respondents indicated they would be “very comfortable” or “somewhat comfortable” possessing their own medical records in an electronic format.

For more information about the survey, program details or upcoming events, contact Toniann Richard at 660.259.9019 or visit HCCNetwork.org.

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