TOPEKA NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH
WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH?

planning tool

- Triage metric for Neighborhoods
- Residential-based indicators
- Measures Progress
- Guides Investment Decisions and helps prioritize resources
HEALTH = 5 VITAL SIGNS

POVERTY  CRIMES  RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUES  HOME OWNERSHIP  UNSAFE STRUCTURES

NOTE: Influenced by larger market trends
Vital signs:
- Average

Classifications:
- Healthy
- Outpatient
- At Risk
- Intensive Care

Optimal
Favorable
Emerging negative
Seriously distressed
WHAT CHANGED FOR 2020?
NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH 2017-2020

117 block groups

11 block groups
Better Health Rating

1 block group
fell into Out Patient

3 block groups
fell into At Risk

3 block group
fell into Intensive Care
CITY-WIDE HEALTH TRENDING UP
Census block groups

Intensive Care/At Risk cut from:
28% to 27% (2017)
37% to 27% (2000)

Healthy/OP improved from:
72% to 73% (2017)
63% to 73% (2000)

2017

2020
NIA HEALTH
TRENDING UP
Census block groups

Healthy/OP improved from:
36% to 44% (2017)
23% to 44% (2000)

Intensive Care/At Risk cut from:
64% to 56% (2017)
77% to 56% (2000)

2000

2017

2020
WHY?
LARGER TRENDS

COVID-19
Pandemic impacts not evident yet; 2020 indicators lagging

ECONOMY
Fewer people in poverty; improved job market

HOUSING MARKET
“For-sale” inventory very low; values appreciating; less desire to own

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
More blighted and vacant structures cited; improves property values and homeownership rates
SORT ANALYSIS

Better Health Scores
76% (19) of NIA Target Areas saw a positive or neutral improvement to Health Scores
And a
16% increase in actual Health Classification

Worse Health Scores
24% (6) of NIA Target Areas saw a decrease in Health Scores
And a
3% in actual Health Classification

Overall
Cumulative 13% increase in all SORT Target Areas
compared to
a 3% decline in Non-SORT “At-Risk” and all other City-wide Block Groups
HOW WILL FINDINGS BE USED?

• Help public understand trends/data
  • Open access to data online
  • Reach out to impacted neighborhoods & CAC

• Update programs and measures
  • NRP tax rebates
  • SORT/DREAMS
  • Property Maintenance
  • Neighborhood Partnerships
  • Affordable Housing
  • Other
SUMMARY

HEALTHY GAINS FOR MOST
More areas improved than not since 2017; East Topeka continues it's rise

ECONOMY MATTERS
Property values and incomes positively impacted, COVID impacts TBD

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MATTERS
Ramped-up anti-blight initiatives will help overall ratings even as more properties are cited

LONG-TERM NIA HEALTH TRENDING UP
Healthy and OP blocks groups nearly double since 2000
More Information & Interactive Map

www.topeka.org/planning/neighborhood-health