



February 10, 2025

Newton City Commission
201 E 6th Street
Newton, KS 67114

RE: 2024 Year End Summary

Dear City Commissioners:

We are grateful for the long-standing support this Commission has shown Health Ministries Clinic (HMC). We are proud of our role in the community and strive to be great partners/collaborators with other social services and healthcare-related agencies in town. As requested, here are some of the high-level operational highlights from 2024.

While we strive to provide services at a quality level that makes us a provider of choice within the community, our main objective is to ensure that true access to healthcare is available to everyone regardless of ability to pay. In 2024, we served almost 15,000 unduplicated patients and completed over 54,500 visits. Of these visits, 43,491 were for Medical, 6717 were for Behavioral Health, and 6,197 were for Dental. Approximately 54% of patients served reside in Newton, with 74% residing in Harvey County. Almost 31% of the patients served had either Medicaid or were uninsured.

In addition to our clinic services, HMC offers a wide range of assistive services that seek to eliminate barriers that impact disparities in health outcomes whenever possible. Examples of this include:

- For the year, our transportation department drove 96,098 miles.
- HMC provided direct transportation to over 3000 patient visits.
- HMC provided 9,764 pharmacy deliveries.
- HMC provided 640 free Sports Physicals.
- HMC provided 454 patient visits on our mobile unit.
- HMC completed 70 Outreach events.
- HMC conducted 7 different community-based flu vaccine clinics.
- HMC provided direct pharmacy support on 130,432 prescriptions.
- HMC assisted 271 people with the Federal Insurance Marketplace through one of our Certified Application Counselors/Navigators.
- HMC provided formal translation services to approximately 2,000 Spanish-speaking patients.

Health Ministries Clinic (HMC) continues to contribute positively to the local economy. In 2024, we added 15 positions, bringing our total workforce to 261 individuals. Nearly 46% of our staff reside in Newton, while 63% live within Harvey County. These positions offer competitive wages, healthcare coverage, and comprehensive benefits.

We continue to look to be responsive to how we can best meet the healthcare needs of the community, which has included expanding our physical space. Two key projects this past year included expanding our pharmacy to meet increased demand and opening a new Dental Clinic on the NMC Health Campus. The Dental Clinic, which opened in late January, allowed us to increase our capacity from 6 to 14 operatories, including a specialized operatory designed to accommodate wheelchair-bound patients. This will hopefully allow us to address our dental wait time, which had been 6 months. As we move forward in 2025, we remain committed to serving our community with excellence, compassion, and comprehensive healthcare services.

Sincerely,

Matthew Schmidt, LCSW
Chief Executive Officer