

Lebanon Forum 2003



The Lebanon Forum was held on Tuesday, August 28, 2003, at the Mills Community Center in Lebanon, Missouri. There were 27 people in attendance and a total of 12 speakers shared their views on the health conditions that exist in their community.

Those in attendance came from the following regions:

Lebanon – 13 Rolla – 2 Jefferson City -1 Springfield – 6

These are our poll results of how people heard about the forum:

Word of mouth –7 Newspaper ads – 5 Flyers - 9

Radio – 1 Unknown – 5

The panel for the forum consisted of the following:

David Auner, M.D., MFH Board Director

Trudi Scott, MFH Board Member

Mary Pilant, CAC Member and Facilitator

Deborah Cooper, MFH Vice President & Chief Program Officer

The key issues mentioned at the forum were:

- Lack of oral dental surgeons to provide seniors needed dental services prior to medical surgery
- People that are uninsured or underinsured
- Lack of treatment centers for substance abuse
- Need for health services to assist people that have physiological issues and a substance abuse problem
- Funding needed for Immunization and well-being child screening
- Educational programs on Substance Abuse
- Need for women's Cancer support groups and other services to assist in the recovery process

- Mental health issues regarding behavioral health problems in children
- Lack of Medicaid funds
- Concerns about need for residential care facilities for seniors
- Comprehensive Care for children with special health care needs

The next forum is on Tuesday, September 16, 2003 in St. Louis, MO. It will be held at the St. Louis Community College Forest Park in the Student Center's Cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thank you all for volunteering your time and services in helping us reach out to the community.