

SUMMARY ISSUE ANALYSIS MATRIX

KEY FINDINGS	ISSUE AFFORDABLE MEDICAL CARE
SURVEY RESULTS:	
Key Leaders	4 th
Residents: Household Group 1---Group 2	2 nd and 3 rd
Residents: Neighborhood Group 1---Group 2	3 rd and 4 th
FOCUS GROUPS	2 nd
INDICATOR INFORMATION:	
Estimated people affected	Cross Trails Service Area for 2003: 16% of total pop uninsured, 25% Medicaid, 21% Medicare Children on MC or MC+ in 2001: 37.3% in CC. 44.9% in SCO As of July 2003: CC – 7229, ages 0-18 / 4904, ages > 19 / 18.4% of pop < 65 SCO – 5669, ages 0-18 / 5176, ages >19 / 27.6% of pop < 65
Geographic area most affected	All
Population groups most affected	All, but more of a problem for uninsured and underinsured
Trends over time	Uninsured population increasing Children on MC/MC+ up 15% from 1999 in CC, up 6.4% in SCO Increasing costs/decreasing benefits of private insurance
Comparison to state/nation	MO - 32.8% children on MC/MC+ US - 15.2% uninsured in 2002 (up 6% from 2001)
PEOPLE ACCESSING EXISTING RESOURCES	MC+ coverage: 5700 in CC Cape County Health Department Rural Health Clinic – 4000 visits, 2500 patients/yr Cross Trails Medical Center – 2500 visits/month (all clinics) Cross Trails Dental in Bollinger County (serves CC) 900 patients, booked until 4/04
PEOPLE NOT ACCESSING EXISTING RESOURCES	40% missed appointments at Rural Health Clinic. Many adults, especially minority, avoid immunizations such as flu vaccine. Approximately 20% population is unserved. Medical model estimates 15% of appointments by general public are missed. For every 1 % of children with no medical insurance, 3% have no dental insurance.
CAUSES	Increased cost of medical insurance with decrease in benefits Loss of medical insurance Overuse and improper use of the system Decreased reimbursement rates Lack of “Personal Responsibility” Poverty/unemployment High costs of malpractice insurance Limited MC and MC+ providers, especially dental
RELATED (cross-cutting) ISSUES	Transportation Parenting skills Poor health habits: smoking/poor diets/no exercise Unable to get employment w/o passing a physical, can’t pass a physical with an abscessed tooth, can’t get dental care No coordinated case management services for medical care

ASSETS of ASSOCIATIONS and ORGANIZATIONS	Cross Trails Medical Center Cape County Public Health Center/Rural Health Clinic/WIC/Family Planning St. Francis Medical Center Southeast Missouri Hospital Alternative to emergency room treatment and hospitalists at both hospitals Private physicians and out-patient services Salvation Army and Fish - prescription assistance East Missouri Action Agency - Senior Prescription Program APPLE Paper Work Project
POTENTIAL ACTIONS	Legislative reform Increase prevention practices/education (health or nutrition fairs) Increase number of providers who accept Medicaid Increase access to dental care Sponsor a dental student in exchange for years of service in CC Support Cross Trails in terms of grant writing (dentist for CC) Increase awareness and timely use of existing services and/or clinics (instead of emergency room visits)

CC-Cape County **SCO**-Scott County **MO**-Missouri **US**-United States **MC**-Medicaid **MC+**-Medicaid+
WIC-Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children