



**Meeting Summary**  
**Tuesday, September 23rd 2025, 2-3pm**  
**Riverside Community Garden**

*Our mission: Promote physical activity and good nutrition for every generation living in the greater Wichita area through people, programs, and policies.*

## 1. Coalition Updates

- a. Grant Updates
  - i. The Pathways to a Healthy Kansas celebration is that the Sedgwick County Health Department selected their population of focus for the mental health CHIP workgroup - youth.
  - ii. Share your recommendations for NEW worksites that are interested in implementing healthy worksite policies. Particularly those that serve or employ individuals with disparities.
- b. We are excited to announce that applications are now open for the **Community Advocate Fellowship funded through the Food Secure Community Initiative**, and we would greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word! This fellowship is designed for individuals who have experienced economic hardship and have a passion for their community. We are looking for individuals who are leaders or want to become leaders and are committed to addressing the challenges they have faced in meaningful ways. Throughout the program, Fellows will receive training, mentorship, and hands-on experience with advocacy projects that aim to strengthen our community.
  - i. 👉 How you can help: Share the fellowship opportunity with your email lists, social media channels, and community bulletin boards. Personally encourage promising individuals in your network to apply. Application link:
    1. English: [bit.ly/CAF2025EN](https://bit.ly/CAF2025EN)
    2. Spanish: [bit.ly/CAF2025SP](https://bit.ly/CAF2025SP)
  - ii. Applications are open until October 15, 2025, and we'd love to see a diverse pool of applicants who represent the voices and experiences of our communities.
- c. Walktober events include Open Streets ICT on 9/28, Bike Walk Wichita speaker event at Chicken N Pickle on 10/1, Proclamation on 10/7 and Walk at Work webinar on 10/9. Here is the full [list of events](#),

## 2. Education & Riverside Garden Tour

- a. The garden has a 10 year MOU with the City of Wichita. As of 8/31, 900 lbs of food has been donated. The garden also feeds the beaver at the KS Wildlife exhibit. Included in the garden is native pollinator plants, a community herb bed, and a compost system.
- b. The 2nd Saturday of each month during the growing season, they host Coffee and Dirt at 9am including coffee, breakfast snacks and a presentation.
- c. Grant from AARP to address accessibility issues will incorporate a senior garden area with sidewalks and raised garden beds.
- d. KSRE Master Gardeners provide education and resources for community gardens. They get offers of land to host a community garden without a group to work the garden.
- e. ICT Food Rescue uses the Food Rescue US app to coordinate their rescues and volunteers. Celebrating their tenth year, they are working on a new 316 Pizza Project with Picasso's and Game to Grow Hunt.

## 3. Networking/Good News/Upcoming Activities/Events 2:50-2:55

- a. KDOT Local Consult meetings are good to attend. This is where you will learn of KDOT projects that are in the pipeline for completion and can start working towards including biking and

walking infrastructure into the project early. They are very informative and give you an opportunity for public engagement with KDOT and network with the folks in your communities that are planning and doing this work. Oct. 8 9am-noon Metroplex.

- b. Check the [Community events page](#) for: CHIP Development meetings, HopeFest, Don't Ghost your Feelings, and more.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 28th 2pm**  
**Location: TBD Topic: Storytelling**