What is Partners for a Healthy Community?
Partners for a Healthy Community is a coalition of community leaders, organizational leaders, community advocates, and people just like you from Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, and Thayer counties. The overall goal of the project is to complete a community health needs assessment and develop a comprehensive community health improvement plan for the five-county region. Coalition members volunteer their time because they care about their community and want to help create the best possible environment for their friends and neighbors.

What does Partners for a Healthy Community actually do?
The Partners for a Healthy Community coalition will tackle tough questions. What does a safe, healthy, thriving community look like? What resources do individuals and families need to live their best, healthiest lives? Are there gaps in the resources currently available in our communities? By examining the current health indicator data, asking for direct input from the community, and taking a look at best practices in health improvement, Partners for a Healthy Community will develop a long-term plan for improving the health and wellness in Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, and Thayer counties.

How will Partners for a Healthy Community make a difference in my community?
We know an individual’s health is not determined only while sitting in a healthcare provider’s office. There are many social determinants of health and environmental factors that contribute to the wellness of individuals and a community. Partners for a Healthy Community will look at the factors that determine health and prioritize areas in need of improvement or lacking resources. After determining these priority issues, a comprehensive community health improvement plan will be developed, which will include measurable goals and tangible action steps for measuring progress, and to effect real, lasting improvement in the community.

How can I learn more about Partners for a Healthy Community?
To learn more about this exciting project, please visit the Public Health Solutions website at www.phsneb.org or call our office at 402-826-3880. We are in need of community advocates to help provide a voice to all sectors of the community. Do you have a special expertise or knowledge of your community? We would love to tell you more about Partners for a Healthy Community. Give us a call for more information!