Here follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station KBIA, Columbia, Missouri along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period January, 2024 through March, 2024. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

1. New P.E.A.C.E and H.O.P.E Center for Youth offers safe space for Columbia teens"

Local In-Depth Health Reporting

February 1, 2024

Aired during Morning Edition and All Things Considered

Length - 3:59

According to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, more than 150 students dropped out of Columbia Public Schools in the 2022-2023 school year. So, one local group is opening a new center in town that will support kids in traditional and some not so traditional ways.

https://www.kbia.org/kbia-news/2024-02-01/new-p-e-a-c-e-and-h-o-p-e-center-for-youth-offers-safe-space-for-columbia-teens

2. Awareness of Black mental health crisis 'comes at a great cost'

Local In-Depth Coverage

February 21, 2024

Aired during Morning Edition and All Things Considered

Length - 3:59

This story captured the local response to a tragedy involving suicide and deteriorating mental health among Black women. It also provided context to this crisis of suicide among Black women and information about how folks in mid-Missouri are striving to address Black mental health.

https://www.kbia.org/missouri-news/2024-02-20/awareness-of-black-mental-health-crisis-comes-at-a-great-cost

3. In Missouri, it's hard to count how many Hispanic women die from pregnancy issues Local In-Depth Coverage

February 27, 2024

Aired at 7:44 a.m. and 3:44 p.m.

Length – 3:59

In Missouri, data around maternal mortality for Hispanic women is considered unstable and can't be taken at face value - this story examines the reasons behind the lack of data and the potential impacts that missing data can have on maternal health resources availability.

https://www.kbia.org/2024-02-27/in-missouri-its-hard-to-count-how-many-hispanic-women-die-from-pregnancy-issues

4. "Missouri fur trapping plays an important role in the community – and in conservation"

In-Depth Environmental Reporting

March 24, 2024

Aired during morning newscast

Length - 3:59

The fur industry has a long history in the state of Missouri, and while it looks different now – it's still around. KBIA's Rebecca Smith recently went to the annual Missouri fur auction and brings us this look at fur trapping's role in the community and in conservation.

https://www.kbia.org/kbia-news/2024-03-24/missouri-fur-trapping-plays-an-important-role-in-community-and-conservation

5. "Measles largely impacts young children, can have serious complications"

In-Depth Health Reporting

March 28, 2024

Aired during morning newscast

Length - 3:59

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently issued a health advisory due to an increase in measles cases across the United States – including in Missouri. KBIA's Rebecca Smith sat down with Dr. Amruta Padhye, a pediatric infectious diseases physician at University of Missouri Health Care, to learn more about the disease and what symptoms folks should be on the lookout for.

https://www.kbia.org/kbia-news/2024-03-31/measles-can-have-serious-complications-largely-impacts-young-children