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Station(s): KAJE-FM, KKPN-FM, KPUS-FM

October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- **Addiction:** Rates of addiction and opioid death statistics continue to grow here in Nueces County. In 2022 the number of clients seeking Detox/addiction services continues to rise, nearly 12% over the previous year.
- **Aging:** Large numbers of low-income seniors in the area continue to stress availability of resources and nursing facilities for the elderly in our area. Affordability is also a major issue for the average family in Tom Green County
- **A More Supportive Mental Health System:** Many in the counties of our metro area struggle to cope with the increasingly complicated issues facing modern life.
- **Child Poverty and Nutrition:** With the end of the Child Tax Credit many parents in the Corpus Christi metro area parents are finding it hard to make ends meet with little help from the government – especially amid rising inflation. Local statistics show that nearly 20% of children in our area are living in households that are at or below the poverty level and the rates have risen nearly 6% in the last year. This is leading to real challenges for parents and local relief organizations.
- **Wellness/Access to Affordable Healthcare:** In a ranking of metro areas in the United States, the Corpus Christi metro ranked 163rd out of 174 cities surveyed across 42 key indicators of good health.
- **Climate Change:** Wildfires and Drought go hand in hand. Being a coastal area with significant percentages of our population living on barrier islands, the affects of rising sea levels are already being felt.

Coastal Bend Connections IS a 30-minute locally-produced program that broadcasts on KKPN-FM,KAJE-FM, and KPUS-FM every Sunday at 6am

See weekly program log for details