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## Students tout ideas for new Tulsa health center



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When the University of Oklahoma Wayman Tisdale Specialty Health Center is completed in north Tulsa, it could become a hub for businesses, community projects and health care for the area that noticeably lacks all three, proponents said.

Students from OU and Texas A&M University presented projects showcasing how this could be done for community leaders Monday at the northeast campus of the Tulsa Technology Center.

The 50,000 square-foot speciality clinic at 36th Street North and North Harvard Avenue, is set to be finished in March 2012.

About 60 students divided into 17 groups were invited to redesign the center and incorporate the area around it to create a community health center.

Glena Wildermuth(left) listens to a presentation from OU students Alissa Smith, Sam Day and Maria Colemenares as they present plans for a community health center in north Tulsa on Monday. The students presented a design for a specialized health clinic and community center. MIKE SIMONS/Tulsa World

The presentations Monday addressed basic health needs and added specialty items like a yoga studio, bowling alley, daycare center, amphitheater, community garden and farmers market.

The students visited Tulsa in early October to tour the site and talk to residents about what they would like to see in their neighborhood. They spent about 8 weeks on the project.

Hepi Wachter, OU associate professor of interior design, said the students were told to incorporate a hybrid of community, preventative health and education.

"We charge are our students to come up with ideas that serve the bigger picture of public health," he said.

Read more in Tuesday's Tulsa World.

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