



# Kansas Partnership for Improving Community Health and [www.KansasHealthMatters.org](http://www.KansasHealthMatters.org)

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## Why Is This Effort Important?

- True public/private partnership:
  - Public health and health care
  - Private sector, government and non-governmental organizations
- Addresses real issues
- Custom-fit solution designed by users and partners
- Action-oriented



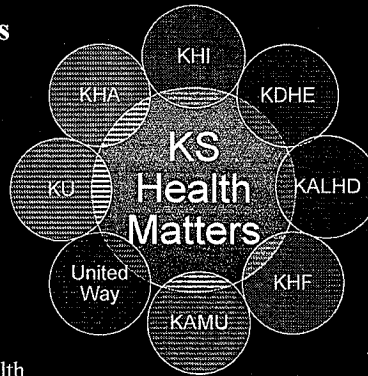
# Kansas Partnership for Improving Community Health (Kan-PICH)

## IRS Requirements



Non-profit Hospitals

- ✓ Community Health Needs Assessment (with PH input)



## Public Health Accreditation Requirements



Health Departments

- ✓ Community Health Assessment
- ✓ Community Health Improvement Plan



# Collaboration to Fulfill Mutual Goals

In March 2011, the Kansas Hospital Association and the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments signed a joint resolution that encourages local health departments and hospitals to work together in conducting community health assessments and community health improvement plans.



### Resolution on Community Health Needs Assessment

WHEREAS, Kansas health care advocates and providers want to ensure the health needs of all Kansans are met; and

WHEREAS, Kansas health advocates and providers want to work in cooperation to efficiently and effectively improve the health of Kansans; and

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires nonprofit hospitals to complete a periodic community health care needs assessment and to implement strategies that lead to demonstrable improvement in the local health-related situation; and

WHEREAS, local health departments are preparing to conduct community health assessments and implement plans for meeting public health accreditation requirements; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas Hospital Association and the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments, hereby are working in collaboration on Community Health Needs Assessment; and be it further


RESOLVED, that this group will research, review, and recommend options and strategies that will assist hospitals in meeting the community needs requirements of the Affordable Care Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this group will research and review policies and strategies that will assist local health departments in meeting accreditation requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this group will recommend collaborative approaches in which communities will be able to do assessments that address both health department and hospital needs, as well as take into account the needs and requirements of all organizations focused on the health of Kansans.

  
Tom Icke, KHA President and CEO

5-10-11  
Date

  
Lisa Payne, KALHD President

5-15-11  
Date



## Kansas Health Matters in a Nutshell

- Support process of community health assessment/improvement, action-oriented:
  - One-stop source of information and data
    - Counties
    - Regions
    - State
  - Promising practices
  - Evaluation and Tracking (Healthy People 2020)
- Learn about important issues
- Identify possible improvements
- Collaborate for positive change



## What Does It Actually Do?

- A fully configured and hosted website tailored to a “community”
- Integrated view of content
  - Health and Quality of Life Indicators (100+)
  - Promising Practices (1,000+)
  - Local Resources (e.g., 2-1-1 Kansas)
  - News
  - Event Calendar
  - Feature Stories
  - Surveys
  - Literature and Education Materials



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