Building on longstanding partnerships between local health departments and the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) Department of Population Health, the Kansas Public Health Practice and Innovation Initiative will engage local health departments in developing partnerships to support areas in which local health departments hope to establish, deepen, or expand expertise and capacity. The goals of this three-year initiative are to:

- Strengthen public health practice in Kansas communities,
- Spark innovation in public health practice,
- and Implement strategies aimed assuring the sustainability of public health services that are a foundational part of public health practice.

To accomplish these goals, KUMC and partnering local health departments are establishing three cores of support from which local health departments can draw assistance, and resources. Participating departments will work with KUMC faculty and staff to identify needs and assets with a focus on strengthening their ability to deliver foundational public health services.

Ways to be involved

- **Serve as a member of the advisory board** providing guidance to the initiative. We are seeking three additional members to serve on the advisory board. The board will meet quarterly for 90 minutes throughout the initiative.

- **Consider whether your local health department may be involved.** Participation will help your department advance in key areas. Also, consider whether your local health department is willing to share your expertise in the three cores.

For more information

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