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HEALTH CARE FOR KANSANS

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Public Health
Governance and
Finance: What Every
Commissioner Needs to
Know

- Jay Hall
- Dennis Kriesel
- Vicki Collie-Akers

What is health?

(def.) “A state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”

-World Health Organization

What is Public Health?

“Public health is the science of protecting and improving the health of people and their communities.” – CDC Foundation

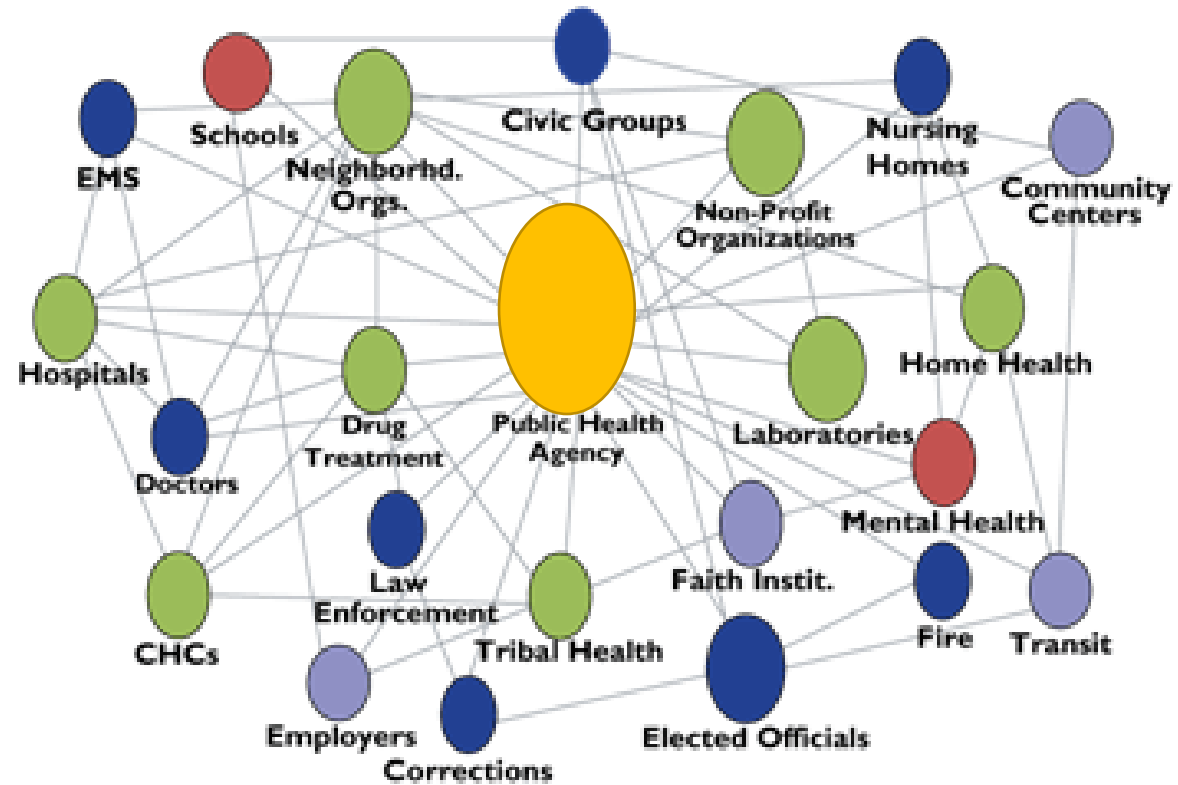
“The efforts, science, art, and approaches used by all sectors of society to assure, maintain, protect, promote, and improve the health of people.” - Future of the Public’s Health in the 21st Century, National Academies of Science, Engineering, & Medicine



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Public Health System

- To support the aims of public health, we rely on a public health system
- “All public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to the delivery of essential public health services within a jurisdiction.”



Public health in Kansas

Federal

State

- Secretary of Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Local

- Local Board of Health (Mostly county commissions)
- Local Health Officer
- Local Health Departments

Public health in Kansas

	Secretary of Health & Environment	Local Board of Health	Local Health Officer
Designate reportable infectious or contagious diseases (See K.A.R. 28-1-6)	K.S.A. 65-128(a)		
Receive reports of diseases	K.S.A. 65-101(a)(1); 65-119	K.S.A. 65-118(a); 65-202	K.S.A. 65-118(a); 65-202
Investigate causes of diseases and cases of infectious or contagious disease	K.S.A. 65-101(a)(2)	K.S.A. 65-119	K.S.A. 65-119
Take all known measures to prevent spread of diseases			K.S.A. 65-202
Order persons to seek appropriate and necessary evaluation and treatment	K.S.A. 65-116b (suspected active tuberculosis); 65129b(a)(1)(A)		K.S.A. 65-116b (suspected active tuberculosis); 65129b(a)(1)(A)
Order person(s) to be isolated or quarantined	K.S.A. 65-116c (active tuberculosis); 65-126; 65129b(a)(1)(B), (C) and (D)		K.S.A. 65-116c (active tuberculosis); 65-126; 65129b(a)(1)(B), (C) and (D)
Order law enforcement officers to assist in execution or enforcement of orders	K.S.A. 65-129b(a)(2)		K.S.A. 65-129b (a)(2)
Prohibit public gatherings		K.S.A. 65-119	K.S.A. 65-119