

KENTUCKY PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

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Kentucky Public Health

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Kentucky Health Departments Association

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Working together for an efficient, sustainable and accountable public health system focused on producing better health outcomes for all Kentuckians.

SIMPLIFY • FOCUS • PRIORITIZE

Goals for Public Health Transformation

- Relieve the fiscal instability of the current system.
- Introduce a simplified and focused public health (PH) model with clearly defined priorities.
- Prevent duplication of effort, and reduce waste internally and externally.
- Support and emphasize data-driven decisions to best promote community health outcomes.

CORE PUBLIC HEALTH

FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Five focus areas with statutory and regulatory defined services:

1. Population health
2. Enforcement of regulation
3. Emergency preparedness & response
4. Communicable disease control
5. Administrative and organizational infrastructure

Community Health Assessment

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Proposed Legislation

- Outlines the Public Health Transformation structure in statute to ensure accountability at the state and local levels in the future.
- Provides a model for funding the statutorily mandated public health services (known as Foundational Services).
- Sets criteria for local public health priorities to ensure they are data driven, evidence-based or promising practices, are performance or quality based, are adequately funded, and include an exit strategy.
- Eliminates restrictions in current statutes and allows appropriate fees to cover cost of services and eliminate the need for state and local taxpayers to subsidize private businesses.

Public Health Transformation Addresses These Challenges

- **Fiscal Instability of Local Health Departments ~ \$40M deficit in 2020 without significant changes**
- **Current Programmatic Services Are Not Reflective of Community Public Health Needs**
- **Public Health Transformation Allows Communities To:**
 - Evaluate community assets
 - Define local health priorities

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