

What It Takes...

The Community Engagement Process consists of a series of five to seven meetings over a four to seven month period. A resource team facilitates the meetings and helps organize the process.



First, a small initiating group is formed to review the process, then discuss the membership of the steering committee, gather data, and set the date for the first meeting. A broad-based steering committee is formed and divided into four groups: publicity, survey, directory, and data and information. The groups analyze data to determine relevant issues and propose an action plan to improve these issues. The steering committee then presents their action plan to the community for review and possible implementation.



Kansas Rural Health Options Project (KRHOP) is a partnership of the Office of Local and Rural Health and Environment, the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services, and the Kansas Medical Society. KRHOP is dedicated to assuring quality health care delivery in rural Kansas through the promotion of collaborative systems of care.

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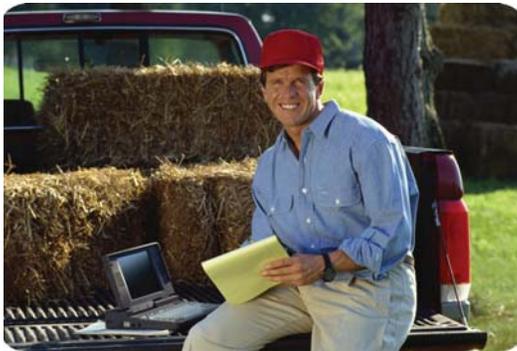


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Community Engagement Process

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Understanding Health Issues In Your Community



The Community Engagement Process provides a way in which community members can evaluate their health care system through the analysis of information reports. The process is community-driven with input from health care providers. It helps the community identify, brainstorm and solve problems related to the health care sector. As a result, the process leads to the increased use and expansion of the local health care sector, ensuring its existence in the future.

The Community Engagement Process consists of four reports:

- Economic Impact Report
- Directory Report
- Survey Report
- Data and Information Report

Economic Impact Report

The Economic Impact Report is designed to provide information about the health sector's economic potential through identifying trends and changes. This report measures the employment, income, retail sales, and sales tax impact on the health sector. By analyzing the results, communities are able to see how employment and income levels from the health care sector impact households and other local sectors.

Directory Report

The Directory Report is designed to make available to the public a compilation of all local healthcare resources and facilities. This report provides a listing of the current health care delivery system in order to identify the services or lack of services in the community. Through this report, community members are able to recognize and utilize the health resources available to them locally.

Survey Report

The Survey Report creates a picture of the local health care needs and wants. It also shows the utilization of the current health facilities. Through the interview of community members, generally by phone, health care providers are able to recognize their strengths and weaknesses. They are then able to focus on how to improve the health sector to meet the needs of the community.

Data and Information Report

The Data and Information Report contains a variety of information related to economic data, health and behavioral data, education data, crime data and traffic data. The steering committee chooses key issues

based on the potential impact the issues have on the local health economy and specific healthcare needs. The fact sheets represent the relationship between the health care sector and other sectors.



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