



Region VII Annual Meeting (MINK)
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6 Make It Fun!

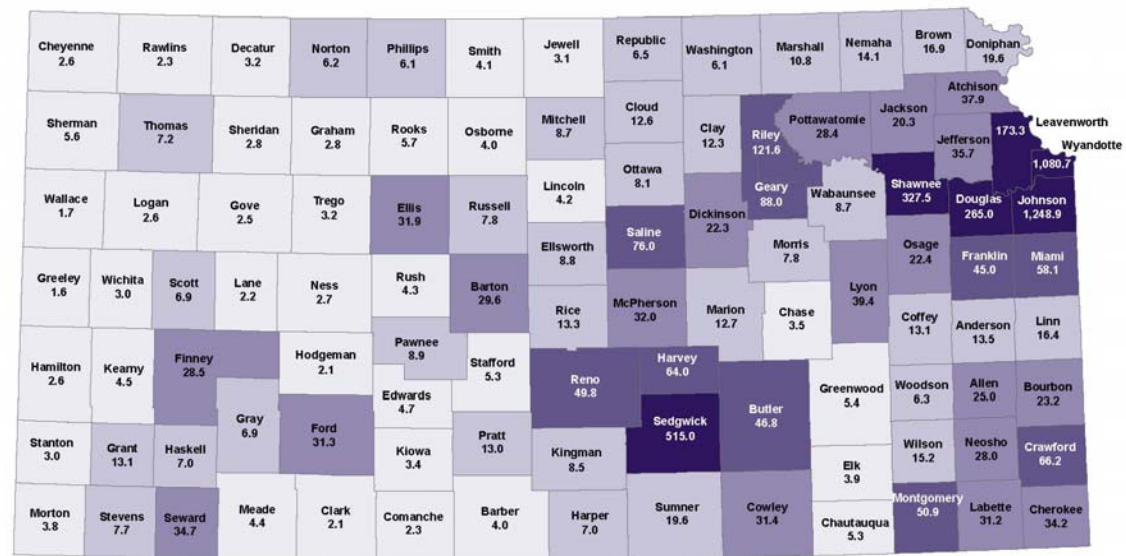
- Celebrate success big and small
- Work together across divisions, bureaus, other sectors who normally would never interact
- Recognition



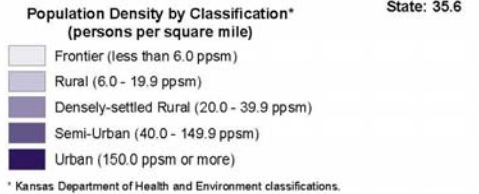
5 Locals Need Support

- Decentralized
- 100 health departments for 105 counties
- 70 counties are frontier or rural
- 42 local health departments have fewer than five employees
- 37 are under 5,000
- 5 are over 100,000

Population Density Classifications in Kansas, by County, 2017



Source: Institute for Policy & Social Research, The University of Kansas; data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates, Vintage 2017.



State: 35.6



Local Health Department Prerequisite Status— 2018

	Yes	No	In process	Need technical assistance/ training to complete
Community health assessment	74%	11%	11%	13%
Community health improvement plan	46%	27%	19%	18%
Strategic plan	32%	42%	14%	23%
Workforce development plan	14%	53%	15%	31%
Performance management system	16%	55%	13%	28%
Quality improvement plan	21%	41%	25%	28%
Branding Strategy	15%	64%	5%	31%

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Accreditation Barriers in Kansas

- Staff time commitment required: 85%
- Process is overwhelming: 68%
- No funding for application fee: 60%
- Lack of perceived value : 55%
- Lack of understanding of requirements: 34%
- Board of Health does not support: 23%





4 Use your resources

- Trained site visitors
- Network with other health departments who have been successful including national list serves
- Shared drive
- Former staff with institutional knowledge
- Learning management system



3 Have a Robust Accreditation Team

- Turnover is going to happen—don't let it bring a domain team (or your entire accreditation team) down
- Recognize individuals have different strengths



2 Accreditation is an Ongoing Process

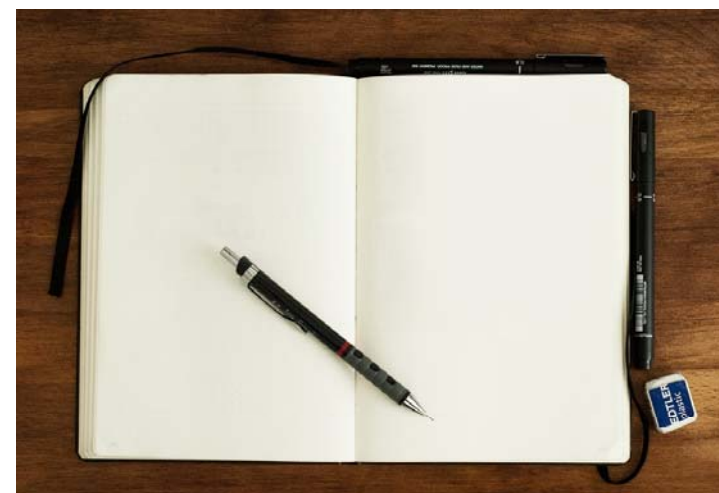
- Don't let funding opportunities or other external factors dictate when you apply
- Established system/process for documentation (e.g. agendas, sign in sheets, document storage)
- Leads to improvements





1 Learn to Tell a Story

- Public health professionals do not sell their work well generally
- Documentation is one opportunity and site visit is second opportunity
- #invisibilitycrisis—we can't serve our communities effectively if we can't effectively communicate what public health is all about.





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Questions?

Thank you!



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