



Using the HK 2020 Framework

The Healthy Kansans 2020 Framework provides organizations a common set of strategies on which to develop or enhance their existing efforts to address critical public health issues. The Kansas Medicaid Program and the ongoing work of the tribal nations in Kansas to complete health assessments and improvement plans provide two examples of how organizations are using the framework to drive health improvement initiatives.

The KanCare Experience

The Kansas Medicaid Program (KanCare) engaged the HK 2020 Steering Committee and other key partners to explore opportunities to align a Medicaid demonstration project, the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Pool (DSRIP), with the strategies identified through the HK 2020 process. Created through the approval of a Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver for KanCare, the DSRIP pool allows certain hospitals to receive special payments from KanCare for participating in reform projects that widely benefit the health care delivery system. The payments are tied to meeting specific project milestones during a five-year demonstration period, which

contributes to better care for individuals, better health for the population and lower cost through improvement.

An early step in the process to implementing DSRIP required KanCare to identify project focus areas for the DSRIP Pool, which then required approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). To develop DSRIP focus areas, the DSRIP project team (which includes state and hospital staff) collaborated with the HK 2020 Steering Committee to utilize the Healthy Kansans process and framework. As a result, each of the proposed focus areas of DSRIP is a translation of the HK 2020 priority strategies. Although not every priority strategy is reflected as a focus area, KanCare worked to include as many of these priority strategies as possible and practical.

The Tribal Health Summit

In 2013, the Healthy Kansas Tribes 2020 Summit was held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort in Mayetta, Kansas. The Summit was attended by approximately 50 participants representing the four tribes of Kansas, including tribal chairpersons

Steve Ortiz, Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation; Steve Cadue, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas; Tim Rhodd, Iowa Tribe of Kansas; Sam Brownback, Governor of Kansas; Dr. Robert Moser, Secretary of KDHE; Stephene Moore, Director of the Region VII U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Diddy Nelson, Executive Director at the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board (OCAITHB); and Tom Anderson, Tribal Epidemiology Center Manager, OCAITHB. The summit provided tribal leaders an opportunity to discuss critical health issues, challenges and opportunities that exist within their individual nations and together as four tribal nations.

Summit participants were introduced to the HK 2020 Framework and learned about the state's health assessment and improvement process. The framework provided a foundation on which tribes could begin their discussions and work to identify their own health priorities. Tribes left the summit ready to begin the health assessment process within their own communities and knowledgeable of how their efforts could align with the work of other tribal nations and the state.