



BOURBON COUNTY

HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES TASKFORCE

Overview & Purpose

The Bourbon County Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force fosters a collaborative, cross-sector approach to integrating health considerations into policymaking. By focusing on populations facing health barriers due to environmental, social, and economic conditions, the Task Force aims to improve overall community health.

Founding organizations include the City of Fort Scott, USD 234, the City of Bronson, and the Healthy Bourbon County Action Team (HBCAT). The initiative is funded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas through the Pathways to a Healthy Kansas initiative and operates under principles of inclusivity and non-discrimination.

The HiAP Task Force's unique mission is to incorporate health and equity considerations into ongoing policies and systems, ensuring sustainable improvements to community well-being.



The mission of the Bourbon County HiAP Task Force is to recruit and leverage resources to integrate health and equity considerations into decision-making across organizations, cities, counties, and projects.

Member Commitments Task Force members commit to:

- Actively participating in meetings and initiatives.
- Providing strategic input, staff time, and expertise.
- Assessing funding opportunities to support the Task Force's objectives.
- Promoting health equity and informed policymaking.

Goals Long-Term Goals:

- Enhance access to resources that address health disparities and improve overall health outcomes.
- Educate local councils, commissioners, organizations, and community members on factors impacting community health.
- Initiate cross-sector projects, starting with the housing sector.

Short-Term Goals:

- Secure funding through proactive grant applications.
- Use data and surveys to inform initiatives.
- Educate the community through storytelling and outreach.
- Involve youth in Task Force efforts.
- Develop concise materials to guide elected officials in understanding health impacts.

Convenor & Facilitator

HBCAT will serve as the convenor and facilitator until at least September 2028, coordinating communication, convening meetings, developing action plans, and overseeing fiscal responsibilities and strategic initiatives. This ensures the integrity and quality of the Task Force's work and fosters collaboration among members.

The Task Force will meet monthly during its first six months to establish a foundation, transitioning to quarterly meetings thereafter. Meetings will last 60-120 minutes, focusing on reviewing progress, planning initiatives, and adapting strategies.

Looking Ahead The Bourbon County HiAP Task Force is committed to its mission with a shared vision of fostering healthier, equitable communities.

Collaboration, resource-sharing, and informed decision-making are at the heart of this initiative, ensuring that health remains a central consideration in policies across Bourbon County.