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Wyandotte County: Let's Talk About Our Health

Community Invited to Respond to Proposals for Healthier Wyandotte at Two Public Meetings

- What:** **We want your feedback!** For most of this year, a group of community members have been brainstorming ideas, strategies and plans for improving the community health of people who live and work in Wyandotte County. You are invited to attend one of two public meetings to provide feedback on their recommendations.
- When:** **October 18, from 2-4 p.m.**, West Wyandotte Library, 1737 North 82nd Street, Kansas City, KS 66112
- October 19, from 6-8 p.m.**, Donnelly College, 608 N. 18th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102 (Healthy refreshments available for this evening meeting.)
- Who:** The meetings are part of **Healthy Communities Wyandotte**, a county-wide initiative to involve community leaders and citizens in improving the health and well-being of its residents. Healthy Communities Wyandotte got its start in 2010 when Mayor Joe Reardon of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Joe Connor, director of the county's Public Health Department, convened elected leaders and community members to discuss health reports that ranked Wyandotte County poorly for a variety of health conditions.
- Why:** Five "action teams" comprised of local officials, educators, health providers, social services and neighborhood residents worked together over eight months to outline recommendations for addressing health in Wyandotte County. The work of the five teams will be presented for public feedback at the upcoming community meetings. Following these events, the action teams will prepare a Community Health Improvement Plan that will serve as an action guide for how county government and business, education, faith-based, neighborhood and other partners can get involved in building a healthier Wyandotte.

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