



# #HealthierMO Transforming the Future of Public Health in

Phase 2: Feb 2019—Jan 2021

# Missouri

## Phase 2 Goals

- Identify **foundational public health services** that should be available in every community and create an FPHS model unique to Missouri
- Conduct a **Capacity Assessment** of Missouri’s current public health system in order to identify gaps to achieve FPHS
- Develop **communication strategies** that articulate and improve understanding of the reach and value of public health
- **Facilitate collaboration** among Missouri’s Professional Organizations focused on public health

“This initiative is critical in restructuring the public health system in Missouri to emphasize prevention, which will improve lives and lower the cost burden of health care.”

Andrew Warlen  
President, MPHA

“The continued funding of this project is a valuable commitment and step forward to achieving a healthier Missouri and a stronger, sustainable public health system for all Missourians.”

Robert Niezgoda  
Immediate Past President, MPHA



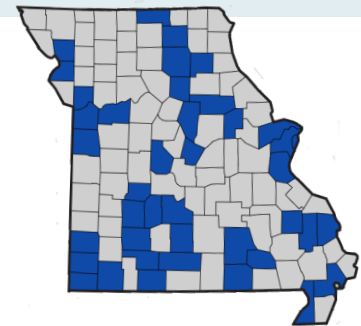
## Vision

This **grassroots** initiative seeks to transform Missouri’s public health system into a stronger, more **sustainable**, culturally relevant and **responsive** system that can better meet the challenges of Missouri’s diverse communities.

The initiative does not propose a quick fix, but advocates for **long-term, system-wide change** that will revitalize public health in order to offer **every Missourian** the opportunity for a healthier life.

## Phase 1 Outcomes

- Professional Organizations **committed to align** to form a unified voice and address advocacy, collaboration, communication and workforce issues
- **Diverse Advisory Council** guided development of Phase II proposal
- **Hundreds of stakeholders** engaged through multiple platforms
- **32%** of Missouri’s 114 local public health agencies self-identified as supporting the initiative as **Partners**



Engagement to Date by County as Represented by Formal Roles and Self-Reported Partner Support

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