

GPHC update 8/2023

If you don't know what the Public Health Commission or SEA4 was make sure you check out h4ml.org/gphcshorts. You can watch from the inception of the commission through the passing of the legislation on that page. You may also find the download helpful.

Ultimately, counties were offered an increase in public health funding that they couldn't refuse. Unfortunately, the bill also contains a dangerous loophole that is mutually exclusive with the statement maintaining county power.

Eligibility for funding hinges on compliance with [administrative rules](#) created by the Department of Health. These rules can be changed at any time and include compulsory testing, monitoring, and required vaccines.

All but about 20 counties have opted into the program. You can check out the map [here](#) to find out about your county.

NEWS TO CELEBRATE: Johnson County has opted out of the program for the time being. You can read more in the [daily journal article](#). The article makes several commonsense arguments as to why the county did not opt-in to the program including additional strings that may be attached. Elected officials also state that they may consider the funding in the future but right now, the program is only two years and they have concerns if the program was cut in the future.

Great job Johnson County.

COUNTIES CAN OPT OUT AT ANY TIME!

What better time to opt out than before the money is delivered?

During our meeting we talked about the power of one, and how one person is able to create great change. We are proud of our members taking action and making a difference. One of our members was even able to publish an editorial in his local paper. (Link to follow)

For now, we need YOU to exercise your power of one.

Go meet with your elected and be sure to make it clear that commissioners should opt out (even if they already opted in) and state legislators must remove the loop-hole.

Talking points:

County commissioners:

1. Share the [daily journal](#) article.
2. Tell the Commissioners about the loophole that is mutually exclusive with the clause retaining county autonomy. (Citation source: IC 16-46-10-6)
3. Ask the commissioners if they are going to end programs and terminate employees if the funding isn't renewed in two years OR if the Department of Health issues rules the county is unwilling to comply with.
4. Ask the commissioners how they will ensure a return on tax-payer investment within county health. Be clear that "population served" is not an acceptable means of measurement.

State Senator/State Representatives:

1. Tell them you want them to author and vote for the Bodily Integrity Act H4ML has proposed and they must correct any current law that may infringe on the inalienable right of bodily integrity.
2. Tell them, secondary to #1, you expect them to correct the error made when putting mutually exclusive statements in SEA4. They must remove the clause in IC 16-46-10-6, regarding administrative rules, that negates the county autonomy clause.

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