



Timeline

- 1998: Mr. William Mayfield, Office of Minority Health (OMH), Health and Human Services, provided support to sustain a Kansas Minority Health Advocacy Network (KMHAN) coordinated by the Center for Health and Wellness in Wichita, Kansas.
- 1999: Governor's Public Health Improvement Commission. A "Summary Report of Public Health Forums on Engaging Minority Participants in the Kansas Public Health Improvement Process" published. 17 key recommendations made including development of an Office of Minority Health.
- 2005: The Kansas Health Institute and KDHE released its Turning Points funded report "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Kansas: A Data and Chartbook." Publication shared at the state's first minority health conference.
- 2005: The Office of Minority Health (eventually the Center for Health Disparities) was established by executive order of the Secretary of KDHE, Roderick L. Bremby. First meeting of the CHD Advisory Committee held.
- 2006: Healthy Kansans 2010 report published with recommendations and strategies to promote systemic changes to reduce health risk through behaviors, improvements in the built environment, and strengthened infrastructure.
- 2006 – 2009: Annual minority health and disparities conferences held. CHD partnered with DOH bureaus on a variety of chronic and infectious disease initiatives.
- 2009: "Working Together for a Healthier Kansas: Status Report on the Social Determinants of Health in Kansas," published, Dr. David Williams (author).
- 2010: CHD transitioned from the Office of the Secretary to the Division of Health. CHD involved in public health accreditation team, strategic planning, Governor's Annual Public Health Conference Planning Committee, statewide campaign on infant mortality with Kansas Blue Ribbon Panel on Infant Mortality, and a variety of initiatives related to public health workforce training, data analysis, etc.
- 2010: CHD awarded its first federal grant award from Health and Human Services, Office of Public Health Sciences.
- 2011: CHD changed name to **Center for Health Equity**. Annual disparities conference merged into the Governor's Public Health Conference.. Website launched. Focus on reduction in infant mortality. Collaboration on statewide infant mortality awareness campaign. Multiple projects across Division of Health Bureaus. CHE director awarded Kansas Public Health Association Virginia Lockhart Award for Health Education.
- 2012: Governor's Public Health Conference. Public health workforce development projects; quality improvement; public health accreditation; first publications including "Voices for Health Equity" digital stories series and the Catalyst.