

# Board of Health Adoption For Research Partnerships in Lawrence

1) *The Board of Health adopts the Core Principles for Research Partnerships in Lawrence:*

## Core Principles

- Research is helpful to community development.
- Working with community members makes better science.
- Researchers and members of the Lawrence community can and should create good partnerships based on fairness and positive exchanges.

2) *The Board of Health recommends that research projects in Lawrence have formal agreements between participating community organizations and researchers. If the City of Lawrence is also participating, the City should also have an agreement with researchers.*

The following list of questions can help guide research partnerships toward best practice for research in Lawrence.

## Questions for Research Partnership Agreements

- Who are parties to the collaboration?
- How will each party and the City of Lawrence benefit from the research?
- How will funding be shared?
- How will the parties communicate and understand each other?
- How will language translation be accomplished?
- What will be each party's responsibility for communication about the project to the public and other parties?
- What will be the opportunities for mutual education about the parties' motivations, interests and background?
- What will be each party's role in identifying, defining and prioritizing research questions?
- If the research involves an intervention or a project to change people, organizations or environments, what will be each party's role in designing that *intervention*?
- What will be each party's role in *designing* the overall *research protocol* and deciding how the research questions will be answered?
- How will the *ethical* basis of the research be assessed and assured?
- Which *Human Subjects Review Boards* will review the proposed project and how will each party contribute to that process?
- How will community ethical standards and concerns be represented in the research protocol and human subjects reviews?
- How will it be assured that *Informed Consent forms* and procedures are understandable to potential research subjects?
- What will be each party's role in the *recruitment* of participants?
- How will recruiters, *liaisons* and participants be compensated?
- What will be each party's role in *collecting data*?
- What will be each party's role in *analyzing data*?
- Who will have access to the data and who will have control and/or ownership of the data?
- Who will be able to propose changes to the research protocol and what will be each party's role in approving changes?
- Who will be able to propose that a project end before its completion and what will be each party's responsibility in deciding to end a project before its completion?
- What will be each party's role in *disseminating* and sharing results with other researchers, funders, government agencies and representatives and community members?
- What will be each party's role in using results to support new policy, program and research projects?
- How will the partnership be sustained beyond the completion of the project?

See the "Working Together for Research that Matters" chart for an overview of how a research project following the core principles might progress over time. Please refer to the Lawrence Mayor's Health Task Force Research Initiative Glossary of terms for help in understanding some of the words that researchers regularly use.