

# UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**What We Heard From You**

## KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### Our Sessions

- Growth aligned with workforce needs.
- Research capacity to meet the state's challenges.
- Land-grant engagement model applied to health and evolving community needs.
- Evolving affiliation model to advance the health of the state together.

# Health Workforce

### Major Themes

- Kentucky's workforce needs require us to grow.
- The art and science of being an effective provider.
  - Prepare students with the necessary power skills: writing and communication, teamwork and collaboration, empathy and critical thinking
- Enable career exploration and flexibility of pathways in health professions.
- Reach students earlier in their academic career to help with the workforce pipeline; incentivize them to stay in Kentucky, especially in rural areas.

***“Health care is, at its core, a trust industry.”***

# Health Research

### Major Themes

- Infrastructure needs
  - Research buildings, data centers, innovative ways to think about existing space in the interim
- Artificial intelligence in health care and for research
- Increased recruitment and retention of faculty
- Research Priority Areas — how they align with Kentucky's health scorecard and identifying other areas of focus
- Robust pipelines of talent to recruit within Kentucky
- Support researchers to increase their funding

***“Information sharing is going to be the key to solving so many of Kentucky’s health challenges.”***

# Health and Land-Grant Engagement Intersection



### Major Themes

- Zip code has more of an impact on health than genetic code
- Extension infrastructure
  - More collaboration with communities, schools, public health offices and health care partners, etc.
- Increase UK health professional presence in rural areas
- Use Extension to help communicate that UK cares

***“UK’s Extension network is an incredibly valuable asset. They are the public face of UK in rural counties.”***

# Healthcare System

## Major Themes

- Use existing Extension offices to communicate what we do and what we can do.
- Greater partnership with health departments and KCTCS, for example.
- Continue to expand partnerships and acquisitions when and where it makes sense.
- Advancing Kentucky Together Network is critical to our future development.
- Connect a community's trust in their local providers to their trust in UK.

***“I’ve been to Extension only for agriculture reasons. I would never have thought to go there for health care reasons.”***

**Feedback**