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## *Our Approach*

The Friedell Committee is a statewide, independent, non-partisan, non-profit citizens' committee whose goal is to improve the health and health care of all Kentuckians through the use of values-based Principles. It was formed in 2005 by a group of public-spirited citizens responding to the fact that our health system was at best severely dysfunctional, especially in low income and rural populations.



Gil Friedell, President and Founder of the Friedell Committee

The members of the Committee are dedicated lay people with an array of backgrounds and geographic locations across Kentucky. For a complete list of members and more background information, visit our website:  
[www.FriedellCommittee.org](http://www.FriedellCommittee.org)

THE **FRIEDEL COMMITTEE**  
FOR HEALTH SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

**TRANSFORMING  
OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM:**

*By Citizens for the Citizens of  
Kentucky*

## *Our Mission*

*To improve the health of Kentuckians  
by promoting an effective, values-based  
health system, advocating for  
community action, and measuring  
the system's performance.*

## *This is our problem:*

Kentucky . . .

leads the nation in cancer deaths;  
leads the nation in toothlessness;  
ranks 2nd in preventable hospitalizations;  
ranks 9th in diabetes;  
ranks 7th in the nation in cardiovascular deaths;  
ranks 8th in premature death;  
ranks 47th in physical activity;  
ranks 7th in obesity prevalence;  
ranks 3rd in smoking prevalence;  
ranks 46th out of 50 states in overall health.

*(United Health Foundation's "America's Health Rankings."  
Source: [www.americashealthrankings.org](http://www.americashealthrankings.org))*

## *Goals*

Our work is not done until:

- All Kentuckians are included in an effective health system based on the Friedell Committee principles.
- Every Kentucky county has a method to measure and improve health status.
- Kentucky's health system's performance is measurably excellent.

## *The Principles*

1. Health systems are *accountable to the public* in every aspect of care and resource use.
2. Health systems are responsible for *promoting the health of individuals and populations*.
3. Health professionals are responsible for providing *safe and effective care*.
4. Each individual has *equal access to effective care* without regard to race, gender, culture, geography or socioeconomic status.
5. Care for each individual is *safe and of high quality*.
6. Care for each individual is *affordable*.
7. Care for each individual is *efficient and of high value* to recipient and family.
8. Patients and families are *treated with respect*.
9. *Patient rights* are clearly expressed and honored.
10. Individuals and communities *share responsibility* for their health and for the cost of care.



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*"If the problems are in the community,  
the solutions are in the community."*

- Gil Friedell, M.D.