



A program of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Early Detection Works Regional Nurse/Case Managers

The Regional Nurses serve as liaisons to local and regional partners in order to provide coordination of screening services as well as public and professional education activities relating to breast and cervical cancer early detection. Each nurse provides case management and clinical services to Early Detection Works clients at their outreach site and also works to provide access to screening services to women in their respective regions of the state.

North Central Region

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Coordinates project implementation plans, develops partnerships, communicates with project consultants at the national level, and is responsible for overall project administration and development. Supervises and directs the day-to-day program management.

Patrice O'Hara, Program Manager

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Responsible for assisting with the development of grants, budget reviews, news releases in cooperation with Health Educator, edits comprehensive cancer plan, interacts with breast and cervical and comprehensive cancer committees, reviews public education materials.

Rita Davenport, RN, Public Health Nurse

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Coordinator of the professional education and quality assurance components for the program. Coordinates with the Medical Advisory Committee and oversight of the five regional nurse/case managers in development of standards and protocol. Provides technical assistance to local public and private cancer screening facilities relating to quality assurance.

Jan Lyle, RN, Nurse Consultant

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Assures the delivery of breast and cervical cancer screening services through a regional network of nurses and county providers. Assists with the professional education of providers.

Henri Menager, MPH, Epidemiologist

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Plans and implements new data collection strategies to measure cancer prevalence in Kansas. Continually reviews procedures and analyzes program data for CDC review. Coordinates the evaluation and surveillance of the Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program.

Brock Landwehr, Contract Consultant

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Assists the epidemiologist in the analysis of the program data. Gathers data for and assists in reporting on the Federal System for Technical Assistance Reporting. Assigns Contractor numbers and registers all subcontractors affiliated with each Contractor.

Vacant, Public Health Educator

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Activities include facilitation of technical assistance to local communities for media events and outreach activities. Develops public education plan with advertising agency. Responsible for coordination of annual conference, teleconferences and meetings.

Toni Merrill, Billing Specialist

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Supports maintenance of logs for the purpose of assuring proper reimbursement of providers. Performs payment verifications to ensure payments are accurate and properly recorded. Assists in the reimbursement activities for providers in special circumstances. Prepares information for internal audits as needed.