

## PARTNERS...

A newsletter for the partners and providers of Early Detection Works,  
Kansas breast and cervical cancer screening and detection program



### *From the Director*

Once again August 15 is approaching – the deadline for all EDW client forms for services between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 to be submitted to regional nurses. This deadline ensures that EDW can submit financial progress reports to CDC on time (by September 28). Since mid June, EDW has experienced delays in payment processing due to the implementation of a new statewide fiscal service. Please be patient if payments are taking longer than usual. In addition, due to the nature of the issues, EDW staff may not be able to provide information regarding recent payments, returned checks or other similar problems until the new statewide system is on-line and the problems with the system have been resolved.

Many of our providers have asked about budget issues. As last year, the screening and diagnostic budget is level for this year. State general funds were reduced slightly. However, Susan G. Komen for the Cure funding has been increased so that we can continue to serve about 6,500 women this year, hopefully without suspending enrollments in the spring. Thanks to both the Greater Kansas City and the Mid Kansas affiliates for their continued support of Early Detection Works.

We are continuing to update old contracts to ensure that we have the most current information for facilities and for check processing. We are trying to maintain a five year cycle for contract updates so if you're asked to complete a new contract, we'd appreciate your cooperation. *In addition, should your facility change name, address, FEIN, etc. please submit the new information on your clinic's letterhead and mail or fax it to EDW at KDHE or provide it to your regional nurse.* This will ensure that checks are directed to the correct clinic and address.

Please take note that the South Central EDW Offices have moved. They are now KDHE staff instead of contracted staff. The new office address is 130 S. Market, Suite 6050, Wichita, KS 67202. The new telephone numbers are: Sherry Heinel, RN, 316-337-6110, and Outreach Workers Marcela Cousens @ 316-337-6114 and Audrey Nguyen @ 316-337-6047.

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## ATTENTION ALL EDW PROVIDERS!

***If you move, close, have a new name, new FEIN or any other business change, please inform us in writing by sending a letter (on your letterhead) addressed to Early Detection Works, Cancer Program, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 230, Topeka, KS 66612, just as soon as you are aware of the change!***

### “THIS COURSE WAS VALUABLE INFORMATION...”

Feedback from the EDW Online Course has been overwhelmingly positive, as one participant confirmed: “This course was valuable information for my clinical area of work.” If you are new to the Early Detection Works Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program or need a refresher course about the Program, check out the online course, “Early Detection Works: Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program” via KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, course #1020117. The course will provide essential information needed to understand breast and cervical cancer screening, as well as the ins and outs of how the Program works.



FREE continuing nursing education credits will be provided to those nurses who complete the course. The KDHE Children & Family Section is approved as a provider of continuing nursing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for 1.5 contact hours applicable for RN, LPN, or LMHT relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing Provider Number: LT 0252-0972.

### SEMANTICS... WHAT EXACTLY ARE “NO-SHOWS”?

This question has been weighing heavily on KDHE Early Detection Works staff. As reported in the Spring 2010 edition of this newsletter, EDW never receives billing for services for more than 30 percent of women who receive enrollment numbers. Were these women actually no-shows or did they receive services that were not charged to EDW? If the latter is true, what would be better terminology? How do we determine the actual percentage of enrolled women who don't receive services? This question needs further evaluation so an action plan can be developed to address actual no-shows and assist these women in receiving needed services. Assigning numbers to so many more women than actually have charges paid by EDW makes it difficult to project expenses and know if and when recruitment and services need to be suspended.



How can women be tracked from enrollment through receipt of services, whether or not those services are charged to EDW? How do we determine actual no-shows? Of those women who are no-shows, what figures into them not keeping appointments? How can we support these women in receiving services?

As providers you are in a position to help assess these issues, and we need to hear from you! What are your experiences and ideas? *Send your feedback to Rita Davenport at [rdavenport@kdheks.gov](mailto:rdavenport@kdheks.gov).*



## PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Not all medical experts agree that screening for prostate cancer saves lives. The potential benefit of prostate cancer screening is early detection of cancer, which may make treatment more effective. Potential risks include false positive test results (the test says you have cancer when you do not), treatment of prostate cancers that may never affect your health, and mild to serious side effects from treatment of prostate cancer. Most organizations recommend men discuss with their health care providers the benefits and risks of screening. CDC supports informed decision making which encourages men to talk with their doctors to learn the nature and risk of prostate cancer, understand the benefits and risks of the screening tests, and make decisions consistent with their preferences and values. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/features/prostatecancer/> for more information.



## OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Ovarian cancer causes more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system. But when found in its early stages, treatment is most effective. Ovarian cancer often causes signs and symptoms, so it is important to pay attention to your body and know what is normal for you. Symptoms may be caused by something other than cancer, but the only way to know is to see your doctor, nurse, or other health care professional. For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/ovarian/index.htm>.

## LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA AWARENESS MONTH

Hematologic (blood) cancers affect everyone, including children. CDC funds efforts to raise awareness about hematologic cancers (leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma) among the public and health care providers to improve survivors' quality of life. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HematologicCancers/> for more information.



## CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



The most common cancers in children are leukemia (cancer of the bone marrow and blood) and brain and central nervous system. In the United States, cancer is the second most common cause of death among children between the ages of one and fourteen years, surpassed only by accidents. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/dsCancerInChildren/> for more information.



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Sometimes we get bogged down by all the paperwork, bills, e-mail, phone calls, regulations, etc., that we handle every day. We can lose sight of the good services provided through the Early Detection Works Program. Take a moment to pat yourself on the back and reflect on the wonderful services you provide women who might otherwise not receive appropriate screening and care. It might be helpful to read some recent notes from EDW clients:

*“Thank you so much for your effort on my behalf. The (Medicaid) card did come through and I have been in for tests, doctors’ visits and now we are to get started on radiation treatment. All this is possible because you cared enough to keep trying. Thank you.”*

*“I sincerely appreciate the services that the Early Detection Works program provided for me. I would not be able to afford the services otherwise. I hope the program will continue for many years to come.”*

*“Thank you so much for funding the EDW program for uninsured women. I was without insurance when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Having this coverage has tremendously eased the burden of paying for my care. Now I am able to concentrate on getting well instead of whether I will be bankrupt in the process.”*

*“I would like to thank the Early Detection program for helping women with low income like me have peace of mind every year and enjoy life with our loved ones.”*

*“Thank you!! Thank you!! Without your help I would not be alive today. I could never have afforded all the wonderful care and treatments I received. I have a wonderful little great-grandson I am able to enjoy because of your help. Thank you again.”*

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