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MULTI-STATE LEARNING COLLABORATIVE III

*submitted by Shirley Orr, Director Local Health
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The Kansas Health Institute (KHI), the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the University of Kansas Area Health Education Centers (KU AHEC) invites state and local public health departments to participate in the Multi-State Learning Collaborative project focusing on Community Health Assessment. Kansas is one of 16 states selected through a competitive review to lead a national initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to

advance quality improvement efforts in public health departments in anticipation of future accreditation. The Kansas MLC-3 project will host a ten month learning collaborative on Community Health Assessment. A project to improve community health assessment activities will present the vehicle for training on quality improvement tools and techniques. For additional details, click the KALHD logo to view handbook and the Multi-State Learning Collaborative logo to view the request for proposals. The deadline for submissions is Mon., Feb. 1, 2010, at 5:00 pm.



SAVE THE DATE – GOVERNOR’S PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE



The Fifth Annual Governor’s Public Health Conference “Promoting Quality of Life for a Healthy Kansas,” will be held Apr. 26-28, 2010, at the Wichita Airport Hilton. Watch for the conference brochure in the Feb. 2010 issue of Public Health Connections.

Last year’s conference “Kansas: A Great Environment for Growing Healthy Families” was a motivating event. The conference dealt with the public health challenges facing our state in promoting innovative ideas to provide a great environment for growing healthy families.

ACCELERATION CHANGE

*submitted by Carol Cramer, Program Manager
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This year's Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Summit will be held on Thur., Jan. 21, 2010, in Salina.

Summit participants will discover tools to improve the effectiveness of programs and strengthen the commitment to chronic disease risk reduction; exchange valuable ideas and resources through networking and learn about the State Fiscal Year 2011 Chronic Disease Risk Reduction request for proposal.

The Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Community Grant program provides funding and technical assistance for communities to address chronic disease risk reduction through evidence based strategies that impact tobacco use, nutrition and physical activity. For more details and registration forms contact Carol Cramer, at (785) 368-6308 or ccramer@kdheks.gov.

PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS

*submitted by Mary Beth Warren
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The Kansas Association for Local Health Departments (KALHD), Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Kansas University (KU) Medical Center's Department of Preventive Medicine and Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) are once again collaborating to make available the Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds series. The Spring 2010 series will occur live on Wed. from 12:00 – 1:00 between Jan. 20 and May 12, 2010 (excluding Mar. 17 and Apr. 21) via the

internet utilizing the Elluminate webconferencing system.

A total of 15 sessions will be included. Dates, topics and presenters confirmed to date include:

- Jan. 20: "Cancer Survivorship Center/Patient Navigator," Judy Johnston, MS, RD, LD, Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, KU School of Medicine-Wichita and Carol Bush, BS, RN, Patient Navigator, Midwest Cancer Alliance, KU Cancer Center
- Jan. 27: "2010 Legislative Session Update," Jason Eberhart-Phillips, MD, Director of Health, KDHE
- Feb. 3: "Environmental Public Health Tracking Network in Kansas," Ingrid Garrison, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, Environmental Health Officer and State Public Health Veterinarian, KDHE
- Feb. 10: "Public Health Code of Ethics," Ruth Bernheim, JD, Virginia Department of Health and Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, CPH, Health Officer, Clark County Public Health, Vancouver, WA
- Feb. 17: "Legal Issues in Public Health and Immigrant Populations," Marvin Stottlemire, PhD, JD, Adjunct Associate Professor, Preventive Medicine & Public Health, KU Medical Center
- Feb. 24: "How Design Can Be Used to Enhance Public Health," Greg Thomas, Professor, School of Architecture, Design & Planning, KU-Lawrence
- Mar. 3: "Food Handler Training Evaluation," Ellen Averett, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, Health Policy & Management, KU Medical Center
- Apr. 14: "Tobacco Control Plans for the State and Integrating Plans into Programs at Local Health Depts.," Candace Ayars, PhD, Director, Kansas Tobacco Use Prevention Program, KDHE
- May 12: "Kansas Cancer Registry and SEER Data Sets," Sue Min Lai, PhD, MS, MBA, Professor, Director Kansas Cancer Registry, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, KUMC

The fee for the entire spring series (a total of 15 sessions) will be \$100 per organization and will include continuing education credit for physicians and nurses **employed by your organization and attending at your location.**

Your organization may enroll by e-mailing the KUMC-AHEC office, at ksphgr@kumc.edu or calling (620) 235-4040.

SUNFLOWER FOUNDATION NEWS



The Sunflower Foundation will proudly present Rudy Lopez as its next speaker in the "2009-10 Advocacy in Health Speaker Series," Jan. 6, 2010. Lopez has served as National Field Director for the Chicago-based U.S. Hispanic Leader-

ship Institute, overseeing regional offices across the nation. Lopez is experienced in national political campaigns and community organization.

Mr. Lopez's presentation and the reception following are free and open to the public but require advance reservation. Call (785) 232-3000 or (866) 232-3020 for more information. Click the image of Rudy Lopez to register online. Information on the speakers who will be presenting during Mar. and May of 2010, will be announced soon.



PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD (PHAB) SEEKS VOLUNTEER BETA TEST SITE VISITORS

What are public health accreditation site visits?

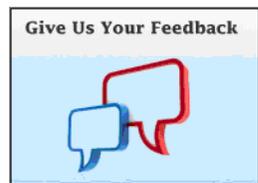
Each of the 30 health departments participating in the public health accreditation program beta test will go through an onsite review conducted by site visitors. The purpose of the site visit is to: (1) verify the accuracy of materials submitted by the applicant health department with their self-assessment tool; and (2) to seek answers to any questions regarding conformity with the standards and measures raised during the review of the materials submitted by the health department. Site visits conducted by trained site visitors are a key element of the accreditation process.



What will be required of site visitors?

Site visitors will be expected to:

1. *Attend PHAB's site visitor training.* This training will be a two-day training session conducted in the Washington, DC area, to be scheduled for March 2010. PHAB will cover the travel expenses for the site visitors to attend the training.
2. *Prepare for the site visit.* Site visitors will review the health department's documentation submitted electronically and will score each measure. Each site visit team will conduct a teleconference to review the materials, determine potential areas of non-conformity, identify missing documentation, and formulate questions.
3. *Conduct the site visit.* Site visits will be scheduled for two to three days depending on the size of the health department. The site visit team will conduct a walk-through of the department, review additional documentation, and conduct interviews. The team will make observations, begin to draw conclusions, and conduct an exit interview. Site visitors' travel expenses for the site visit will be reimbursed by PHAB.
4. *Develop a site visit report.* Following the site visit, the site visit team must submit a written report to PHAB.
5. *Contribute to the beta test evaluation.* Site visitors will provide information about how long site visitors spend preparing for the visit, conducting the onsite review, and writing the report after the visit. They will also be asked to provide information about questions that arise during the visit and any standards or measures that proved to be challenging to evaluate.

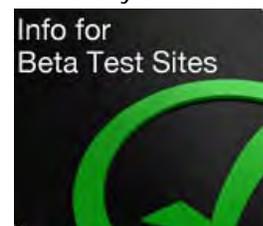


When will the site visits take place?

The site visits for all 30 beta test sites will be conducted during April, May, and June 2010.

Who is eligible to be a site visitor?

Individuals who have extensive experience and knowledge of the delivery of public health services by state, local or tribal health departments are welcomed to volunteer to be a site visitor. View the tentative Volunteer Site Visitor Selection Criteria for more details by clicking the Beta Test Site logo.



Why should I apply to volunteer as a site visitor?

The beta test site visitor experience will provide a unique opportunity to contribute to the development of the accreditation program and advance the quality and performance of health departments. Participation as a volunteer site visitor will also be invaluable preparation for staff of health departments that plan to apply for accreditation.



How do I apply?

Complete the application form by clicking the PHAB logo above and email it to rwilcox@phaboard.org. Applications are due no later than Fri., Jan. 29, 2010. PHAB will review the applications, appoint site visitor teams, and schedule site visits.

For more information, on the background information for site visitor volunteers click the image to the left.

NEW COURSE LISTING FOR KS-TRAIN

*submitted by Debbie Nickels, KS-TRAIN Administrator
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The KS-TRAIN learning management system has added the following new courses. Open a new Internet Explorer Web-browser, add <http://ks.train.org>, then click the course links.

Chronic Disease

Kansas Course:

1. [Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds: Session # 12 - Apr. 14, "Tobacco Control Plans for the State and Integrating Plans into Programs at Local Health Depts", \(1020124\)](#)
2. [Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds: Session # 3 - Feb 3, "Environmental Public Health Tracking Network in Kansas", \(1020125\)](#)

Cultural Competency

National Course:

1. [Managing Diversity: Developing an Inclusive Work Environment and Culturally Relevant Human Services](#)

Education/Training/Exercises/Drills

Kansas Course:

1. [S.M.A.R.T Objectives \(1020105\)](#)

Environmental

National Courses:

1. [An Improved Understanding of LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface](#)
2. [Decontamination and Decommissioning of Radiologically-Contaminated Facilities](#)
3. [Enhanced Attenuation of Chlorinated Organics: A Site Management Tool](#)
4. [In Situ Bioremediation of Chlorinated Ethene - DNAPL Source Zones](#)
5. [LNAPL Characterization and Recoverability - Improved Analysis](#)
6. [Perchlorate Remediation Technologies](#)
7. [Performance-based Environmental Management](#)
8. [Quality Considerations for Munitions Response Projects](#)
9. [Survey of Munitions Response Technologies](#)
10. [Use of Risk Assessment in Management of Contaminated Sites](#)

FEMA

National Course:

1. [IS-701.a NIMS Multiagency Coordination System \(MACS\) Course](#)

General Public Health

Kansas Courses:

1. [Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds: Session # 1 - Wed., Jan. 20, "Survivorship Center/Patient Navigator" \(1020097\)](#)
2. [Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds: Session # 2 - Wed., Jan. 27, "2010 Legislative Session Update" \(1020114\)](#)
3. [Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds: Session # 4 - Feb. 10, "Public Health Code of Ethics" \(1020115\)](#)
4. [Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds: Session # 5 - Feb 17, "Legal Issues in Public Health and Immigrant Populations" \(1020118\)](#)
5. [Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds: Session # 6 - Feb. 24, "How Design Can Be Used to Enhance Public Health" \(1020119\)](#)
6. [Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds: Session # 7 - Mar 3, "Food Handler Training Evaluation" \(1020120\)](#)

National Courses:

1. [Principles of Epidemiology 3rd Edition - SS1000](#)
2. [NHANES Dietary Tutorial - Preparing a Dietary Analytic Dataset - \(web-based\) - WB1352](#)
3. [ABCs of Folic Acid Counseling \(Web-based\) - WB1125](#)

Health Care

National Course:

1. [IV Complications in EMS](#)

Infectious disease

National Course:

1. [Immunization: You Call the Shots – Module 5: Influenza \(Web-based\) - WB3112](#)

Terrorism/Emergency Readiness/Emergency Responders

Kansas Courses:

1. [Lifestar Radiological Response to a Wolf Creek Incident \(1020102\)](#)
2. [KDEM trng "\(G271\) Hazardous Weather and Flooding Preparedness"](#)
3. [KDEM Trng "\(G110\) Emergency Management Operations Course \(EMOC\)"](#)

National Course:

1. [Public Health Emergency Preparedness Training Collaborative \(PHEPTC\) Conference Call - January 27, 2010](#)
2. [First Responders \(Online Training\)](#)
3. [Basic Disaster Life Support \(BDLS\)](#)

Forgotten your ID and Password? Contact the helpdesk@kdhe.state.ks.us or call (785) 296-5655.

Listed below are the steps to create an account for those person's who have not previously used the learning management system.

How to Create Your Own Learner Account on KS-TRAIN

1. Login to <http://ks.train.org> then click "create account" on the left hand side of the screen beneath the "login" button.
2. Complete the learner account by filling out all the necessary profile information on the subsequent pages. Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*). Write down your User ID and Password in a secure place.
3. For more information...see the TRAIN Quick Guide under Announcements on the KS-TRAIN homepage.

LOOKING FOR ONLINE TRAINING?

Here's a suggestion from KS-TRAIN, login to your KS-TRAIN account, at <http://ks.train.org>. Go to the 'Course Search' button in the TRAIN navigation bar, and in the left hand menu click 'Browse Kansas'. Select the 'Rating' heading above the course list and the system will sort courses by those that have been reviewed by your peers.

Title	Provider	Format	Rating
KDEM Trng "Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer	Kansas Division of Emergency Management	On-Site - Classroom course or workshop	★★★★★ 7 reviews
Kansas Blood Lead Filter Paper Testing Training (1009119)	KCLPPP	Web-based Training - Self-study	★★★★★ 11 reviews
KHEL: Lab Breath Alcohol Program (1015785)	Kansas Department of Health and Environment	Web-based Training - Self-study	★★★★★ 13 reviews
HIV OraSure Testing Instructions (1007380)	Kansas Department of Health & Environment	Web-based Training - Self-study	★★★★★ 35 reviews
Texas CHEMPACK Training	Texas Department of State Health Services-Community Preparedness	Web-based Training - Self-study	★★★★★ 96 reviews

Check the following peer recommended offerings on KS-TRAIN:

2005 09:CMED PHGRs "Toward an Epidemiology of Elder Abuse", course number 1007487. This course offers, continuing education credit: 1 CHES; 1 CME; 1.25 CNE Contact Hours and is an archived Webcast.

Objectives - By the end of the presentation, the attendee will be able to:

1. To review the definitions of elder abuse from both public health and legal perspectives.
2. To determine the epidemiology of the various forms of elder abuse and review the relevant literature addressing this issue.
3. To describe research directions for better understanding of the magnitude of the problem and for invoking better control measures.

★★★★ Overall Quality

★★★★ Description Accuracy

Good review of current elder abuse issues, August 10, 2008

Organized review of current data and literature review.

★★★★ Overall Quality

★★★★ Description Accuracy

Very Informative, December 28, 2009

Class was informative and gave good thoughts on APS and what levels they were allowed to get involved and what they could do if situations continue.

“Kansas Blood Lead Filter Paper Testing Training” (1009119)

This 15 minute course illustrates how to successfully take a blood lead level test using the filter paper method. This training is a great instructor for new personnel and can also be used as a refresher for other staff. 11 reviews have been posted with an “Overall Rating” of 4.5 stars out of a possible 5.

2010 HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGIONAL MEETINGS

North Central Regional Public Health Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., locations to be announced, contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639 for more information.

Mar. 23 Jun. 22 Sept. 28 Dec. 21

Northeast Regional Public Health Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Crumrine Conference Room, 5th floor, contact Linda Frazier at (785) 296-3641

Mar. 18 Jun. 17 Sept. 16 Dec. 16

Northwest Regional Public Health Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Educational Service Center, 702 W 2nd Street, Oakley, contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639

Mar. 11 Jun. 10 Sept. 9 Dec. 9

South Central Regional Public Health Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Reno County Health Department, 209 W 2nd Street, Hutchinson, contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639

Jan. 27 Apr. 21 Jul. 28 Oct. 27

Southeast Regional Public Health Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Southeast District Office, 1500 W. Seventh, Meadowlark Room, Chanute, contact Jon Anderson at (785) 296-8435

Feb. 11 May 13 Aug. 12 Nov 18

Southwest Regional Public Health Meeting – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Finney County Health Department, Administrative Building, 311 N 9th Street, Garden City, contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639

Feb. 19 May 21 Aug. 20 Nov. 19

2010 REGIONAL BILLING GROUPS

North Central Billing Group – 9:00 a.m. – noon, KDHE District Office, 2501 Market Place, Salina

Mar. 3 Jun. 2 Sept. 1 Dec. 1

Northeast Billing Group – 9:00 a.m. – noon, Topeka and Shawnee County Library, 1515 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka

Feb. 4 May 6 Aug. 5 Nov. 4

Northwest Billing Group – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Hoxie Presbyterian Church, 1101 Sheridan, Hoxie
 Jan. 12 Apr. 13 July 13 Oct. 12

South Central Billing Group – 10:00 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, 209 W. 2nd Street, Hutchinson
 Feb. 18 May 20 Aug. 19 Nov. 18

Southeast Billing Group – 9:00 a.m. – noon, Southeast District Office, 1500 W. Seventh, Meadowlark Room, Chanute
 Jan. 12 Apr. 13 July 13 Oct. 12

Southwest Billing Group – dates and times to be announced, Haskell County Health Department, 301 S Derby Street, Sublette, contact Michelle Miller (620) 675-8191 for more information

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