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### An Interview with Dr. Robert Moser

Governor Brownback recently appointed Dr. Robert Moser as the new Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Moser has also taken on the role of State Health Officer. With previous experience in the medical field, Moser has the excitement and experience to make big strides within KDHE.

"I am really excited about coming in and getting involved," explained Moser. "I hope with my health care professional perspective I can bring a breath of fresh air to KDHE. This is a great agency to be a part of and I know we have some great days ahead of us."

Among his goals, Moser would like to see a reduction of tobacco use to single digits and a greater promotion of physical activity for children and adults.

"It is important that we work to encourage Kansans, no matter the age, to be as healthy as possible," said Moser.



Recently Governor Brownback authorized the merging of the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA), which includes Medicaid, employee health and workers' compensation programs, with KDHE. Moser believes this could bring new opportunities for data collection, specifically in the way we analyze the incoming data.

"So much of what we do and the funding we receive comes from accurate data collection," explained Moser. "I'm sure with the inclusion of KHPA, KDHE will be able to provide more accurate reporting."

According to Moser the issue of funding is going to be an important topic during the Legislative session.

"One of the biggest challenges is to identify ways in which we can be more efficient with our spending, but also maintain a certain level of our services," explained Moser. "Our services directly impact Kansans in their daily lives; we owe it to them to provide them with the best."

### **In the Spotlight - Lane County Health Department**

*by Arlene Doll, R.N. – Administrator  
Lane County Health Department*



The Lane County Health Department has been active for nearly 70 years and is staffed by three full-time employees: Arlene Doll, R.N., Administrator; Melva Barnett, CNA, CMA; and Crystal Hoffman, CNA. Dr. Paul K. Chinburg, Lane County Medical Clinic, serves as Medical Director for the health department, which is governed by the county board of commissioners. Lane County is located in the center of the western half of Kansas and has a population of approximately 1740.

The Lane County Health Department provides services through many KDHE and other grants, including WIC, Healthy Start Home Visitor, School Nurse-Public Health Nurse, Chronic Disease Risk Reduction, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Smart Start.

The health department provides school nursing services for both school districts in Lane County, including hearing and vision check-ups for students. Department staff members are also certified to perform Healthy Start home visits, breastfeeding counseling and child safety seat installations and checkups. The department administers childhood and adult immunizations in Lane County and about 20 flu shot clinics are held for local businesses each fall.

Monthly blood pressure checks are done at a local senior center and foot care is available for senior care clients. The health department provides drug testing on behalf of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for pre-employment and commercial driver's license purposes. Through generous donations, medical equipment is available for loan to county residents. Other services offered by the health department include in-home senior care with medication set-up.



Each year in April, the health department hosts a health fair offering lab services, electrocardiogram tests, bone density exams and nutrition programs to county residents. Three smaller fairs are hosted in Jan., July and Oct. The health department also chairs the Red Cross Community Blood Drive every six to eight weeks and operates a local food bank. Lane County Health Department was the first to hold a pertussis clinic as a point of dispensing exercise to prepare for a public health emergency.

Last fall, a new pilot project was started. As part of Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute activities, Arlene asked for volunteers to participate in a health profile awareness project. Arlene had hoped for 10 volunteers from the community – 41 people signed up. Along with filling out a health profile assessment, each volunteer visits the health department monthly for weight, blood pressure and body fat and body mass index checks. Several have asked to be a part of the program in the future.

### **Health Departments Share Temporary Employees Successfully**

*In this day and age when it is difficult and expensive to hire and train temporary employees, Clay and Washington County Health Departments with Commissioners' approval, are sharing staff on a short-term basis for planned absences. This has been a win-win situation for both counties and one we hope to continue in the future. Currently counties are sharing Home Health Aide personnel. The employee remains with their current employer, the contracting entity is billed a per day rate, liability remains with the employer.*

## In the Spotlight - Kansas Information for Communities

*by Greg Crawford, Section Chief*

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Many of you are familiar with Kansas Information for Communities (KIC) as the on-line query tool maintained by the KDHE Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics (BEPHI) for the last 11 years. KIC is more than that and will soon grow even more. In fact you may want to consider a KIC a brand; a concept for a single source for health statistics about Kansas.

Focus groups and feedback have resulted in a collaborative; involving KDHE, the Kansas Health Institute and the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD), to investigate additional and more user-friendly tools to provide information. While many people are happy to query KIC, others want to be able to push a button and generate a full profile.

In fact, the collaborative is still working with the University of Missouri Community Issues Management (CIM) project to fulfill many of those needs. As announced at last year's KALHD mid-year meeting, CIM will have the potential to provide pre-designed health profile reports, supply static health indicators on request and enable a working "sandbox" where public health agencies and partner organizations can work out solutions to public health issues.

One of those concerns is accreditation of public health agencies in Kansas, and the emerging need for health assessment data to support health profiles and improvement plans. CIM is envisioned as a vehicle to share that information.

Recently the collaborative, which also includes the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU) and the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA), approved the 52 health indicators that will form the basis of proposed county health profiles.

In the meantime, however, KIC remains a powerful tool for local health departments and health policy makers to access, whether for static or query data. Rounding out the foundation of KIC Query are modules for live birth outcomes, all pregnancy outcomes, cancer, death, hospital discharges by procedure and diagnosis and population. Data for 2009 is online for births, deaths, pregnancy outcomes and population. Other datasets have different processing timetables and are posted at different times.

When query data is not needed, [KIC Fast Stats](#) is a way to obtain some static health indicator information. [KIC County Profiles](#) is a summary of about 40 indicators available at the county level. New additions to KIC Fast Stats include:

- National county disability indicators.
- Kansas Rural Health Works County Reports on the Importance of the Health Care Sector to the Economy from Kansas State University.
- Department of Health and Human Services community health status indicators.
- The National County Health Rankings.
- The Kansas Statistical Abstract prepared by the University of Kansas Institute for Policy and Social Research.

Once the Missouri State Census Data Center updates its website, KIC will link to American Community Survey (ACS) data at the county level. The five-year ACS results represent a robust dataset to enable counties to review many of the social and health changes in their community. The ACS data replaces information formerly collected on the Census long form.

Local health departments receive BEPHI e-mail updates. Individuals who want to be added to the list should send a message to [Kansas.Health.Statistics@kdheks.gov](mailto:Kansas.Health.Statistics@kdheks.gov). Health department staff may also call Greg Crawford of BEPHI at 785-296-8627 to review health statistics needs.

Aid-to-Local Grant Application Guideline is now available at  
[www.kdheks.gov/doc\\_lib/index.html](http://www.kdheks.gov/doc_lib/index.html)

## Bridging the Gap - Medical Interpreter Training

by Cathy Anderson, Manager

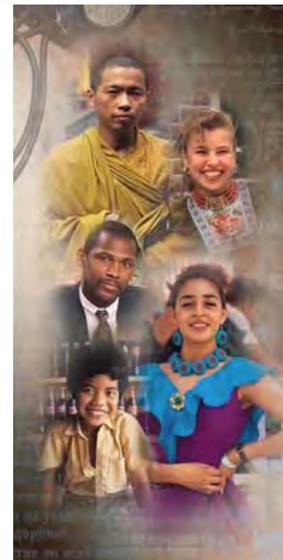
Language and Cultural Services, Jewish Vocational Service (JVS)

Bridging the Gap – Medical Interpreter Training is a five-day training in healthcare and social services interpreting for bilingual interpreters. After attending all classes and passing a final exam, participants will earn a certificate of completion. The course runs from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is offered free of charge through Jewish Vocational Services. If continuing education units (CEU's) are required, please inform JVS ahead of time and they will prepare a letter outlining the course teaching points. This training will be held March 21-25 at the SRS Service Center, 901 Westchester Drive, Salina.

To register, please follow these steps:

1. Register on-line for Bridging the Gap through KS-TRAIN: <http://ks.train.org>, course #1023672
2. Complete the JVS application form/survey linked to the KS-TRAIN, 'Go to Step 2 of Registration' button.
3. Send or e-mail your application and survey to JVS, 1608 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, MO 64108, [canders@jvskc.org](mailto:canders@jvskc.org), or fax it to 816-471-2930.
4. Cathy Anderson, the manager of Language and Cultural Services or Raul Guerrero, the course instructor, will conduct a short interview with you by phone. You will need to include a phone number where we can be reached during the day.
5. JVS will inform you when your registration is complete once you have registered through KS-TRAIN, completed the JVS application and survey, and conducted an interview with Cathy or Raul.

For more information about the course or application process, contact Cathy Anderson at 816-471-2808. JVS is available to assist you in registering through KS-TRAIN.



## Helping Kansas Celebrate Children's Dental Health Month

by Marcia A. Manter, Community Development Specialist

Oral Health Kansas



Feb. 2011 is Children's Dental Health Month. This is an ideal time to work toward a common goal: **Stop Tooth Decay Before It Starts!**

Kansas Cavity Free Kids, Kansas Head Start Association and Oral Health Kansas (OHK) have assembled easy-to-use activities for early childhood and school classroom staff, school nurses, health educators, WIC personnel and health departments. All the materials are on OHK's website, just a

click away.

You will find three links on OHK's website that will give you ideas and handouts:

1. OHK website has a wide range of materials for schools to download including a recipe book for 'Healthy Teeth': [www.oralhealthkansas.org](http://www.oralhealthkansas.org).
2. OHK has produced Tips & Tricks for Oral Health in Spanish and English, valuable for parents and kids alike: [www.oralhealthkansas.org/tipstricks.html](http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/tipstricks.html).
3. Kansas Cavity Free Kids and Oral Health Kansas have placed additional downloadable handouts: [www.oralhealthkansas.org/educationalmaterials.html](http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/educationalmaterials.html).

Need more ideas? Please e-mail Julie Parnell at OHK: [jparnell@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:jparnell@oralhealthkansas.org).

## Save the Date - Annual Health Day at the Capitol

Mark your calendars for the Kansas Public Health Association's Annual Health Day at the Capitol in Topeka. This is a great time to learn more about the legislative process, assure legislators know their public health constituents and be heard!

We need the gift of your presence to make this event a success. Details are to come; but save the date and plan to be in Topeka on March 15. Please direct questions to the event chair, Sonja Armbruster, 316-660-7335.

## 2011 EMSC Symposium

*by Sarah House, Program Manager  
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The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) is hosting national speakers and local pediatric experts on March 3 and 4 to provide information on the following topics:

- [Medical Emergencies – course #1025396](#)
- [Children with Special Health Needs – course #1025398](#)
- [Trauma Emergencies – course #1025399](#)
- [Child Abuse and Neglect – course #1025400](#)

The 2011 symposium this year is divided into four four-hour blocks and broadcast live from Wichita via ITV video conferencing to 39 sites across Kansas. Registration is available on [[KS-TRAIN](#)] and seating is limited. The registration deadline is March 1. Cost is \$10 per topic.

EMSC is offering up to 16 hours of Pediatric Nursing, EMS and Respiratory Therapy continuing education hours.

## Kansas Medical Reserve Corps Leadership and Training Summit

*by Emily C. Nickel, Planning and Outreach Specialist  
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The State of Kansas Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) will host a statewide leadership and training summit for Kansas MRC volunteers. The summit will be a two-day event, April 8-9, at the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy in Salina. The event will focus on how volunteers assist in preparedness, response and recovery to work together to support the State of Kansas.



Kansas MRC volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in informational sessions, build partnerships, continue to establish sustainable teams and much more! The Kansas Medical Reserve Corps program has applied for continuing nursing education credit.

A special rate of \$69 per night is available at the Ramada Inn in Salina until March 7. Contact the hotel at 785-823-1739 and advise them you are with the "Kansas Medical Reserve Corps Training Summit." Registration for the summit will be through KS-TRAIN, course #1025550. For more information contact, Emily Nickel at 785-296-5201 or [enickel@kdheks.gov](mailto:enickel@kdheks.gov).

## KDHE's Bureau of Environmental Health Awarded \$3.1 Million Grant

*by Shannon Steinbauer, Program Director  
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KDHE has been awarded a \$3.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to conduct a wide range of activities intended to protect children and families from potentially dangerous lead-based paints and other home health and safety hazards.

"Ingesting lead-contaminated dust is the primary cause of lead poisoning and can contribute to a variety of health problems in young children, including reduced IQ, learning disabilities, developmental delays, reduced height and impaired hearing," said Tom Langer, KDHE Director of Bureau of Environmental Health. "Not only will this money help eliminate dangerous lead hazards in at least 300 homes, it will stimulate private sector jobs for housing contractors, train workers in lead hazard control and educate the public about the dangers of lead-based paints."

The majority of the award will be used to improve homes in Sedgwick and Wyandotte counties, but will also allow KDHE to assist families with children who have been lead-poisoned statewide. It is expected the work will begin in the late spring.

Even though lead-based paint was banned for residential use in 1978, based upon the age of the housing in Kansas, KDHE estimates that more than 50 percent of the homes in Kansas contain significant lead-based paint hazards today. In 2009, more than 140 Kansas families were afflicted by lead poisoning in their homes.

For more information about this award please contact KDHE at 866-865-3233, or visit the Healthy Homes website by clicking the logo above.



## Changes in KAN Be Healthy Certification Requirements

*by Brenda Nickel, Child and School Nurse Consultant  
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Recent changes have occurred in the KAN Be Healthy (KBH) certification requirement by Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP). In the past, registered nurses (RNs) who are not advanced practice nurses have completed self-study orientation training to provide Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services for pediatric and adult populations. Effective Jan. 1, RNs completing KBH screens are no longer required to complete an online orientation training program or gain KBH certification through completion of a written examination. RNs can continue providing KBH screens within the scope of their licensure. Certification as a prerequisite to conducting the screens is no longer required.

The Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) released this information in Provider Bulletin Number 10138 December 2010 "KAN Be Healthy Providers: Discontinuation of KBH Certification Requirement." The bulletin can be accessed by clicking on the Kansas Health Policy Authority logo.

Title XIX (Medicaid) EPSDT Program services, called KBH in Kansas, are offered by RNs in 76 of Kansas' 100 health departments. The program is administered by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Title V or the Maternal Child Health (MCH) programs fill "gaps" that include the physical examination of children with medical cards.

In addition, the Kansas Refugee Program, a joint program of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services, provides refugee health screening, referrals and follow-up. The health history and physical examination is performed by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or public health nurse certified for Kan-B-Healthy (EPSDT). Referrals for medical care are made to local physicians, clinics and specialty services (i.e., dentist, optometrist etc.) for definitive diagnosis and treatment.

Public health nurses working in other settings that have indicated RNs providing screening and health assessments using their KBH certification includes nurses working in school settings, early learning settings and providing services in residential facilities.



## Take Charge Challenge

*by the Kansas Green Team*



The Take Charge Challenge is a friendly competition between 16 Kansas towns to reduce their energy use, save money and take charge of their energy future! The contest is coordinated by the Climate and Energy Project and sponsored by the Kansas Energy Office in partnership with communities and utilities across the state. The idea for the challenge started last year on a smaller scale with competition between six communities in Kansas to see which one could reduce their energy use the most. The result was an overall savings of

\$434,232 in energy costs.

This year, the competition has expanded to include 16 cities in four regions, with each regional winner receiving a \$100,000 community lighting retrofit. The competition began in Oct. 2010 and will run through the end of Sept. 2011, with tracking starting at the first of the year. Each city will receive a \$25,000 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the Kansas Energy Office to fund the challenge. The competition will be judged on dedication to whole-house energy efficiency, based on energy audits and completed projects; conversion to energy-efficiency light bulbs and community outreach and public education.

The sixteen cities are broken into four competing regions:

- Northwest: Colby, Goodland, Hoxie, Oakley and WaKeeney
- Northeast: Baldwin City, Gardner, Ottawa and Paola
- Southeast: Chanute, Fort Scott, Iola, Parsons and Pittsburg
- University: Manhattan and Lawrence

The competition last year ran from April 2009 through March 2010 and saw tremendous results. Residents and businesses in all six communities switched light bulbs, weatherized, installed programmable thermostats, traded in old appliances for more energy efficient ones and signed up for weatherization programs and audits.

Together, these Kansas towns managed to:

- Save over **six million kilowatt hours** of electricity during the Challenge year and take measures that locked in future savings of **over seven million kilowatt hours per year**.

- Switch over **50,000** bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and distribute hundreds of weatherization kits and energy-saving power strips.
- Install over **1,000** programmable thermostats and more than **200** energy efficient appliances in their homes.
- Donate a remarkable **2,600** hours volunteer time to host **65** community events promoting energy efficiency and conservation that were attended by over **11,000** people.

These energy conservation measures by cities are important for many reasons. Finite amounts of non-renewable natural resources are saved for future generations. Cities realize immediate financial benefits that help them through difficult economic times. And, reduced energy use is always good for the environment. When electricity and home heating fuel consumption drops, fewer pollutants are generated and released to the environment. Our air and water is cleaner as a result of improvements in energy efficiency. For more information on the Take Charge! Challenge, click on the logo.



### Kansas Breastfeeding - Now the Time for Success

*by Martha Hagen, Program Analyst  
Bureau of Family Health, KDHE*



Breastfeeding, especially exclusive breastfeeding to six months, improves the health of infants and mothers. Healthcare costs are reduced through fewer doctors' visits for ill infants, fewer hospitalizations, less prescription medications and decreased chronic disease in the child and mother. The Healthy People 2020 Objectives (click on the image to the below) were recently established to increase the proportion of infants who are breastfed.

According to birth certificate data, Kansas met the Healthy People 2010 breastfeeding initiation goal in 2005, and initiation rates continued to slowly increase to 78 percent in 2009. Several Kansas WIC clinics also met this goal in 2010. The Kansas WIC Program recently sent out certificates of accomplishment congratulating WIC clinics that had a 75 percent initiation rate for calendar year 2010.

These clinics include those in the counties of (see table on right):

To improve exclusive breastfeeding and the duration of breastfeeding, Kansas needs to enhance maternity care practices, provide education and support pre- and post-delivery to mothers and improve lactation support in the workplace.

U.S. Surgeon General Regina Benjamin recently released "The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding." This document includes a call to action of 20 steps to support breastfeeding and can be viewed by clicking the image to the right.

The health, economic and environmental positive effects of breastfeeding are potentially huge. Now is the time to support a mother's intention to breastfeed. For more information about how to help Kansas families reach their breastfeeding goal, contact Martha Hagen at [mhagen@kdheks.gov](mailto:mhagen@kdheks.gov).

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Jewell	Gray	Doniphan
Graham	Rooks	Osborne
Cloud	Logan	Dickinson
Gove	Barber	Greeley
Stevens	Marion	Hamilton
Kearny	Finney	Hodgeman
Pawnee	Haskell	Republic
Edwards	Lane	Kingman
Meade	Clark	Comanche
Johnson		



## News and Updates

Submitted by the Local Health Section, BLRH

### RAND Health Announcements



Looking for a health policy research website? Click the Rand logo to check out the Rand Health E-Newsletter. Recent published research includes, adolescents' smoking behavior is influenced by their romantic relationships, low reimbursement motivates some physicians not to give infants certain combination vaccines and distinct interpretations of preparedness law impede effective collaboration for public health preparedness.



### Maximizing Office Based Immunization

Maximizing Office Based Immunization in Kansas (MOBI-KS) is a “whale” of a program for getting all Kansas Kids vaccinated on time. For more information contact Leslie Sherman at 913-940-8943 or [leslie.sherman@kansasaap.org](mailto:leslie.sherman@kansasaap.org). To view the MOBI-KS website click their logo above.

### Kansas Kids Can Be Cavity Free



Learn how to vanish cavities with varnish in under a minute from the Kansas Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics (KS-AAP). For more information, contact Leslie Sherman at 913-940-8943 or e-mail at [leslie.sherman@kansasaap.org](mailto:leslie.sherman@kansasaap.org). To view the KS-AAP website click the logo on the left.

### Institute of Medicine



The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL) have announced the release of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report *Preventing Transmission of Pandemic Influenza and other Viral Respiratory Diseases: Personal Protective Equipment for Healthcare Personnel, Update 2010*. To view the report brief, recommendations from the IOM or the full pdf, click the IOM logo.

### Environmental Health Student Portal



The National Library of Medicine (NLM) introduces middle school students to environmental health science within the context of current middle school science curriculum standards. The website has links to government and other reviewed and selected sites. The Environmental Health Student Portal allows students to conduct research, play games related to environmental health, locate science fair projects and view videos. Click the NLM logo to learn more.

### CDC Health Disparities and Inequalities Report - United States, 2011



Health disparities are differences in health outcomes between groups that reflect social inequalities. Since the 1980s, our nation has made substantial progress in improving residents' health and reducing health disparities, but ongoing racial/ethnic, economic and other social disparities in health are both unacceptable and correctable. Some key findings of this report maybe found by clicking the CDC logo to the left.

### Cancer Costs Projected to Reach at Least \$158 Billion in 2020



According to a National Institutes of Health (NIH) analysis, by the year 2020 cancer cost will reach \$158 billion (in 2010 dollars) — an increase of 27 percent over 2010. If newly developed tools for cancer diagnosis, treatment and follow-up continue to be more expensive, medical expenditures for cancer could reach as high as \$207 billion, said the researchers from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), part of the NIH. The analysis appeared online, Jan. 12, 2011, in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. Click the NIH logo to review this report.

### HHS Increases Funding Available to Low-Income Families



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced the availability of additional funding to help eligible low-income families meet their home energy needs, bringing the total made available since Oct. 1 to \$3.9 billion. These funds will go to states, tribes and territories under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and are available under the terms of the latest continuing resolution. To see more information, click the HHS logo on the left.

### American Families Struggle With Hunger



More than 17 million American households had difficulty putting enough food on the table in 2009, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service. Federal food assistance programs continue to provide an important safety net, according to this recently released national report. To review more on this report click on the USDA logo.

### Community Health Data Initiative



The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Institute of Medicine have launched a national initiative to help consumers and communities get more value out of the nation's wealth of health data. Under the Community Health

Data Initiative:

- HHS will release greater amounts of health data in more usable formats
- Software developers will use the data to create new applications that will make health information increasingly useful for individuals and communities.
- With improved data and creative new applications, communities and consumers will initiate effective new efforts in disease prevention, health promotion and measurement of health care quality and performance.

To see more on the on the health statistics click the logo above.

### Data Sets: Open Government at HHS



The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides two types of data sets. Downloads are open-format data sets presented in csv, xml or other downloadable formats. Interactive data sets can be manipulated on the Web. You may search by keyword, HHS Agency and/or type. New data sets are being added regularly. Click to view the different data sets by clicking the logo on the left.

### Interactive CMS Dashboard



Dashboards produced by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are designed to simplify and make data more accessible. These dashboards promote transparency and improve public understanding of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. By simplifying and making data more accessible through tools like dashboards, CMS hopes the questions asked and answered by researchers and policymakers will continue to accelerate efforts to improve the nation's health care delivery and payment systems. To review more on the dashboard click the CMS logo.

### NALBOH Conducting National Profile Survey of Local Boards of Health



The National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) is conducting a national profile survey of local boards of health to be completed by Feb. 18. This survey provides the unique opportunity to collect information on all local boards of health across the country. Ask your Local Board of Health to participate in this survey. Click the NALBOH logo for more information.

### USDA Unveils Critical Upgrades to Nutritional Standards for School Meals



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has published a proposed rule to update the nutrition standards for meals served through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs as part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Public input on the proposed rule is due by April 13. Click image on left to learn more about this new rule.

### USPSTF Recommends Routine Osteoporosis Screening for All Women over Age 65



Agency for Healthcare and Research Quality (AHRQ) has release the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force's (USPSTF) report that recommends all women ages 65 and older be routinely screened for osteoporosis. To read more on this report click the AHRQ logo.

### JOB OPENINGS

#### Sedgwick County Health Department

The Sedgwick County Health Department is taking applications for the following position:

- WIC Registered Dietician - [20002680012611](#)

Click on the job number to view details. For more information, click the Sedgwick County Seal or contact Jeff Goetzinger, Human Resource Assistant, Sedgwick County Health Department, at 316-660-7333.



**Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department**

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department is taking applications for the following position:

- [ARNP](#) in the Family Planning/Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic

Click the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department logo to view position details.



**Reno County Health Department**

The Reno County Health Department is taking applications for the following positions:

- [Home Health Nurse I or II](#)
- [Public Health Preparedness Coordinator](#)

Click the Reno County logo to view position details or job title.



**Sherman County Health Department**

Sherman County Health Department has an opening for a part-time contractual Registered Dietician (about three days per month). Responsibilities include direct services for WIC clients at the Sherman County Health Department and satellite clinics; including nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support and community referrals. Travel required. Applications available at Sherman County Health Department, 1622 Broadway, Goodland, KS 67735, 785-890-4888. EOE.



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