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### WHAT EXACTLY IS ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH?

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What exactly is Environmental Public Health? Environmental public health (EPH) examines the relationship between the environment and human health; as such, it is an integrative rather than distinct science. There is not a prescribed, well-defined body of knowledge. Because of the broadly defined parameters of “environment” and “human health,” EPH studies a multitude of health conditions that arise from toxin (naturally occurring) and toxic (human-made) agents in air, water, soil and food.

A key component for any public health system is epidemiology—the study of distribution and determinants of diseases in populations. Establishing convincing proof of cause and effect is a formidable challenge in EPH. Problems arise in human versus environmental measures. Health effects of chemical exposures are related to the dose or concentration plus individual characteristics such as demographics, heredity, health and nutrition, and other concurrent exposures or events.

Several efforts are in place within KDHE to pursue greater integration between health and environmental programs. The Bureau of Air and Radiation is helping develop Kansas-specific environmental health indicators with the Environmental Health Officer. These indicators are the outgrowth of the KDHE participation on the State Environmental Health Indicators Collaborative, an effort supported by Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologist (CSTE). For more information:

<http://www.cste.org/pdffiles/2006/AboutSEHICforCSTE525.pdf>

The indicators under development at this national level are: air quality, asthma and water. The KDHE Center for Health and Environmental Statistics is assisting in the development of the asthma indicators. Once these two categories are complete, work will begin on the water indicator. Look for graphic displays of Kansas environmental health indicators on the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology Environmental Public Health webpage soon.

## PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TABLETOP EXERCISES



For the past year, KDHE's Bureau of Water has been assisting public water supply systems (PWSS) in conducting tabletop exercises related to preparedness. Nine tabletops have been presented, usually county-wide in scope. It isn't unusual for some counties to have 10 to 20 public water supply systems serving a host of customers. Kansas has 1,069 PWSS. Assistance in conducting the exercises has been provided by the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Homeland Security Regional Consultants.

A reoccurring theme is that water supply and wastewater operators generally have little exposure to the emergency response exercise process. It isn't unusual for attendees to have never participated in a drill of any kind. The tabletops offer an opportunity for community leaders to think ahead about how best to use resources when public water supplies are compromised.

Tabletops have been requested by managers of PWSS, local emergency management and local health departments. More public water supply tabletop exercises will be presented through September, and possibly into next year. Public water supply operators and wastewater operators are granted four hours of operator training for participating in exercises. The exercises have been made possible through state and Tribal Assistance Grant funds awarded by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). For additional information contact Steve Paige, KDHE Bureau of Water, [spaige@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:spaige@kdhe.state.ks.us).

## GREEN PARROT MINE COLLAPSE

*by Larry Spahn, Emergency Program Coordinator  
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On July 31, 2006, the staff of the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) Surface Mining Section, was notified of a mine collapse that had occurred in an alley behind the Green Parrot Bar in downtown Galena. A subsidence that measured 50 feet in diameter with a depth of approximately 60 feet had suddenly collapsed into an abandoned lead and zinc mine taking the entire alley with it. A natural gas main, sewer line and water main were all hanging in mid air. A utility pole carrying 13,000 volts over the site leaned precariously over the hole. The cave-in was unstable and slowly growing larger with each passing minute.

Mickey Center and Larry Spahn, KDHE Surface Mining Section, were at the scene within 30 minutes of the call and met with Larry Delmont, Galena Police Chief, and other city officials at the site to assist and advise in remediating the problem. Work began immediately to shut off all utilities that would be affected as the cave-in enlarged. Empire Electric Company positioned a bucket truck to support the leaning power pole and began building a line around the problem. Temperatures in the 100s caused concern for the residents of a nearby nursing home and arrangements were made to evacuate them to a Galena school building should it become necessary.

The Kansas Gas Company began digging up the gas main and capped the line. These very dangerous tasks were completed without mishap before the entire area collapsed into the hole. If the building would have collapsed onto the utilities an explosion and fire would have been a likely outcome along with ambulance and fire equipment. Along with ambulance and fire equipment, the Crawford County Mobile Command Center was dispatched to the site to aid Cherokee County authorities, as well as a Red Cross Disaster Relief Van. The city of Galena began working to isolate the sewer main by plugging the line and looping the flow around the site. The uncontrolled flow of raw sewage into the cave-in would have complicated the already growing problem.

The story was carried by the Associated Press Newswire and was distributed across the U.S. in addition to local media coverage.

The living quarters -- a large brick building that is directly connected to the Green Parrot bar -- had been evacuated earlier by owner Mickey Morang and his elderly mother. All of their personal effects, such as clothing, money, medications, oxygen equipment and their pet lovebird, Romeo, were still inside the rapidly deteriorating structure. The structure could not be re-entered because of the danger of the entire building collapsing.



As the morning passed, the danger of fire and explosion eased as the power was shut off and the gas line isolated. The cave-in continued to grow ever larger and as evening fell. A 24 hour watch was placed on the building to keep on-lookers away from the hazardous spectacle.



During the first day, Spahn and Center worked to acquire the needed rights of entry and deeds to allow remediation of the collapse. A determination was made that the problem could not be addressed under the Kansas Abandoned Mine Land (AML) emergency program, because the mining was not coal related. Surface Mining staff processed the necessary paperwork to abate the hazard under the non-coal program. Randy Johnson, AML Inspection Supervisor, contacted Mike Robinson Construction, the contractor in charge of the Lead and Zinc Vertical Opening Program, and advised them to mobilize their equipment and move it to the Galena site.

The next morning revealed that the entire back of the building had collapsed into the sinkhole and all of the abandoned utility lines had been carried away. The building was very dangerous and continued to collapse throughout the day. Robinson Construction was on site with a large track hoe and several dump trucks full of large rocks and concrete rubble. Robinson was finally allowed into the area and he began filling the 60 foot diameter, 62-feet deep hole late in the day and continued into the night. Eighty cubic yards of concrete was placed over the rock and rubble to consolidate the fill material. This was covered with material trucked in from a nearby site. After mounding and compacting, the site was covered with topsoil which was leveled and grass seed planted over the disturbed area. The problem was remediated at a cost of \$64,464 in approximately five working days.



Sometime after the hole had stabilized, it was learned that an unknown person entered the structure and rescued Romeo, the lovebird, along with a few of the resident's more valuable possessions.

Morang has learned that both structures will have to be razed and that his insurance will not cover any of the loss of his home or his business. No subsidence insurance program is currently in effect for the state of Kansas. The 114-year old building has become another casualty of the lead and zinc mining problem that affects the entire Tri-State Mining District.

### METH MOUTH INFORMATION PACKET AVAILABLE

**Meth Addiction Treatment**

Meth dependence is a difficult, but not impossible, disorder to treat. While methamphetamine addicts do not necessarily need extended treatment, they often require extended time to receive complete residential drug treatment programs. A treatment program that lasts up to two years is ideal. The most effective treatments for methamphetamine addiction are behavioral therapies such as cognitive behavioral and contingency management interventions designed to help modify a patient's thinking and behavior, and to increase skills in coping with various life stresses. Drug courts have also proved successful in many communities across the country.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
For every pound of Meth cooked, about five pounds of hazardous waste are produced.

**Kansas Meth Watch Program**  
[www.kdheks.gov/methwatch](http://www.kdheks.gov/methwatch)  
[www.KansasMethWatch.com](http://www.KansasMethWatch.com)



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REAL HEALTH CARE

KDHE has a new brochure and poster available for health departments and dentist's offices. The two items show the damage done to teeth from meth addiction. These two pieces of literature are available from the Kansas Meth Watch Program. Get the poster and tri-fold brochure by calling the Meth Watch Program at (785) 368-7301 or e-mailing [methwatch@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:methwatch@kdhe.state.ks.us). There is no charge for the items.



**Which smile would you rather see?**

Repeated use of methamphetamine may result in a condition known as "meth mouth". Meth mouth symptoms include dry mouth, gum disease, tooth decay, and cracked teeth. In some cases the dental damage may be so severe that the only treatment is complete removal of the teeth. How's you a little young to be wearing dentures?

Other ugly effects of meth use include:

- Skin eruptions, sores and infected sores
- Malnutrition and extreme weight loss
- Convulsions, twitching and jerking
- Premature aging
- Fetal death

Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Program  
Curtis Hill, Topeka, KS 66612  
[www.kdhe.state.ks.us/methwatch](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/methwatch)

## WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH?

To assist the public health workforce in the understanding of the Core Functions and Essential Services of Public Health, Connections will be highlighting an Essential Service of the month by utilizing *"What is Public Health?" An Orientation to the Public Health System for Participants and Spectators*. **Click on the logo** to download the complete document.



### Essential Service #1: Monitor health status to identify community health problems

This service includes accurate diagnosis of the community's health status: identification of threats to health and assessment of health service needs; timely collection analysis and publication of information on access, utilization, costs, and outcome of personal health services; attention to the vital statistics and health status of specific-groups that are at higher risk than the total population; and collaboration to manage integrated information systems with private providers and health benefit plans.

Examples of the activities performed under this service that impact the public's health include: Develops and maintains population-based programs that collect health related data to measure health status; Tracks health-related data and compares them to national health objectives and other benchmarks; Allocates resources for monitoring health status and identifying health problems to areas of highest need and plans for the development of new resources.

Professionals who may provide these services may include epidemiologists, health data analysts, public health information officer, health planner and more. Questions to ask yourself to determine if you perform functions that contribute to Essential Service #1.

- Do I/my agency conduct regular community health assessments to monitor progress towards health related objectives?
- Do I/my agency promote community-wide use of community health profile and/or assessment data to assure that this information can be easily accessed and used by the community?
- Do I/my agency maintain and contribute to population health registries using established criteria to report identified health events?

If you/your agency is not checking one of the boxes, how will you/we assure that this essential service is provided in your community, and how do we as public health professionals work to fulfill that mission in the daily performance of our duties and responsibilities?

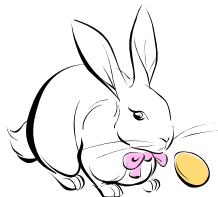
## NEW DIRECTOR LAWRENCE-DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dan Partridge, RS is the new director at the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department. His first day was January 16.

He was a 16-year employee of the Reno County Health Department before coming to Lawrence. The last four years he served as Administrative Services Supervisor responsible for administrative, accounting (overseeing budget preparation), child care licensing, tobacco prevention and environmental health staff. Prior to his position as administrative services supervisor he was the environmental health supervisor for nine years.

He will complete a master's in Public Health from the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita in May. He is a 2004 graduate of the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute and a 2002 graduate of the University of Kansas Public Management Center Certification program. He earned his undergraduate degrees from Kansas State University in Fisheries Biology and Chemical Science, and in Milling Science and Management. He is also credentialed as a Registered Sanitarian.

Dan and wife, Rhonda have two children, Matthew and Kurt. Dan and Rhonda share a commitment to community service and look forward to living and becoming involved in Lawrence and Douglas County.



## PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING: POPULATION-BASED PRACTICE

Knowledge of public health and population-based concepts is a marker of excellence for public health nursing practice. As the public health nursing workforce faces increasing challenges, it is imperative that continuing education opportunities be provided. Prepared public health nurses are in high demand and require additional skills in assessment, policy development, and assurance to provide both public health practice at the community level and population-based individual health care services.

We are writing to let you know about a new public health nursing course, Principles of Public Health Nursing: Population Based Practice, part of the Learning with Lilly Series. This course was created specifically for nurses currently working in public health who do not have a baccalaureate degree or who have not completed a course in community/public health in their nursing educational program.



This course was developed by the Heartland Public Health Education and Training Center (HETC) at Saint Louis University School of Public Health in partnership with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, University of Missouri, Columbia, and the Kansas

Department of Health and Environment.

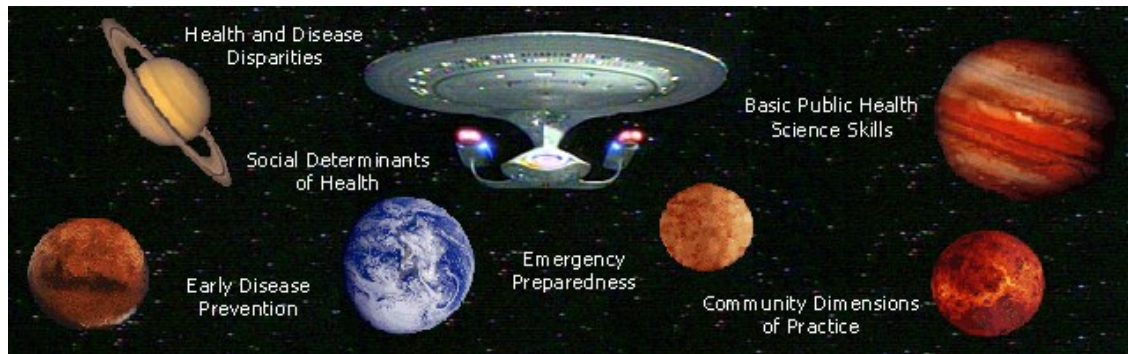
For more information, and to register for the course on KS-TRAIN, see the [Objectives](#), [Help Tools](#), and [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Some highlights of the course are:

- Focus on population-based concepts and application to practice for nurses currently working in public health agencies or schools
- Technology based – accessible through the web and/or by CD-ROM
- Offered as a CE course for 45 CEU's for \$200 or for four academic credit hours for \$620
- Consists of 10 lessons to be completed between April 16 and July 30

The first 15 registrants to sign up will receive the Foundations of Nursing in the Community: Community-Oriented Practice book complementary! Please help us in getting the word out to all public health nurses in Kansas. If you have any questions, please contact: Jamie O'Hare, Program Coordinator, (314) 977-8281 or [oharejc@slu.edu](mailto:oharejc@slu.edu); Linda Frazier, Workforce Coordinator, (785) 296-3641 or [lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us).

## GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE



Registration for the Governor's Annual Public Health Conference "New Frontiers in Public Health" is available on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. **For a copy of the conference brochure click on the planet Earth above.** This year's conference is being held at the Grand Prairie Hotel in Hutchinson. Deadline for registration is April 15. If you do not have a KS-TRAIN account you can follow the instruction on page 10 of the brochure. When making your reservations, ask for the Governor's Public Health Conference room block. Reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis and deadline is April 16.

### Monday Night Evening Event at the Kansas Cosmosphere!

April 30 - 6:30 p.m.

Come join us for a night beginning with Chocolate decadence and give-aways from Hutchinson Mall merchants, including coupons for you to use while shopping on Tuesday night! Participants will enjoy the Hall of Space Museum, and limited seating will be available to view the IMAX showing of "Hurricane on the Bayou." There will be a sign up sheet at the conference registration desk for those wanting to view this 45-minute film, that will begin around 7:30 p.m.



### Hurricane on the Bayou

A powerfully moving large format film unlike any other, Hurricane on the Bayou carries audiences behind today's headlines on a journey deep into the soul-stirring heart of Louisiana – before, during and after the unprecedented devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Unfolding against the poignant backdrop of the most costly natural disaster in America's history, MacGillivray Freeman's IMAX® cameras follow a group of four musicians, both legendary and rising, as they explore the electrifying culture of New Orleans: speed through the beautiful, alligator-filled bayous on airboats; recount their heart-wrenching, personal stories of Katrina; and most of all, bring the focus to the rapidly disappearing wetlands that are New Orleans' first line of defense against deadly storms. Narrated by Academy Award®-winning actress Meryl Streep.



### Hall of Space Museum

Your journey into space history begins in the shadow of a retired SR-71 spyplane, a T-38 astronaut training jet, and a full-scale Space Shuttle replica. The Hall of Space Museum features one of the most significant collections of U.S. and Russian space artifacts in the world, including the actual Apollo 13 command module and a flown Vostok spacecraft. With a U.S. space artifact collection second only to the National Air and Space Museum and the largest collection of Russian space artifacts found outside of Moscow, the Cosmosphere's Hall of Space Museum is uniquely positioned to tell the story of the Space Race in a way that no other museum in the world can do.



### SAVE THE DATE!

The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) will hold its fifth training cycle from September 2007-September 2008. In-person sessions take place in September, October, January, April, and July. If you are interested in becoming a KPHLI scholar, applications will be available by May 2007. See <http://www.waldcenter.org/kphli/index.html> for more information about the KPHLI.

### MOMMA TOLD ME NOT TO GO: A SUMMARY OF OUTBREAKS IN KANSAS, 2006

The Epidemiology Services Section's Local Health Department Conference Call Series announces its second presentation of the 2007 season: "Momma Told Me Not to Go: A Summary of Outbreaks in Kansas, 2006."

The presentation will review several of the outbreaks investigated in Kansas during 2006, as well as discuss national outbreak trends. As Kansans head into the spring and summer, food and water safety will become increasingly important and this presentation will provide a review of these topics and provide a list of resources for food and water safety.

This conference call will be presented on April 11 at 10 a.m. and again on April 27 at noon. Additional information about this conference call, including phone number and access code, as well as a copy of the presentation will be posted on PHIX during the week of April 9. Please contact Amanda Hodle with questions at [ahodle@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:ahodle@kdhe.state.ks.us).



**OPEN AIRWAYS FOR SCHOOLS**  
Available from the American Lung Association



Free facilitator training for the course, *Open Airways for Schools* is now available on Kansas Train at <http://ks.train.org>. The training is approximately two hours and can be done all at once or divided into shorter sessions. Two continuing nurses education credits available from the Kansas State Nurses Association upon completion.

Open Airways for Schools (OAS) is an interactive asthma education program with role-playing, games, story telling and drawing activities that teach children how to manage asthma. It is designed for children ages 8-11. By participating in the program, children are able to better

manage their disease. It consists of six lessons with the following health messages; asthma is manageable; asthma episodes do not have to be a crisis; prescribed medication should be taken at the first sign of symptoms; a child with asthma can live normally. OAS brings parents, teachers, school nurses, administrators, and physicians together to assist children with asthma breathe easier and therefore, miss fewer days of school.

For more information, contact Beth Marolf, OAS Coordinator, American Lung Association, 5043 NW Dawdy Dr., Topeka, KS, 66618; phone: (785) 246-0377 or [bmarolf@cox.net](mailto:bmarolf@cox.net).

**LONG TIME STAFF RETIRE FROM JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Barb Riley, RN, retired March 30 and Denise Brennan, RN, retired March 16 after a combined 61 years of service at the Johnson County Public Health Department.

Barb began her career at the health department in February of 1984 as nurse for the northeast area of Johnson County. She worked in immunizations, epidemiology, TB control and developed and coordinated classes for daycare centers. In 1988, Barb became the program manager for the Adult/Child Care Facilities Division and in 1990, became the division director. In 1993, she earned her bachelors degree in healthcare management.

As the division director of Adult/Child Care Facilities, she expanded the division staff from four to 12, assisted in piloting a program to computerize child care information for the state of Kansas and worked closely with the district attorney's office on unregulated child care operations. Barb assisted in the creation of Johnson County Safe Kids, and the start of the health department's Bioterrorism/Preparedness program. She was one of the conveners of the Johnson County Health Department's Community Health Assessment Process (CHAP) and served as board president at Marian Hall, in Kansas City, KS.

Barb served as Child Care Section Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Administrators (NARA), served on a committee for NARA that critiqued child care regulations and presented at several NARA conferences. She has also been active with the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) and was a member of the board of directors of the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA). Barb initiated and chaired KPHA's Child Care Section for many years.

In 2002, Barb became the Family Health Services Division Director. As director, Barb worked to begin the High Risk Clinic for prenatal clients in partnership with KU Med Center. Under her leadership, the following was initiated: Step B testing for prenatal clients, fluoride varnish services in the Well Child program, use of the thin prep instead of the pap smear, Cryo Therapy and the Loop Electrical Excision Procedure for high risk clients.

Barb was instrumental in increasing the staff of the Family Health Services Division, adding nursing, support and WIC positions. She also worked to make the clinic as "user friendly" as possible and has planned a new work area for the WIC program, which will be completed within the next few months.

Barb remarks, "I appreciate the leadership and opportunities I have experienced at the health department. The staff is wonderful! I have grown so much in my career in nursing and public health. Thank you to all of you."

Denise Brennan's long list of accomplishments started in 1968 as a public health nurse in a generalized program serving southern Johnson County. Her role as an area nurse included conducting disease investigation as well as working with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) on follow-up to investigations. She partnered with Dr. Grace Holmes to develop the Risk Birth Program and she also developed a volunteer-operated hearing and vision screening program for the Blue Valley School District.

Denise oversaw the development of a nationally recognized communicable disease reporting program for schools utilizing the input of the school district. This same program was later modified for child care facilities. In

1988, the program won a National County Achievement Award for materials developed to address questions from child care homes and centers, adult care homes, and school nurses.

She was part of the original team that developed the foundation for an epidemiology program, which has evolved over the years into our current disease containment program. As a participant of a team working with KDHE, she helped to pilot a program to address perinatal hepatitis B, a program that is still running strong today. Since 1995, Denise has worked as an epidemiologist, investigating many outbreaks, including food-borne, vaccine related, animal bites and perinatal hepatitis B.

As Denise reflects back on her long career in public health she states, "none of the growth and success of the disease containment program would be possible without the fantastic cooperation of physicians, their nurses, infection control nurses, school nurses, child and adult care facility staff, animal control officers, Johnson County Environmental-Sanitation Division, KDHE, and interested residents. No one does any job alone. Once people understood why something was important the cooperation in Johnson County and Kansas and with Missouri was fabulous. I just want to say thank you to everyone who has helped make everything possible."

### **SANITARIAN FOR JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**



The Johnson County Public Health Department is seeking a full-time sanitarian. The sanitarian will conduct the environmental part of the nursing facility survey in conjunction with the Kansas Department on Aging (KDOA) survey team, which include monitoring visits with the adult care nurse on large or problematic adult care facilities. The sanitarian will conduct and/or assist with child care visits, to include, initials, renewals, complaints and compliance checks; will process licensing amendments as received from child care facilities; will conduct classes, consultations and workshops on licensing regulations and other environmental health/safety issues; will assist with visits/investigations involving problematic septic systems, private wells, private swimming pools and playgrounds and will conduct visits/investigations involving lead, food safety and other environmental health and safety concerns.

Position requires a bachelor's degree in environmental health, or a related field. The successful candidate must possess a minimum of two to three years of regulatory experience in adult care facilities, child care facilities or public health. The successful candidate must also possess one to two years of working experience with problematic septic systems, wells and pools; and requires a Registered Sanitarian Certification (or eligible to set for exam-exam would need to be taken and passed within six months of hire). This position requires a criminal history check, a valid driver's license and must be able to drive in all weather conditions. For complete details and to apply online, visit <http://hr.jocogov.org>; or fax resume to (913) 715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources; 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600; Olathe, KS 66061. EOE

### **DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY**



Sedgwick County Health Department is seeking a director of Center for Health Equity. This candidate performs high level professional and administrative work in the planning, development, coordination, administration, evaluation, and advocacy for the Center for Health Equity at the Health Department. Applicant must exercise independent judgment regarding recommendations for action, conduct policy-relevant, multi-disciplinary research of socioeconomic, geographic, and other social disparities in health and healthcare and disseminates results in ways that will inform policymakers, public interest groups, and the public. Candidate will collaborates with local, state, and national initiatives and partnerships that address health disparities, coordinate community assessment with focus on identifying health disparities and create a network of people and organizations that are working to reduce health disparities.

A master's degree in health education and health promotion or related field, Ph.D. preferred. Five years of experience in public health. Strong communication, interpersonal, problem-solving, management, community organizing, community development, and participatory evaluation skills are required. Knowledge and experience with cultural competency tools and methodologies and health disparities required.

For more information click on the Sedgwick County logo above.



## LINKS Trauma



Kansas Trauma System is dedicated to reducing the death, disability and suffering that results from traumatic injuries and mass casualty events by providing a comprehensive and integrated system of statewide prevention and trauma care resources throughout the continuum of care. Click on the Trauma logo to learn more about the Kansas Trauma Program's "Golden Hour" (10 minute video).

### Regional Public Health Meetings and Billing Workshops

Click on the **Public Health sign** to view dates, times, and locations of Regional Public Health meetings and Billing Workshops.



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