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### KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE CLASS GRADUATION

*submitted by Linda Frazier*

*Kansas Department of Health & Environment*



A recognition luncheon was held March 26 at the Governor's Row House in Topeka for the 2007-2008 graduates of the Kansas Public Health Certificate Program. Thirty participants from around the state participated in approximately 65 hours of onsite class work, with 15 completing approximately 70 more hours of on-line

course work to finish the entire program. Current participants including those not listed will have an additional 12 months to complete any remaining requirements of the program.

Those recognized by Secretary Bremby and Acting Director of Health Morrissey include: Community Health Ministry – Debra Kiker; Dickinson County Health Department – Linda Davies; Jewell County Health Department – Julianne Mohlman; Johnson County Health Department - Suzie Girk\*, Tina Hardin\*, Jose Izaguirre\*, Anne Keller\*, Michelle Robertson\*, Valerie Schlotfeldt\*, Brenda Skaggs\*, Janie Thornberg\*; Kansas Department of Health and Environment - Nadine Chalman, Betty Grindol, Kelly McPhail\*, Jennifer VandeVelde\*; Kansas Public Health Association – Elaine Schwartz; Kingman County Health Department – Mary Schwartz; Lawrence USD 497 – Melody Volek; Lyon County Health Department – Amanda Dreasher\*; McPherson County Health Department – Karen Ediger; Meade County Health Department – Melissa Lakoduk\*; Mitchell County Health Department – Kristen Kadel; Northwest Area Health Education Center Office – Ruby Jane Davis, Jayne Inlow; Sedgwick County Health Department - Ellen Bayhille, Jennifer Fawcett\*, Jo Oliver\*, Beth Tackitt; Shawnee County Health Department – Melisa Middendorf\*; Wichita County Health Department – Marvel Brandt. \*Completed both online and onsite portion of the Certificate Program.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Office of Local and Rural Health currently coordinates the program. Partners include the Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center, University of Illinois-Chicago School of Public Health, the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments, the Kansas Health Foundation, the Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness, and the Heartland Center for Public Health Education and Training. The next Kansas Public Health Certificate Program will start the beginning of 2009. More information will be available soon in *Connections*. For more information contact, Linda Frazier at (785) 296-3641 or [lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us).

### HAWLEY SECURES NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

*submitted by Theresa St. Romain*

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Suzanne Hawley, PhD, MPH, assistant professor, PMPH, has been designated the 2008 president-elect for the National Public Health Leadership Development Network (NLN). Her position will take effect April 25. She will serve for a year as president-elect and will then chair the NLN as president for the 2009-2010 year.

The NLN is a national consortium of state, regional, national, and international public health leadership programs. Through the NLN's central organization, member organizations are able to share best practices, coordinate funding activities, and gain increased recognition and support for public health leadership and workforce development projects.

Over the course of Hawley's year as president-elect, some of her specific tasks will include leading educational activities such as the 2009 NLN Annual Conference, the 2008 Leadership Session at APHA, and year-round technology-mediated educational events. She will also support advocacy activities for public health leadership development with national collaborators like the CDC and will directly head the activities of the NLN's Education Committee.

Hawley has been a member of the NLN since 2004, serving on the Resources Sharing and Evaluation Committees. She also currently represents Kansas by serving as the co-executive director of the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute, an NLN member organization. In addition, Hawley serves as the Kansas site director of the newly formed Kansas Missouri Oklahoma Regional Leadership Institute (KMOLI), a regional collaborative for public health leadership training program activities.

### JOIN KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

*submitted by Sonja Armbruster*

*KPHA President-elect*



Being a member of Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) has many benefits! This month we want to update you about two important member benefits: legislative advocacy and the fall conference.

**Legislative Advocacy:** So far this legislative session, KPHA has testified on eight different bills. Several KPHA members are tracking legislative efforts as health policy is a significant effort during this session. To continue these advocacy efforts, KPHA is working with local health departments to support 15 legislative forums and one open house. These forums will be a great opportunity to learn about legislator's priorities about health policy changes

and provide us an opportunity to share the importance of public health work. Please plan to attend and contact a host nearest you. You can find the complete list on the KPHA Web site by clicking on the logo above.

**Fall Conference:** Please mark your calendars for KPHA's Fall Conference, Sept 17-18 at the Capitol Plaza in Topeka. The theme is 'Small Steps to Great Change.' One great member benefit is the chance to learn about what others are doing in the state to improve public health. Please consider sharing your great work at the conference either as a poster or as an oral presentation. You'll find the calls for presentations and posters on the KPHA Web site. We are already beginning plans for the silent auction and we're looking for creative ideas for a beneficiary. Last year, proceeds went to the Kiowa County Health Department to support recovery from the Greensburg tornadoes. Contact our silent auction team, Gloria Vermie or Alice Weingartner. We can't wait to see you at the conference this fall.

Click the KPHA logo to learn more and complete a membership application.



Additionally, this conference will celebrate the perseverance of the Kansas public health work-force and stakeholders whose work continues to emulate the "courage, heart, and brains" demonstrated by those public health practitioners who have preceded them and whose impact on public health in our state continues to inspire recognition that "there's no place like home!"

This year's sponsors include: Bureau of Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Program, and the Office of Local and Rural Health at KDHE; Kansas Public Health Association; Saint Louis University Heartland Centers for Public Health Preparedness; and Wichita State University.

### BASIC DISASTER LIFE SUPPORT COURSES

*submitted by Judy Eyerly, Senior Coordinator*

*Kansas University Medical Center, Area Health Education Centers*

Kansas University Medical Center, Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), in conjunction with Dr. Robert Moser, Response Systems, is pleased to announce a series of programs using curriculum developed by the American Medical Association in collaboration with the National Disaster Life Support Education Consortium. Moser and Stephanie Wineinger, RN, are instructors for the course and are Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) providers.

BDLS<sup>®</sup> is targeted to multiple disciplines including: emergency medical service (EMS) personnel, hazardous materials personnel, public health personnel, and health care providers. By teaching multiple disciplines simultaneously, a commonality of approach and language will develop, improving the care and coordination of response in WMD disaster and public health emergencies.

The curricula includes: overview and disaster paradigm; natural and manmade disasters; traumatic and explosive events; nuclear and radiological weapon attacks; biological events; chemical events; the public health system and the psychosocial aspects of disasters.

BDLS<sup>®</sup> is the didactic component of the national disaster life support training. The BDLS<sup>®</sup> curriculum is developed with an all-hazards approach (recognition and management) to disaster response. Those completing the BDLS<sup>®</sup> didactic course can then participate in ADLS<sup>™</sup>.

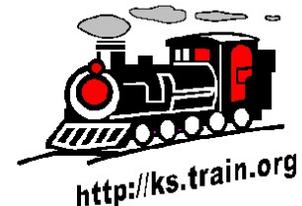
The course dates are:

April 17 - Hays

May 7 - Salina

May 8 - Wichita

Future courses in Pittsburg and Kansas City are being planned for the fall. Registration for these courses is limited. To register click on the KS-TRAIN logo, Course # **1012012** or the KU ACHE logo above.



### BRIDGING THE GAP<sup>®</sup>

*submitted by Cathy Anderson*

*Manager, Language & Cultural Services, Jewish Vocational Service*

Bridging the Gap is a five-day training in medical and social services interpreting for bilingual interpreters. After attending all classes and passing a final exam, participants receive a certificate of completion in "Bridging the Gap." Participants receive a handbook, glossary and an interpreter's guide to common medications.

The next training will be held June 23-27 in Emporia at the Flint Hills Education Center, 1700 W. 7th Ave. The course runs from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day and is **free of charge through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment**. However, we do require that you do the following: Register online for Bridging the Gap through KS TRAIN: <http://ks.train.org> and complete the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) application form attached to "Go To Step 2" of registration. Send your application to JVS, 1608 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, MO 64108, or fax it to (816) 471-2930. For more information contact Cathy Anderson at (816) 471-2808 or check out the JVS Web site at [www.jvskc.org](http://www.jvskc.org).



## IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF NEW COMMUNITIES

*submitted by Cathy Anderson*

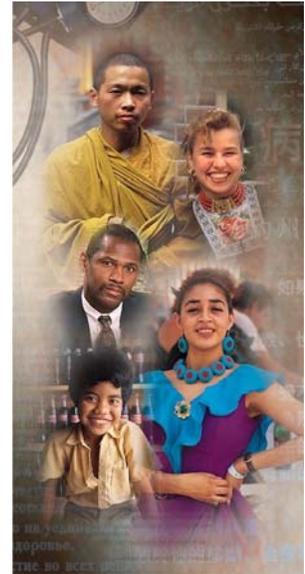
*Manager, Language & Cultural Services, Jewish Vocational Service*

A six-hour training session, "Improving the Health and Well-being of New Communities," is being held May 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m at the Seward County Activity Center, 8 Street and Stadium, Liberal. This training is jointly sponsored by the Seward County Health Department, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) TB Control Program and the Refugee Health Program, administered by KDHE and the KS Dept. of Social and Rehabilitative Services.

The training session will give social service providers and health care providers a chance to: 1) learn about new ethnic communities resettling in the region: Somali, Burmese Latino, Vietnamese, and others; 2) learn effective communication techniques for improving care and 3) learn about the cultural and health care practices that will assist you to help new communities. A lecture, discussion of case studies and informative DVD's will be presented, along with a question and answer session. Raul O. Guerrero, long-time Bridging the Gap trainer for JVS and Cathy Anderson, manager of JVS's Language and Cultural Service department will be the presenters.

No registration fee is required. The Seward County Health Department will provide coffee and drinks. You will need to bring or purchase your own lunch. Please register by May 2. To register, contact Elizabeth Irby at the Seward County Health Department (620) 626-3369 and fax (620) 626-3312 or e-mail:

[eirby@sewardcountyks.org](mailto:eirby@sewardcountyks.org).



## KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS



The Kansas Association for Local Health Departments, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and KU Medical Center's Department of Preventive Medicine and Area Health Education Centers are collaborating to make available the Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds series. The Spring 2008 sessions have been occurring on Wednesdays from noon – 1 p.m. via the Internet utilizing the Elluminate

webconferencing system. Upcoming events include:

- ✦ Session #11 - April 9, "Small Systems for Public Water Supplies" (#1011127)  
Speaker: David Waldo, PE, Bureau of Water, Public Water Supply, KDHE
- ✦ Session #12 - April 16, "American Indian Health & Access to Health Care" (#1011596)  
Speaker: Christine Makosky Daley, PhD, MA, SM, Assistant Professor, Program in American Indian Community Health; Director, American Indian Health Research & Education Alliance, KUMC
- ✦ Session #13 - April 23, "Using Kansas Information for Communities in Health Assessment Activities" (#1012419)  
Speaker: Greg Crawford, Chief of Vital Statistics Data Analysis, KDHE
- ✦ April 30 session cancelled due to the Governor's Public Health Conference in Wichita

For more information on adding your "site" to the viewing audience contact [ksphgr@kumc.edu](mailto:ksphgr@kumc.edu) or call us at (620) 235-4040.



## NEW KS-TRAIN COURSE LISTINGS

*submitted by Debbie Nickels RN, BSN  
KS-TRAIN Administrator*

Open a new web-browser, add <http://ks.train.org>, log-in, click the course links. Included below are the steps to create an account for those who have not previously used the learning management system. Forgotten your ID and password? Contact the [helpdesk@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:helpdesk@kdhe.state.ks.us) or call (785) 296-5655. Learners can also print out the NEW TRAIN QuickGuide by clicking the icon.



### Terrorism/Emergency Readiness

Kansas Courses:

1. [KDEM Trng "WMD Threat & Risk Assessment - Local Jurisdiction \(HLS-MGT 310\)" \(# 1012592\) \(classroom\)](#)
2. [KDEM Trng "\(IS-130\) Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning" \(#1012649\) \(classroom\)](#)

### General Public Health & Health Care

National Courses:

1. [Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Taking the Guesswork out of POD Design \(webcast\)](#)
2. [Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Taking Care of Business - SB1231 \(webcast\)](#)

### Environmental

National Courses

1. [ATSDR Case Study in Environmental Medicine: Environmental Triggers of Asthma \(Web-Based\) - WB1102](#)
2. [ATSDR Case Study in Environmental Medicine: Environmental Triggers of Asthma \(CD-ROM\) - CB1102](#)
3. [Radiological Emergency Planning: Terrorism, Security, and Communication \(classroom\)](#)

### Emergency Responders

National Courses:

1. [VAOEMS: "Stroke: Intracranial Hemorrhage" \(webcast\)](#)

### Education/Training/Exercises/Drills

Kansas Courses:

1. [KDEM trng "\(IS-139\) Exercise Design" \(#1012667\) \(classroom\)](#)
2. [KDEM Trng "\(IS-120.A\) An Introduction to Homeland Security Exercise Program" \(#1012680\) \(classroom\)](#)

### Evaluation

National Course:

1. [FORCES OF CHANGE \(classroom\)](#)

#### How to Create Your Own Learner Account on KS-TRAIN:

1. Log onto <http://ks.train.org>
2. Click "create account" on the left hand side of the screen beneath the "login" button.
3. Complete the learner account by filling out all the necessary profile information on the subsequent pages. Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (\*).
4. Write down your User ID and Password in a secure place.

## 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KANSAS SCHOOL NURSE CONFERENCE

*submitted by Brenda J. Nickel  
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This year's conference "All Children Healthy and Learning: School Success through Health Promotion and Management of Chronic Health Conditions" will be held July 14 – 18 at the Hyatt in Wichita.

The conference will provide information to assist public health and school nurses practicing in a variety of school settings to develop and enhance knowledge and skills related to the health care management of children with chronic health conditions/illnesses. With the 2010 Healthy People indicators that include, but are not limited to, mental health, injury and violence prevention, access to health care, environmental quality, and responsible sexual behavior, nurses working with school populations in communities across the State are in a unique position to impact the academic success of Kansas children through supporting the health and safety of all students, regardless of any special health need.

To view a copy of the brochure and registration form for the 19th Kansas School Nurse Conference click on the logo above. For additional information about this conference, please contact Marie Harville at (316) 978-6493; fax (316)978-3064 or email [marie.harville@wichita.edu](mailto:marie.harville@wichita.edu)

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