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## WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR SCHOOLS TO SELL HEALTHY FOODS



*An Op-Ed Column by Jason Eberhart-Phillips, MD*

*Kansas State Health Officer, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)*

Twenty years ago smoking by adults in schools was a common sight. Not surprisingly, so was adolescent tobacco use in the community. Thankfully, today smoking is unthinkable anywhere in Kansas schools and adolescent tobacco use is at last showing a steady decline.

This welcome transformation has happened because nearly everyone now agrees that our educational institutions should be places that model health and wellness for our kids. But with obesity

now surpassing tobacco as the biggest threat to health that our kids face, the state's educators and health professionals alike are asking if junk food in school vending machines and school stores is sending young Kansans the wrong message.

These professionals are concerned that obesity rates have doubled among children and have tripled among adolescents since the mid-1980s. In response, they are now rallying in support of Senate Bill 499, which would impose strict standards on the foods and beverages schools sell to students from machines and snack bars. Children and adolescents spend more time in school than in any other place except their homes. What the school environment says to kids about their health exerts considerable influence on the behaviors they adopt for a lifetime.

While meals provided as part of a school's food service must meet strict federal nutrition standards, snack foods sold in vending machines and school stores do not, unless state or local rules say otherwise. As a result, most such foods are low in nutrients and high in fat, added sugars, sodium and calories.

Thanks to strong public health advocacy in certain communities, many more Kansas schools now sell healthier items in their machines and stores, such as water, low fat milk, 100 percent juice, yogurt, fruits and vegetables. But still, only a minority of the state's districts meets the "exemplary" standard for such sales called for in the current bill.

I believe that every Kansas student deserves to learn in a school environment as good as those in the exemplary districts. Study after study has shown that when unhealthy foods are not easily available in schools that students have overall better diets.

New evidence published this month shows that in schools where rigorous and comprehensive standards for vending have been set by law, the rate of increase in obesity among fifth and seventh graders is being reduced.

Beyond this, we know that when a child's nutritional needs are met without excess calories, that such a child is more attentive in class, has better attendance, is less likely to repeat a year, and has fewer disciplinary problems.

Lessons about healthy eating have long been an intrinsic component of our state's health curriculum. But nutrition lessons taught in the classroom won't have a lasting impact on children's eating habits and physical well-being unless they are reflected and reinforced everywhere in the school environment. Some say that without the ability to sell junk foods to kids, schools will see a loss of badly-needed revenue. But a recently published review of the scientific literature concluded that schools typically do not suffer income losses when they ensure that the snack foods they sell meet improved nutrition standards.

Kansas school administrators have told me that after an initial adjustment period kids will tend to buy what you offer them. As one of them put it, "They're more interested in just spending their parents' money than in getting any particular item." Passing Senate Bill 499 will not reverse childhood obesity by itself. When unhealthy foods are removed from our schools, Kansas children will still be exposed to them elsewhere in their lives, just as having smoke-free schools throughout the state doesn't protect Kansas kids from exposure to tobacco in their homes and other places in the community.

Child obesity is a big, multi-faceted problem that will require a wide range of multi-faceted solutions. But this bill is an important step in the right direction. Senate Bill 499 attacks the child obesity problem at its source, and it brings Kansas in line with 27 other states.

Beyond this, it ensures that when kids come to learn in our schools they are safe from the incoming tide of obesity, safe from the prevailing unhealthy food environment that threatens to rob them while they are still young of their God-given right to lead full and healthy lives.

## CORE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

*submitted by Kelly Kabler, BS*

*University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita*



After months of anticipation, the participants of the Kansas Core Public Health program were finally able to meet their classmates in person. Session Two took place at KDHE in Topeka on March 18-19, 2010. Day One's activities were centered on surveillance and epidemiology. The class heard from a surveillance panel with representatives from KDHE, Kansas schools, and Kansas hospitals. Later that day, the group also heard from an epidemiology panel. Moderated by Cheryl Bañez Ocfemia, KDHE, the panel explained how epidemiologists keep outbreaks from spreading. The panel

included epidemiologists that specialize in infectious disease, maternal and child health, environmental health, and chronic disease. Each epidemiologist walked a group of 3-5 participants through a real-life case scenario. The groups discussed how to best handle the scenarios and presented their case to their classmates.

Day Two focused on community partnerships. With examples like H1N1, the 2006 ice storms, floods, and the Greensburg tornado, the group heard how KDHE partners with communities during disasters to provide assistance and resources.



CPH participants also gave presentations of their own. The students took virtual tours of a KDHE bureau and shared their findings with the class. They were encouraged to be as creative as possible. From the Newsroom of the Bureau of Environmental Health to the Web of Knowledge from the Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention to Public Health Informatics Jeopardy, the participants did not disappoint!

Later that afternoon, the class also learned a few practical steps to creating budgets and developing grants from KUSM-W's Judy Johnston. Session Two was wrapped up with rural community engagement information from the presentations of Dan Kahl and Dr. John Leatherman, both from K-State. They shared how K-State University is partnering with rural communities to improve cultural, human, social, political, and financial capital.

Session Three will take place on May 20-21. It will be held in both Wichita and Topeka. The sites will be connected through ITV.

### NEW GREENSBURG HOSPITAL COMPLETED



From the Wichita Eagle, March 12, 2010: Greensburg's \$25 million hospital has opened its doors to the public, not quite three years after a tornado leveled the old Kiowa County Memorial Hospital and much of the rest of the town. The new hospital, designed by Wichita's Health Facilities Group, is built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum standards.

The certification process isn't complete. If certified, the hospital would be the first critical-access hospital with the LEED Platinum designation, said hospital administrator Mary Sweet. Project manager Tim Dudte of Health Facilities Group said, designing a hospital to LEED Platinum standards, "meant looking at every aspect of the project from a new perspective." Because no small rural hospital had been built to LEED Platinum standards, there was no prototype — but, Dudte said, others have toured the Greensburg hospital to "see whether it would be applicable for their projects."

The new Kiowa County Memorial Hospital has about 50,000 square feet — about 40,000 on the main level and 10,000 in the basement. The basement includes a FEMA 361-certified safe room, Dudte said. To learn more, click the image above.

### NEW CEO FOR NEK MULTI-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*submitted by Shirley Orr, Director Local Health Bureau of Local and Rural Health (BLRH), KDHE*



The Local Health Section of the BLRH is pleased to announce that Jon Anderson, BSN, RN, MS is moving forward to accept new challenges in leading the Kansas Public Health System. He has been named the new Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department, serving Jackson, Atchison, and Brown Counties.

Anderson has been a major asset the last nine years to the Local Health Section, to BLRH, and to KDHE. He will however, be a tremendous local leader and partner in collaborating on system-wide public health challenges and improvements to that system.

### MRC UNITS ENHANCE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL CAPABILITIES ACROSS KANSAS

*submitted by Emily Nickel, Preparedness Planning & Outreach Specialist Bureau of Public Health Preparedness, KDHE*



Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units have been formed across the state of Kansas to enhance local public health and medical capabilities. These MRC units include the Butler County MRC, Doniphan County MRC, Geary County MRC, Harvey County MRC, Jefferson County MRC, Douglas County MRC, Marshall County MRC, Nemaha County MRC, North Central Kansas Regional MRC (serving Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Jewell,

Lincoln, Marion, McPherson, Mitchell, Osborne, Ottawa, Republic, Saline and Smith counties), Northeast Kansas Multi-County MRC (serving Atchison, Brown, and Jackson counties), Reno County MRC, Sedgwick County MRC and Shawnee County MRC. Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte counties are served by the MRC of Greater Kansas City, sponsored by the Mid-America Regional Council in Kansas City, MO. In addition, the Kansas State Animal Response Team (Kansas State Animal Response Team/Veterinary MRC) is a specialized veterinary MRC unit serving the entire state.

MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize medical, public health and other volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year. MRC units are intended to supplement, support and assist the existing public health and medical response systems and resources. Each MRC unit is unique and is organized in response to its area's specific needs. A community's hazards, health concerns and host agency dictate the organization, composition and operation of an MRC unit.

For more information on the MRC program or to form an MRC unit, contact Gary Brown, MRC Regional Coordinator, at (816) 426-2829 or [gary.brown@hhs.gov](mailto:gary.brown@hhs.gov); or Emily Nickel, KDHE Bureau of Public Health Preparedness Planning & Outreach Specialist, at (785) 296-5201 or [enickel@kdheks.gov](mailto:enickel@kdheks.gov). Additional information on the MRC is available by clicking the MRC logo above.

### COMMUNICATING THE PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGE IN MEADE COUNTY

*submitted by Barb Johannsen, RN, BSN, Administrator  
Meade County Health Department*



The Meade County Health Department would like to share a public health marketing strategy that began Mar. of 2010. Melissa Lakoduk, RN placed an advertisement in the local monthly ad-based publication **The Merchantile**, that reaches 3,800 homes and businesses in Meade County and the surrounding area (click the image to view the full advertisement). Since the publication of the ad the health department has since received numerous comments on the cleverness and appeal of the information. Lakoduk has set a precedent in her promotion of services and mission of public health in Meade County, and her co-workers have high expectations for continued eye catching ads for every month of the year.

***We have something for  
everyone in the PACK!***

### KANSAS GREEN TEAMS, YOU HAVE A NEW TOOL!

*submitted by Sandra Barnett, Program Consultant  
Bureau of Waste Management, KDHE*



Kansas Green Teams can now partner with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to reduce waste generation and disposal by becoming a WasteWise partner. Launched by EPA in 1994, WasteWise has more than 2000 nationwide partners representing businesses, local governments, and non-profit organizations of all sizes and from all industry sectors.

What is WasteWise? WasteWise is a free, voluntary EPA program that encourages its members to design programs that reduce municipal solid waste, which is waste that you would normally dispose of in a dumpster. Some common examples are copy paper, newspaper, plastic bottles, electronics equipment, aluminum cans, glass, and corrugated packaging. It does not include hazardous, liquid, or specially regulated waste.

To participate in the WasteWise program, partners set goals in three areas: waste prevention, recycling collection, and buying recycled-content products. All you need to do is track the results of your efforts and report your progress to WasteWise annually.

Why WasteWise? Kansas Green Team is committed to preserving the environment, which simultaneously improve environmental and financial performance. Waste reduction can be a challenge, and WasteWise offers technical assistance to help you achieve your goals. The WasteWise annual awards program is also a great way to gain national recognition for your hard work!

What are some of the Benefits?

1. Toll-free helpline staffed by information specialists who can answer your program and technical questions.
2. WasteWise representatives who provide individual assistance to help you design a successful waste reduction program.
3. Partner networking, through a list server and regional meetings, lets you share accomplishments and address challenges with other partners.
4. Awards and recognition for successful waste reduction efforts through events, press releases, EPA publications, and an annual awards program.
5. Publications such as the WasteWise Toolkit, WasteWise Bulletin, and WasteWise Update offer program guidance, feature partner success stories, and cover specialized topic areas.
6. Satellite forums offer viewers the opportunity to learn about money-saving waste reduction strategies from their peers and participate in the call-in portion of the program.
7. Re-TRAC access to a web-based reporting and tracking tool.
8. Use of the WasteWise logo.

For more information on WasteWise visit [www.epa.gov/wastewise](http://www.epa.gov/wastewise) or contact Sandy Barnett, Kansas State Green Team Coordinator, at [sbarnett@kdheks.gov](mailto:sbarnett@kdheks.gov) or (785) 296-1617.

### A HEALTHIER AMERICA: ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME

*submitted by Barbara Mitchell,  
Kansas Public Health Association Board Member  
Johnson County Health Department*



According to information compiled by the American Public Health Association, our nation's health is in poor shape, despite the fact that we spend more money on health care than any other country. An estimated 46.3 million Americans do not have health insurance. Almost 900,000 people die from deaths that can be prevented each year. For the first time, American children may live shorter lives than their parents. Nearly 1 in 3 children are overweight or obese. An estimated 46 million people, or 20.6 percent of all adults (aged 18 years and older) in the United States, currently smoke cigarettes.

In Kansas, according to the 2008 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) report, 65.6 percent Kansans are overweight or obese; 17.9 percent smoke cigarettes and 11.7 percent have no health care coverage (weighted percentages).

National Public Health Week Apr. 5-11: Why is it Important?

- Public health is a part of our everyday lives, from the water we drink and air we breathe, to the laws that protect us from injury and vaccines that help us stay healthy.
- National Public Health Week is a time to celebrate advancements in public health, assess our nation's current public health status and highlight the importance of taking action.
- The goal is to become the healthiest nation in one generation.
- America should be a place where everyone has access to health care and preventative services, where we're celebrated for embracing healthy lifestyles and where our communities and neighborhoods make it easy for us to make healthy choices.

How Can We Create a Healthier America?

- We can reach our goal if we start small, think big. If every one of us commits to promoting good health in our communities, we can create a ripple effect from coast to coast. We can create a collage of public health successes across the country.
- Start small: Make just one positive health change today. Maybe eat one more fruit or vegetable, take the stairs or schedule a checkup with your doctor. Make another positive change tomorrow and the next day. Before you know it, you'll have made significant progress toward a healthier you and a healthier America.
- Think big: You have the power to make positive health changes in your community. Think about what your community needs most - better running trails, public transportation options, more recycling centers - and brainstorm solutions. Tell others about your ideas and take action. Let your elected officials know why public health is important and why they should support public health programs. Make your voice heard!

The above information was borrowed from the American Public Health Association, National Public Health Week (NPHW) 2010 Toolkit. To learn more about NPHW click the logo above.

## A BLOG FROM KANSAS STATE HEALTH OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

**DR. Jason's BLOG**

Jason Eberhart-Phillips, MD, MPH, serves as the Health Director for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) You can find his blogs on current public health issues in Kansas and the nation on the KDHE Website. Click the Blog image to learn more.

## Training Reminders

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Public Health Conference

*submitted by the Conference Committee*



The 2010 Governor's Public Health Conference will be April 26-28, at the Wichita Airport Hilton. An Orientation session for new staff or those new to the Maternal Child Health Program, will be held on April 26. The general session, "Promoting Quality of Life for a Healthy Kansas," begins on April 27. This year's sessions include information on Healthy People 2020 objectives, Maternal and Child Health five-year needs assessment priorities, Accreditation Standards, community health assessment information, and the collaborative work of multiple public health practitioners and stakeholders.

To register for the conference go to [KS-TRAIN](#), course #1020726.



### Advocacy in Health Speaker Series

The final presentation in the Sunflower Foundation's 2009-2010 *Advocacy in Health Speaker Series* will be Wed., May 5, at The Oread Hotel, on the KU campus, Lawrence. The speaker will be Steve Shields, leadership and transformation consultant and President & CEO, Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center and Meadowlark Household Services, LLC, Manhattan, KS. Prior registration is requested. Click the image of Steve Shields for more information.

### Kansas Mission of Mercy for Improved Oral Health

*submitted by Caron Shipley, Bureau of Oral Health; KDHE*

*Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA), Oral Health Section Chair*



The Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) project organized through the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation recruits hundreds of volunteers to provide free dental care for one week-end a year in Kansas. This year the Kansas Mission of Mercy will be held Apr. 16-17 in Independence at the Independence Community College-West Campus. This will be the ninth KMOM project and will treat approximately 1,500 patients.

Registration for volunteer dentists, hygienists, assistants, and other volunteers will be available online beginning Mar. 1. Click the image to the right to register.

### Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act



On April 12th, please join oral health advocates across the country for a webinar to learn the oral health details of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Policy experts from the Children's Dental Health Project will talk about what the law means for children, adults, persons with disabilities, safety net and free clinics, and many others. They also will help local and state coalitions begin to prepare to engage in the changes envisioned in this new law.

### EMSC Pediatric Symposia

*submitted by Sarah House, EMSC Program Coordinator*

*Bureau of Health Promotion, KDHE*



The 2010 Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Pediatric Symposium is proud to announce that nationally recognized speaker, Scotty Bolleter will be joining in the adventure across the state to deliver best practice pediatric education. Scotty's lectures, delivered in his energetic, "from the heart" speaking style, featuring moving poetry, will inspire you as you learn about pediatric assessment, vascular access, interosseous needles, and pediatric patient packaging.

Each symposium will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided during the pediatric research forum, followed by the expert panel discussions. The symposium will conclude at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 with registration via [KS-TRAIN #1020665](#).

Locations and dates are:

- Apr. 22 - Wesley Medical Center, Wichita
- Apr. 23 - Olathe Fire Department, Olathe
- Apr. 24 - Hays Medical Center, Hays

EMS and nursing continuing education credits will be awarded. Objectives, instructor bios, and class information will be available upon request to any professional seeking continuing education in another field.

Contact Sarah House, EMSC Program Coordinator, at (785) 296-4491 or [shouse@kdheks.gov](mailto:shouse@kdheks.gov), at least 10 days prior to the desired course to arrange for any necessary accommodations.

### Healthy Homes Practitioner Training

*Shannon Babcock, LBSW, Case Management Coordinator*

*Kansas Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Prevention Program, KDHE*



On May 18-19, the Kansas Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Prevention Program will be presenting the National Center for Healthy Housing's "Healthy Homes Practitioner Course" in Emporia. The course will be held at the Lyon County Health Department, Flint Hills Community Center. This two-day course is a wonderful opportunity for public health workers who perform any kind of home visit or are interested in learning more about healthy homes initiatives. The course is open to any public health professional for a \$75.00 fee. There are full tuition scholarships available for state and local health department employees. The registration forms can be found by clicking the Kansas Healthy Homes logo above. For registration and scholarship questions please contact Shannon Babcock, at [sbabcock@kdheks.gov](mailto:sbabcock@kdheks.gov). The National Environmental Health Association's (NEHA) exam will be offered at the end of the training. If you are interested in taking the exam please contact Shannon Babcock, Case Management Coordinator, at (785) 368-7387 for the fee schedule. For more information about the course please visit [www.nchh.org/training](http://www.nchh.org/training). This is a great opportunity for public health professionals and industry leaders to expand their knowledge to better serve the citizens of Kansas.

### Just What the Doctor Ordered

*submitted by Ruth Maus*

*Marian Clinic*



"When is that great free concert where all the local doctors perform the music?" Mark your calendars now to attend the annual Just What the Doctor Ordered concert on Sun., Apr. 25 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 600 SW Topeka Blvd.

Local physicians will be performing their favorite music. There is no admission charge and a free will offering will benefit Marian Clinic and HealthAccess. So come and hear some great music, by some great performers, and help a great cause!

For more information call Karla Hedquist at (785) 235-0996, or Diane McDermed at (785) 233-9780, ext. 330.

### Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute Accepting Applicants for Cycle VIII

*submitted by Suzanne Hawley, Assistant Professor*

*University of Kansas Medical Center - Wichita*



The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute seeks applicants for the Cycle VIII (2010-2011) training class, which will begin in Jul.

This year-long competency-based training program allows participants to develop the leadership skills and knowledge that are essential for agencies preparing for accreditation. The program is open to leaders from state and local health departments, health research, private health practice, or any allied field. CEU/CNE/CME credit is available for participation. KU-MPH credit is also available for program graduates.

For more information, please visit the KPHLI website at [www.waldcenter.org/kphli](http://www.waldcenter.org/kphli) or contact KPHLI coordinator Kelly Kabler at [kkabler@kumc.edu](mailto:kkabler@kumc.edu). The application deadline for Cycle VIII is May 21. All applicants will be notified of acceptance status via e-mail by Jun. 14.



## **2010 Regional Trauma Council General Membership Meeting Dates**

The spring general membership meeting schedule has been announced for the six Regional Trauma Councils. Health Department representatives are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is required. Continuing education credit for healthcare professionals is being applied for.

### **South Central Kansas Trauma Region (SCKTR) General Membership Meeting**

**DATE: April 20**

The SC regional meeting will be held at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita from 10:00am – 2:00pm in the Cessna Conference Room. Keynote speakers will include Richard Morrissey, Deputy Director of Health, KDHE. Case study presentations will be provided by physicians: Drs. Waswick, Clark, Blatchford, Haan. To view the meeting agenda and register the meeting, please click on [http://www.kstrauma.org/sc\\_council.htm](http://www.kstrauma.org/sc_council.htm).

### **Northeast Regional Trauma Council (NERTC) General Membership Meeting**

**Date: April 26**

The NERTC General Membership Meeting is scheduled for April 26, from 1:00-4:00pm at St. Francis Hospital, Topeka, Meeting Room 1. Keynote speakers include Senator Vicki Schmidt, Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips, and Dr. Charles Richart. To view the meeting agenda and register for the meeting, please click on [http://www.kstrauma.org/ne\\_council.htm](http://www.kstrauma.org/ne_council.htm).

### **Northwest Regional Trauma Council (NWRTC) General Membership Meeting**

**Date: May 5**

Hays Medical Center will serve as host to the NWRTC General Membership Meeting in Hadley Conference Rooms 1 & 2. Dr. Bruce Thomas, Dr. Joel Hornung, and Steve Sutton will be the keynote speakers. To view meeting agenda and register for the meeting, please click on [http://www.kstrauma.org/nw\\_council.htm](http://www.kstrauma.org/nw_council.htm)

### **Southwest Regional Trauma Council (SWRTC) General Membership Meeting**

**Date: May 11**

Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City is the meeting location for the SWRTC General Membership Meeting scheduled from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Nels Sanddal, from the Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation, will be the keynote speaker and facilitator of "Strategies for Moving Beyond the Barriers". To view the meeting agenda and register for the meeting, please click on [http://www.kstrauma.org/sw\\_council.htm](http://www.kstrauma.org/sw_council.htm).

### **North Central Trauma Council (NCRTC) General Membership Meeting**

**Date: May 26**

Salina Regional Health Center will host the NCRTC General Membership Meeting 1:00-4:30pm in Conference Room 7. Dr. William Waswick and Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips will provide the keynote presentations. Charlie Grimwood and Rachelle Giroux will provide an update on Salina Regional Health Center's progress in achieving Level III Trauma Center designation. To view the meeting agenda and register for the meeting, please click on [http://www.kstrauma.org/nc\\_council.htm](http://www.kstrauma.org/nc_council.htm).

### **Southeast Regional Trauma Council (SERTC) General Membership Meeting**

**Date: August 19**

Planning has begun for the SERTC meeting scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> at Labette Health in Parsons from 1:00-4:00pm. Please watch for information as it becomes available or click on [http://www.kstrauma.org/se\\_council.htm](http://www.kstrauma.org/se_council.htm).

If you would like to know more about the regional trauma councils or the general membership meetings please contact Jeanette Shipley at [jshipley@kdheks.gov](mailto:jshipley@kdheks.gov). Additional information regarding the Kansas Trauma Program can be found on the Trauma Web-site at: [www.kstrauma.org](http://www.kstrauma.org).

## News and Updates

### Name Change for Linda Frazier

Linda Frazier, public health workforce development specialist in the Bureau of Local and Rural Health, will be getting married to Ron Frazee on Apr. 10. Her new name of Linda Frazee is bound to cause some confusion for a while. Any e-mails coming to her old e-mail address ([lfrazier@kdheks.gov](mailto:lfrazier@kdheks.gov)) will continue to reach her for the next few months. Her new e-mail address will be [lfrazee@kdheks.gov](mailto:lfrazee@kdheks.gov).



### OSHA Publishes Overview of Medical Screening and Surveillance Requirements



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) updated the *Screening and Surveillance: A Guide to OSHA Standards*, a pocket guide that provides occupational health professionals with an overview of OSHA requirements on medical screening and surveillance. It describes what physical examinations and tests, such as chest x-rays, lung function tests and blood tests, are required to measure worker exposure to chemicals such as hexavalent chromium and benzene, and other workplace hazards such as noise and bloodborne pathogens. This quick-reference tool also points to the appropriate standards for more specifics. Click the OSHA logo to review standards. Copies can be ordered online from OSHA's <https://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.html>.

### CDC and AIDS



More people are living and working with HIV than ever before. HIV has not gone away. Neither have the complex issues it raises. Does your workplace handle discrimination, return-to-work, or employee morale issues? The Center's for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s Business/Labor Responds to AIDS (BRTA/LRTA) program is a resource for these and many other questions. Click the CDC logo to view.

### NLM Funding for HIV/AIDS



Funding for HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects - The National Library of Medicine (NLM) announces the solicitation of quotations from organizations and libraries to design and conduct projects that will improve access to HIV/AIDS related health information for patients, the affected community, and their caregivers. Quotations are due by Apr. 19. Click on the NLM logo to find more information.

### American Cancer Society on Prostate Cancer



The American Cancer Society (ACS) had updated its prostate cancer screening guideline and recommends that doctors more heavily involve patients in the decision of whether to get screened for prostate cancer. To review the Prostate Cancer Screening Guideline Updated by ACS, click the image on the left.

### USDA Report on Healthy Food



The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Economic Research Center provides a spatial overview of a community's ability and success in accessing healthy food. Users can assemble county-level statistics on food choices, health and well-being, and community characteristics. To view this information click on the USDA logo.

### JOB OPENINGS

#### Sedgwick County Health Department

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

- PT Healthy Babies/Chart Abstractor - [20005885022210](https://www.scdhs.gov/jobs/20005885022210)
- Registered Dietician - WIC [20005880020810](https://www.scdhs.gov/jobs/20005880020810)

Click on a job number to view details. For more information click the Sedgwick Seal on the right, or



contact Jeff Goetzinger, Human Resource Assistant, Sedgwick County Health Department at (316) 660-7333.

### **Comanche County Health Department**

The Comanche County Health Department is seeking a full-time Nurse RN/Administrator. Typical work hours for the position are Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm, no weekends or holidays. Benefits include single health/dental insurance, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs), 12 holidays per year. Application and job description are available at 207 S Washington, Coldwater or call (620) 582-2431. Applications must be received by Fri., Apr. 16, 2010.

#### **APRIL 2010 – PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCE TOOL KIT**

##### **Data**

**Fed Stats:** [www.fedstats.gov/](http://www.fedstats.gov/)

**KU Institute for Policy & Social Research:** [www.ipsr.ku.edu/ksdata/county.shtml](http://www.ipsr.ku.edu/ksdata/county.shtml) County level data for Kansas.

**Kansas Rural Health Works:** <http://krhw.net/> Generates several information resources designed to help identify high-priority issues for community action.

##### **Community Health Status Indicators:**

[www.communityhealth.hhs.gov/HomePage.aspx?GeogCD=20045&PeerStrat=19&state=Kansas&county=Douglas](http://www.communityhealth.hhs.gov/HomePage.aspx?GeogCD=20045&PeerStrat=19&state=Kansas&county=Douglas) The CHSI report contains over 200 measures for each of the 3,141 United States counties.

**County Health Rankings:** [www.countyhealthrankings.org](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org) A first-of-its-kind collection of 50 reports – one per state – that ranks all counties within each state on their overall health.

**Community Issues Management:** [www.cim-network.org](http://www.cim-network.org) 500 GIS layers available to create maps of data and tell the story related to any public health issue

##### **Programs/Information**

**Kansas Health Online:** [kansashealthonline.com](http://kansashealthonline.com) bringing quality health information to Kansans

**Embracing Quality in Local Public Health:** A 115 page Quality Improvement Guide, [www.accreditation.localhealth.net/MLC-2%20website/Michigans\\_QI\\_Guidebook.pdf](http://www.accreditation.localhealth.net/MLC-2%20website/Michigans_QI_Guidebook.pdf)

**Essential Services Tool:** [www.kdheks.gov/olrh/ImprovingPublicHealthInKansas.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/ImprovingPublicHealthInKansas.htm) A tool linking Essential Services to training

**Community Toolbox:** <http://ctb.ku.edu/en/> Global resource for free information on essential skills for building healthy communities

##### **Professional Education - KS-TRAIN:**

[Early Detection Works - Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program \(1020117\)](#)

[Kansas Oral Health Screening Initiative \(1015144\)](#)

[Measuring Health Disparities \(1006319\)](#)

[Learning With Lilly – Introduction to Public Health Nursing \(1016614\)](#)

[Collaboration: The Key to Public Health System Improvement \(1012393\)](#)

[Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds: Session # 11 - Apr. 7, "Leadership - Building Relationship" 1021365\)](#)

[Environmental Public Health Tracking 101 \(1019856\)](#)

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