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School of Public Health for Kansas

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The University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) is well on its way to establishing a school of public health for the State of Kansas. In December, the Kansas Board of Regents unanimously approved the plan to establish a school of public health by reorganizing four existing departments at KUMC: the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health in Kansas City, the Department of Biostatistics in Kansas City, the Department of Health Policy and Management in Kansas City and the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health in Wichita.

Approval from the Board of Regents allows the university to move forward with several other critical requirements, including recruiting a dean, recruiting key faculty, securing additional funding to cover the school's proposed budget and attaining ac-

creditation by the Council on Education for Public Health. I am optimistic that we will meet these goals and that KUMC's proposed school of public health will be accredited within the next four to five years.

A school of public health holds great promise to positively impact the health of Kansans across the state. It enhances our ability to develop a stable public health and health-care workforce, increases our potential to secure public health-related grant funding and allows us to leverage new resources available at the federal level relating to disease prevention and health promotion while increasing the quality and effectiveness of health care delivery.

The vision of the school includes a strong "practice" focus whereby its education, research and service activities will develop and support collaborations with the public health practice community across the state and with other Kansas Regents institutions. The school is expected to become a resource for the practice communities in both the public and private sector, which serve to enhance public health by ensuring clean water, air, food safety, immunizations and disease control. It will provide technical assistance and support in the delivery of services; partner in locally initiated, community-based research programs; assist in the maintenance of accreditation of local health departments and support the development of sound public policy.

Despite the many challenges facing the University and the Medical Center, we are steadfast in our dedication to the creation of the University of Kansas School of Public Health.

In the Spotlight – Haskell County Health Department

*by Vada Winger, Administrator
Haskell County Health Department*



The Haskell County Health Department is the youngest health department in the state. It was formed in 1993 in response to a growing number of TB cases in Haskell County. Vada Winger, RN, founded the health department when the county commission contracted with the Satanta District Hospital to provide public health for the county. The services proved at that time included TB, immunizations and child health assessments. The health department continues to be a department of the Satanta District Hospital.

The health department staff has grown through the years as have the services provided. Vada returned to the health department after a ten-year absence and is the current director. The staff includes Gladys Cabrera, RN, nurse; Kim Briggeman, LPN, contracted as a half-day school nurse, part-time health department nurse and Healthy Start Home Visitor; Michelle Miller, clerk/emergency preparedness coordinator and Anita Aragon, Healthy Start Home Visitor/car seat technician/translator.

Services have grown to include a variety of well child, adult, maternal/child health and school health services. The health department focuses on assuring the health of all residents of Haskell County by providing disease investigation services with the assistance of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Haskell County has a large Spanish-speaking population and a large German Mennonite community from Mexico. The staff is trained to deal with both language and cultural issues. Haskell County is an access point for the Farmworker Health Program and has one of the highest numbers of users for this program in the state. The health department is seen as the place to come to for assistance with not only the services we provide but as an access point for other types of services.

The health department reaches out to the community in many ways. It works closely with the two local school districts through the School Nurse Collaborative grant. This link was especially valuable during the response to the 2009 H1N1 flu pandemic. Blood pressure and blood sugar testing are provided monthly to a local senior center. Influenza immunizations are provided by special clinics in both Satanta and Sublette and to business and the schools. The health department works closely with the Community Health Organization Committee (CHOC) to help with county health fairs and various activities.

In the Spotlight – Ryan White CARE

*by Jeni Mulqueen, Ryan White Program Director
Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention, KDHE*

In response to the AIDS crisis in the country, Congress enacted the Ryan White CARE (Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency) Act in August 1990 to improve the availability of care for low-income, uninsured, and underinsured individuals and families affected by HIV and AIDS.

The Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) receives funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to provide Ryan White Part B and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). With these programs, KDHE provides HIV/AIDS health and social services including primary medical care, medication assistance, health insurance assistance, dental care and medical case management in the state of Kansas.

Individuals that are HIV infected and meet the eligibility requirements enroll in these programs through medical case management agencies located throughout the state of Kansas. Medical case managers located at these agencies assist consumers in removing roadblocks on the way to better health by serving as the link to available services and support.

"Medical case management continues to be an essential service that enables individuals/families to receive care and we have some of the best Medical Case Managers in the nation," said Jeni Mulqueen, Ryan White Program Director at KDHE.

Kansas' Ryan White Part B program strives to provide quality services to our clients to help keep them healthy. For more information, please contact the KDHE's HIV/AIDS program at 785-368-6567.

Call for Proposals for 2011 KPHA Conference

*by Kelly Kabler, Senior Coordinator
Preventive Medicine and Public Health-Wichita, KUMC*

The 68 Annual Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) Fall Conference will be held Sept. 21-22 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita. KPHA is currently soliciting proposals for breakout session speakers in the following areas:

- ◆ Administrative Health
- ◆ Community Health
- ◆ Research and Evaluation
- ◆ Elder Issues
- ◆ Emergency Preparedness
- ◆ Environmental Health
- ◆ Infectious Disease
- ◆ Oral Health
- ◆ Health Policy
- ◆ Students in Health
- ◆ Tobacco, Substance Use and Mental Health



When you submit your proposal, please indicate which health section you wish to present in. Also indicate date preference and morning or afternoon session.

Click the log above for the submission form and email your proposal/abstract to director@kpha.us. The deadline for submission is May 15 and not all submissions will be accepted for presentation. If you have any questions or for some reason cannot submit your proposal electronically please feel free to call 785-233-3103.

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 free of charge through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. 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 year we will be holding two sessions:

- May 23 – 27 at the Wesley Medical Center, 550 N. Hillside, Wichita



- June 13 – 17 at the SRS Service Center, 901 Westchester Drive, Salina

Also JVS is sponsoring a Mental Health Interpreter Training on May 16 at the SRS Learning Center in Topeka, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

To register, please follow these steps:

1. Visit KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>
2. Complete the JVS application form/survey that is linked to the KS- TRAIN, 'Go to Step 2 of Registration' button.
3. Send or email your application and survey to JVS, 1608 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, MO 64108, canders@jvskc.org, or fax it to 816-471-2930.
4. Cathy Anderson, manager of language and cultural services or Raul O. Guerrero, course instructor, will conduct a short interview with you by phone. You will need to include a phone number where you can be reached during the day.
5. JVS will inform you when your registration is complete.

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.

Accreditation Preparation - New Funding Opportunity Available

by National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)



NACCHO is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity for local health departments (LHDs) to engage in a robust community health improvement process that yields exemplary community health assessments (CHAs) and community health improvement plans (CHIPs), two of the three accreditation prerequisites. The project will provide 12 competitive-

ly-selected LHDs with a \$35,000 grant and comprehensive training and technical assistance to complete a health improvement process that engages community partners, addresses the social determinants of health, uses quality improvement and quality planning techniques and helps prepare the LHD for accreditation.

Applications are due by Monday, May 23. Click the NACCHO logo above to learn more about the project and how to apply.

A Culture of Excellence Webinar from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing

by Brenda Nickel, Child and School Nurse Consultant

Bureau of Family Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

A project awarded to the Minnesota School of Nursing supported by funds from the Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Service presents two-part webinar on based on evidence based public health nursing practice.

"Show Me the Evidence: Evidence-Based Practice and Practice-Based Evidence" will be shown on June 1 from 1-2:30 P.M. This webinar will introduce the Evidence-Based Practice/Practice-Based Evidence model utilized to increase the adoption of evidence in the practice of public health nurses in local health departments. An overview of the challenges and opportunities related to advancing the utilization of evidence in public health nursing practice and decision-making.

Innovations in Translating Evidence into Action will be held on June 15 from 1-2:30 P.M. This webinar will highlight effective strategies that increase the uptake of evidence by public health nurses, including an update on the evidence underlying the Public Health Intervention Wheel Model. Join us for real life examples of the Omaha System public health nursing pathways and outcomes, the work of Evidence Champions in local health departments; and a demonstration of a pre-rated evidence database tailored for public health nursing practice.

To register for these free webinars, click the following links. You must register separately for each webinar.

- Webinar I <http://cultureofexcellencewebinar1.eventbrite.com>
- Webinar II <http://cultureofexcellencewebinar2.eventbrite.com>



Affordable Care Act

by *Eldonna Chesnut, Immediate Past President of KPHA
American Public Health Association (APHA) Affiliate Representative to Governing Council*



The Affordable Care Act has profound implications for public health. While several important provisions have taken effect, full implementation is still to come. And dramatic spending cuts proposed at the federal, state and local levels threaten to undermine both health reform and existing public health programs. These challenges present both obstacles to and opportunities for transforming our nation's health system.

Join APHA and our partners in Chicago, June 23-25, for the APHA Midyear Meeting: [Implementing Health Reform — A Public Health Approach](#), a pivotal conference to chart the next steps for transforming our nation's health system, advancing prevention and wellness and improving the health of our communities. Special registration discounts are also available for APHA members as well as members of the Midyear Meeting partner organizations. [Special discounted hotel rates](#) are also available.

Jennifer Granholm, former governor of Michigan, leading pollster and political strategist Celinda Lake and veteran journalist and *Health Affairs* Editor Susan Dentzer are among the influential speakers confirmed for the Midyear Meeting. A full list of speakers, including top federal, state and local health officials and other leading public health experts, is available by browsing the [Midyear Meeting schedule](#) or the [alphabetical list of speakers](#).

The meeting will feature several dynamic plenary sessions and offer learning through interactive breakout sessions on topics such as prevention, advocacy, protecting public health programs and more. [Continuing education credits](#) are available for midyear meeting attendees in CME, CHES, CNE and CPH. Earn up to 13 credit hours by adding continuing education during the registration process for only \$25.

Come join KPHA members at this first mid-year meeting of our Parent organization. If it is anything like the annual meeting, attendees will come away loaded with new and invigorating ideas. The networking is always wonderful as well.

Register today to hear from top industry insiders, health officials and experts. For the most up-to-date information, click the APHA logo above.

KPHA – Connecting With its Members

*Dr. David Cook, KPHA Board Member
University of Kansas Medical Center*



As one of the newest Board members (Treasurer) for the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA), I volunteered last month to write an article for *Connections*. The 2011 KPHA Board determined that submitting articles on behalf of KPHA for *Public Health Connections* would enhance our "connectivity" to our members, to the workforce and the public in general, since these are posted on websites. After all, our association as with many professional/trade associations grows through networking: communicating and collaborating.

KPHA Board members come from different factions of public health: some from KUMC, some from KDHE, some from local health departments and some from particular public health interests or advocacy groups. Since KPHA brings all of public health together in Kansas, we want to pull together to advance our profession and practice. One way we know this will occur is through acquiring a school of public health like our sister states. KPHA members and all of public health in Kansas can assist in this endeavor just by keeping informed so that when elected officials or the public asks you about it (since you work in public health) you can keep them updated. Another way to help will be to encourage colleagues and high school students to further their education in public health college courses. We all know the workforce is diminishing and the need for skilled, educated public health professionals will be increasing every year.

If you have any questions, you are certainly welcome to contact me at KUMC. Or better yet, if you are a KPHA member go to the KPHA blog and post your question. We want all of public health to start "blogging" so everyone can keep informed. We all know that "chats" are the up and coming ways of communicating. Just click the KPHA logo to read the blogs and chats of your public health association.

National Public Health Week in Kansas

*by Elaine Schwartz, Executive Director
Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA)*



KPHA kicked off the beginning of National Public Health Week in Kansas as we have the past five years, with "Health Day at the Capitol". We had a sixth successful annual event and we drew many members and students who visited Legislative Offices to inform and educate elected leaders about public health. KPHA thanks KPHA member, Sonja Armbruster for being the Chair of Health Day, Kim Moore,

UMHMF, for again sponsoring the healthy snacks and materials and Student Section Chair, Ryan Heiman who encouraged KUMC and KSU students to participate.

KPHA's Legislative platform was presented in the information Legislators received:

"Since 1920, the Kansas Public Health Association has been working to achieve the initial charter's declared purpose of the association: to "Unite all persons and societies engaged in the promotion of public health in Kansas." This makes KPHA the oldest and *largest organization of public health professionals* and health advocates in the state. Today we represent more than 700 members from over 50 occupations and 140 organizations in all 105 counties of the state.

Our members include: researchers, academics, medical and dental care providers, health educators and advocates, administrators, teachers, private or public organizations and foundations in a unique, multidisciplinary environment of professional exchange, study and action, in public health practice and the public health policy process.

This year our members support the following policy objectives:

- An active, viable public health system is essential to address the many facets of population health and disaster preparedness infrastructure in Kansas. To ensure that our citizens are maximizing their quality of life and longevity, we need to fund many levels of our public health infrastructure from local health departments which serve critical local needs to statewide agencies that serve vital functions in a centralized, efficient manner.
- To ensure the accountability of our public health system, we must support the adoption and dissemination of accreditation standards promulgated nationally.
- Although public health focuses its attention on prevention, we support appropriate access to healthcare when needs arise.
- The rapid, national changes in obesity rates are found in Kansas as well. Given its impact on employment, chronic disease and health care resource use, we must implement best public health practices to reverse the tide of weight gain in our state. A multifaceted approach drawing from all levels of our public health system is needed.
- More attention should be focused on how built environment affects the health of Kansans, particularly with respect to physical activity and obesity. Economic development hinges on safe, healthy lifestyles and environments."

Many of those who attended the Health Day did so to inform and educate Legislators on public health and included local health departments and state staff. Often many KPHA members convey they cannot attend "Health Day at the Capitol" because they work for the state or county, but others do participate. We need to emphasize that our advocacy efforts are only educating and informing Legislators. Next year we hope to convince more KPHA members to be there!

Dental Care for People with Autism

*by Marcia Manter, Community Development Specialist
Oral Health Kansas*



The number of children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder is growing. Today, at least one child in 110 has autism; in boys, the statistics are 1 in 70.

Dental professionals and specialist in the autism field are teaming up to find new techniques and products that nurture and support compliance and safety with dental care for children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). People with autism can have very different symptoms and degrees of these symptoms. The diagnosis is still called "autism," so professionals now discuss a "spectrum" of disorders. What this means for dental care is "individualization" of techniques, person by person.

There are three main conditions that hamper dental care in the home, school or dental office: a limited ability to communicate, difficulty with social interactions and repetitive behaviors. People with ASD can be bothered by noise, smells, bright lights, touch, invasive procedures, and oral commands they can't understand. All of these are common experiences for patients in a dental office. These reactions also challenge families when providing daily dental hygiene care.

As a result, children with autism can suffer from pain and infection from untreated tooth decay because they resist care that will prevent oral disease. Because of their aversion to the sights and sounds in a dental office, many are treated under general anesthesia. The good news is that more techniques, products and training materials are being developed each year.

For more information about dental information products that focus on specialized dental care, please contact Marcia Manter at Oral Health Kansas: mmanter@oralhealthkansas.org

How to Vanish Cavities with Varnish in Under a Minute

*by Leslie Sherman, Chapter Coordinator
Kansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics*



Dental care is the most frequent unmet health need of children in Kansas. Cavity Free Kids (CKF) is an educational program for physicians and nurses on the importance of oral health and the application process of fluoride varnish for children ages zero to three years. Our mission is to "vanish cavities with varnish in under a minute."

Cavity Free Kids provides

- Education and training during the lunch hour.
- Free toolkits that include 50 fluoride applications and children's toothbrushes.
- Flip chart
- Medicaid reimbursement information.
- KAAP has submitted a Continuing Education Credit application to the Kansas State Nurses Association and is waiting on approval

CKF has started off 2011 with three completed presentations and three more pending.

If you would like to learn how to define early childhood caries (ECC), risks of ECC, recognize ECC in its various stages, implement prevention of ECC, perform knee-to-knee oral screenings and discuss the use of fluoride varnish in pediatric patients, contact Leslie Sherman at leslie.sherman@kansasaap.org. Applications are being accepted.

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Public Health is Not a Spectator Sport

*by Sonja Armbruster, Policy Section Secretary, KPHA
and Rebecca Rodarmel, W/SU Practicum Student*



The purpose of Health Day at the Capitol is to create opportunities for public health advocates in Kansas to meet legislators, understand current issues in Kansas health policy and raise awareness for both practitioners and legislators. Health Day at the Capitol: Public Health is not a Spectator Sport, was accomplished by the leadership of the Kansas Public Health Association members and board, through several robust planning and promotion activities. With over 60 participants involved (over half of them students), the outcome was an increased awareness of public health issues for legislators as well as demonstrating that health advocates can influence

health and health policy through greater engagement in the process. One of the primary goals of increasing awareness of public health policy issues was achieved through leading health policy presenters who shared information about current events in the 2011 Legislative Session. The evaluations showed that, participants enjoyed the event with the majority wanting to come back next year and provided valuable critiques to strengthen training and awareness for raising opportunities next year.

Among attendees, 53 percent were students from various universities. This event provided a tangible step for these students to understand how policies are established in the State of Kansas. One of the primary goals of increasing awareness of public health policy issues was met through the presenters who shared information about 2011 legislative session activities. First, Tonya Dorf Brunner from Oral Health Kansas shared the organization's policy platform and background about Registered Dental Practitioners. She explained what exactly a dental practitioner is and how they could help the shortages of dentists in Kansas. Next, Mary Jayne Hellebust from Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition supplied materials titled Ten Reasons to Keep Kansas Smoke Free. These materials were shared with event participants and legislators. Ms. Hellebust explained HB 2340's proposed changes to the current Kansas Clean Indoor Air Act and provided suggestions on successful strategies for speaking with legislators. Third, Suzanne Wikle from Kansas Action for Children, provided the agency's Advocacy 101, a brochure that explains what advocacy is and how to be an effective advocate for Kansas children. She also explained how the Registered Dental Practitioners bill was introduced and current progress. The last presenter of the day was Sonja Armbruster. She shared copies of the Kansas Health Institute's Children's Health in All Policies Workbook and briefly reviewed the contents. The workbook explains how policy influences children's health and why it is important for public health practitioners to be involved in children's health advocacy. The workbook provides best practices in policy approaches for oral health, obesity, poverty, special needs, child care and risk behaviors.

Packets were created for all 165 legislators. These included KPHA's 2011 Policy Platform, KPHA's Orientation to Public Health, Ten Reason's to Keep Kansas Smoke Free, each legislator's district health report card prepared by KDHE and healthy snacks: a granola bar, heart-healthy nuts package, Lifesavers mints, Hershey's kisses and an apple. There were several individuals who contributed with sources toward the Health Day at the Capitol event.

Eldonna Chesnut sought and found financial support of the project. Dr. Marci Nielsen encouraged her health policy students to attend. Ryan Heiman supported logistics for his fellow classmates. Melissa Armstrong share information about the event with KU-MPH students in Wichita and then drove them to the event and Tanya Honderick did the same for KU-MPH students in Kansas City. Sedgwick County Health Department provided bright, healthy bags for the participants to deliver the materials. Kansas Health Institute provided their Children's Health in All Policies book and Dr. Marvin Stottlemire picked these up and delivered them to the event. Elaine Schwartz provided web and technical support as well as materials like the banner and pictures of the event, which can be viewed by clicking the image above. Many staff and KPHA members helped prepare the materials for distribution. Special thanks to our presenters, who shared information about the 2011 Legislative Sessions: Mary Jayne Hellebust from Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition, Tanya Dorf Brunner from Oral Health Kansas.

Public Information & Communication Standard Operating Guide Now Available

*by Mike Heideman, Communications and Training Specialist
Bureau of Public Health Preparedness (BPHP), KDHE*



KDHE has released the Public Information & Communication Standard Operating Guide (PIC SOG) for local public health emergency preparedness. The guide is available by clicking the BPHP logo on the left.

The PIC-SOG provides step-by-step instructions, tools and templates for planning and support of mass dispensing and all-hazards public information preparedness and response activities. Updates to the PIC-SOG are being made on an ongoing basis. The PIC-SOG replaces the Risk Communication Standard Operating Guide (RC-SOG).

If you have questions, please contact Mike Heideman, Communications and Training Specialist, at 785-296-4363 or mheideman@kdheks.gov.

A Guidance for Integrating Culturally Diverse Communities into Planning for and Responding to Emergencies: A Toolkit

*by Chris M. English, Chief Quality Officer
Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU)*

Guidance for Integrating Culturally Diverse Communities into Planning for and Responding to Emergencies: A Toolkit, was developed with support from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health. Based on recommendations of the National Consensus Panel on Emergency Preparedness and Cultural Diversity, this first-of-a-kind, user-friendly toolkit offers information, resources and practical strategies for engaging and integrating culturally diverse communities across broader emergency planning and response actions, such as community need and asset assessment, drills and exercises, risk communication and evaluation.



The National Consensus Panel on Emergency Preparedness and Cultural Diversity was created in November 2006 in response to the need to develop a national strategy and priorities to eliminate the deep-rooted racial and ethnic inequities in emergency preparedness and response, as witnessed during Hurricane Katrina (and in recent events such as the 2009-2010 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic).

Representing a diverse group of national, state and local public and private organizations, the 34-member panel released the nation's first blueprint on diversity and preparedness in June 2008. This included a national consensus statement and eight guiding principles girded in the direct involvement and engagement of culturally diverse populations. Endorsed by leading agencies, this guidance appeared in national and international publications, including Institute of Medicine's 2009 "Guidance for Establishing Crisis Standards of Care for Use in Disaster Situations."

Recognizing the importance and need for translating policy to action, with ongoing support from the Office of Minority Health, the National Consensus Panel and Program Staff at the Texas Health Institute and the University of Texas School of Public Health's Center for Emergency Preparedness developed this unique toolkit.

The toolkit and related resources can be found on the Texas Health Institute's website by clicking the tool-box above.

Health Care Transition for Youth with Special Health Care Needs On-Line Courses

by Denise J. Stahl, Ph.D., Program Coordinator, WEEA Project
UCDD/Beach Center on Disability, University of Kansas



The Systems in Sync Project of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), in conjunction with the Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities, has developed three one-hour online course modules, with three more modules coming later this year.

These education offerings were designed for youth, families, nurses, educators, doctors, transition coordinators, vocation rehabilitation counselors, medical office staff and other allied health professionals who are supporting youth with special health care needs as they transition to adulthood. Topics in the modules include the impact of health on transition from youth to adulthood, with tips on advocating and contributing to a successful health care transition.

- Course 1 – “What’s Health Got To Do With It? – Everything,” by Patti Hackett (course #1025531)
- Course 2 – “Avoiding Hitches in the Get-Along: A Prescription for Successful Transition,” by Jan Moss (course # 1025532)
- Course 3 – “Listen to Me! Learning to Encourage Youth as Self Advocates,” by Julia Thomas and Carrie Greenwood (course #1025533)

After participating in the courses and successfully completing course assessments, participants will earn a certificate of completion that can be submitted for CEUs. Register for the healthcare transition online courses through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. Click the Systems in Sync logo above to download the step-by-step instructions for registration.

For more information about healthcare transition, contact Heather Moore at KDHE at 785-296-4747 or hmoore@kdheks.gov.

News and Updates

Submitted by the Local Health Section, BLRH

Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute – Cycle IX



The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) seeks applicants for the Cycle IX (2011-2012) training class, which will begin in July. This nine-month 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. The University of Kansas – Masters of Public Health (KU-MPH) credit is also available for program graduates.

For more information, please visit the KPHLI website by clicking the logo above or contact KPHLI assistant director Kelly Kabler at kkabler@kumc.edu. The application deadline for Cycle IX is **May 20, 2011**. All applicants will be notified of acceptance status via e-mail by June 13.

NALBOH News Alert Sign Up



The National association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) provides access to receive timely electronic information about NALBOH and public health education, training and new resources. To sign—up for this service click the NALBOH logo.

Public Health Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Certificate



GIS systems make it possible for public health professionals to visualize population health problems within the context of available social services, demographic factors and changes in environmental variables. The University of Illinois of Chicago (UIC) Public Health Geographic Information Systems online certificate program provides students with

an understanding of fundamental GIS tools and their practical applications. Combining cartography, spatial analysis and data management, GIS is a rapidly emerging field in public health. Click the UIC logo to learn more.

Web Search for Consumers During Recalls



The Federal Food Administration (FDA) has launched a web search for consumers who can search for food and other product recalls easier and quicker than previously. The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) signed into law in Jan. by President Obama called for a more consumer-friendly recall search engine. To view the recall search engine click the FDA logo.

National Commission Calls on Governors to Improve Disaster Plans for Children



The Association of Schools for Public Health (ASPH) Fridays Letter reports that the National Commission on Children and Disasters an independent, bipartisan body established by Congress and the President to identify gaps in disaster preparedness, response and recovery for children and make recommendations to close the gaps. The commission is calling on governors to lead state efforts to improve disaster plans for children. The commission developed recommendations for states based upon its 2010 Report to the President and Congress, Click the ASPH logo to read report.

CDC Learning Connection Spotlight: Nutrition, Obesity and Physical Activity



The Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention (CDC) provides a spotlight on learning products and resources to help lead public health efforts to prevent and control obesity through policy development, environmental strategies, regular physical activity and nutrition. Click the CDC logo for more information.

Animal Diseases, Animal Health



The Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) from the United Kingdom provided information about animal disease outbreaks and the measures to control them. To review this information, click the DEFRA logo.

Job Openings

Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department

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

- [Child Care Licensing Surveyor](#) wanted for position at Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department. Surveyor evaluates child care facilities in Douglas County for compliance with state licensing regulations. An associate's degree in early childhood education or a related field and one year of work experience with children and families required.
- [Public Health Nurse](#) needed full-time to provide immunizations, family planning/HIV counseling and testing services, health education and conducting communicable disease investigations. Experience in an office-based medical practice or public health clinic desirable.



Reno County Health Department

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

- [Public Health Preparedness Coordinator](#) - Coordinate the health department's Emergency Preparedness and Response Program by working with KDHE preparedness officials, city and county departments, hospital and other community partners to develop or keep all public health preparedness plans current.



Sedgwick County Health Department

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

- M&I Clinic Medical Assistant - [20002339041311](#)
- WIC Office Specialist - [20002699041311](#)



- WIC Office Specialist - [20002709042711](#)
- WIC Registered Dietician - [20006455042711](#)
- WIC Registered Dietician - [20002055042111](#)

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.

Shawnee County Health Agency

The Shawnee County Health Agency is taking applications for the following positions:

- [Clinical Medical Assistant](#) - Under direct supervision, this position is responsible for performing clinical and direct patient care duties in a specific health program or clinic site. The work requires the operation of medical and laboratory equipment. Performs other duties as assigned. This position is supervised by a Health Services Team Leader/Officer.
- [Licensed Practical Nurse](#) - Under general supervision, this position provides routine direct patient health care services in a primary care/family planning/immunization setting. As part of a team, works closely with providers and other staff members. Performs other duties as required. This position is supervised by a Health Services Team Leader.



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