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A WORD FROM THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER

submitted by Jason Eberhart-Phillips, MD, MPH

When pollsters ask people to describe what public health departments do, the most commonly given response is “control epidemics of communicable diseases.”

Obviously public health professionals do much more than that to prevent disease, promote health and protect their communities. And it could be argued that those other things we do are just as important – or more so – than responding to outbreaks.

But like it or not, we are judged by how well we step forward to control high-profile epidemics. Policy makers, community partners and the public at large know us and remember us for the expertise, determination and grace that we show in times when new or dangerous microbes appear on the scene.

The pandemic of H1N1 flu is just such a time. This fall, if the current outbreak escalates as expected, public health departments will face a disease control challenge unlike anything most of us have ever seen. In all likelihood, the level of influenza disease in coming months will substantially exceed that seen in a normal season. A significant minority of cases will become severely ill, and some will die.

In every Kansas community, public health departments will soon take center stage. How well we communicate with knowledge and compassion, how well we serve as the go-to public health experts in our communities, will shape the landscape for achieving other crucial community health goals long after H1N1 has receded into history. How well we organize ourselves, our partners and community volunteers today to meet the challenges



of medical surge and mass flu immunization will influence the success of other important health initiatives for years to come.

I am convinced that local public health in Kansas is up to the task at hand. I believe your readiness will make this a moment for public health to shine. Reviewing and updating your pandemic preparedness plans this summer, reaching out to reacquaint yourself with officials in schools, leaders in business and active partners in community organizations, you are doing what you need to do now so that you can step confidently into the spotlight when the time for decisive action is at hand.

As demanding as the pandemic response appears, it is also a terrific opportunity, one that will yield dividends in good will and public support well into the future. I am glad that every one of you is willing to step forward to meet this challenge, and I am really glad for what our success will mean for public health in Kansas this year and beyond.

KIOWA COUNTY CELEBRATION!

*submitted by Mitzi Hesser, Administrator
Kiowa County Health Department*

The Kiowa County Health Department in Greensburg would like to invite you to a Celebration, Aug. 14, from 1-4 p.m. "This is our way of sincerely, THANKING each and every one of you that have supported and continue to support us in our transition after the May 2, 2007, tornado. The support that we have had from folks in Kansas has been so appreciated," said Mitzi Hesser.

The health department will be moved into their new offices at the county courthouse and would like to share this special time with everyone.

While you are in Kiowa County, if you would like a tour of some of the Green initiatives that are going on in Greensburg, please let the health department know and they will make arrangements for tours. Contact Mitzi Hesser at (785) 723-2136 or kwcohd@sbcglobal.net.



PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS

submitted by Mary Beth Warren

University of Kansas Medical Center, Area Health Education Centers

The Kansas Association for Local Health Departments (KALHD), Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Kansas University (KU) Medical Center's Department of Preventive Medicine and Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) are once again collaborating to make available the Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds series. The Fall 2009 series will occur live on Wednesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 between Aug. 26 to Dec. 9 via the internet utilizing the Elluminate webconferencing system.

Enrollment for the Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds Fall 2009 series is now open. A total of 13 sessions will be offered. Based upon feedback from participants in previous series, as well as current issues in public health, topics identified for the Fall 2009 series include: the effect of diesel fuel on the economics and health of our communities; influenza-like illness surveillance; yard waste and solid waste management problems; current status of KU School of Public Health; using trauma data; school based immunization clinics; and public transportation in the Kansas City area.

The fee for the entire fall series (a total of 13 sessions) will be \$100 per organization and will include continuing education credit for physicians and nurses **employed by your organization and attending at your location.**

Your organization may enroll by e-mailing the AHEC office at ksphgr@kumc.edu or calling us at 620-235-4040. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us. Click the KU logo for more information.



PHAB OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR BETA TESTING

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



The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has issued a letter of invitation and application for health departments to partner with PHAB on beta testing of the proposed national standards for local and state health departments. The beta test will evaluate the standards, measures, processes, and written support documents which will be a part of the national public health accreditation process.

Health departments participating in the beta test with PHAB will be given resources and technical assistance to develop and implement quality improvement activities based on the results of their accreditation review. With support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, funding (a \$27,280 grant), will be provided to each health department that participates in the beta test to support the departments' time and effort associated with the evaluation process and quality improvement activity. The public health departments that participate in the beta test process will play a critical role in shaping and refining the accreditation program before the national launch in 2011.

The deadline to apply to participate in the beta test is August 14. PHAB will select twenty-nine health departments (eight state health departments, nineteen local health departments, and two tribal health departments) to be sites for the beta test. More information about beta testing, including the application to participate, is found at the following site: www.exploringaccreditation.org/betatest/beta2.asp.

BUILDING ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTHIER KANSAS

*submitted by Jana Woods, Conference Registrar
Wichita State University*



The 66th Annual Kansas Public Health Association Fall Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Wichita, Sept. 22-24. Conference sessions will focus on our theme of "Building on the Public Health Foundation for a Healthier Kansas." This year the conference sessions are organized along three professional tracks, Adult Issues (breakout sessions noted beginning with A), Elder Issues (breakout sessions noted beginning with E) and Children Issues (breakout sessions noted beginning with C). You may follow a particular track or you may move between them.

This program has been approved for eight contact hours for Sept. 22, seven contact hours for Sept. 23, and one contact hour for the Wednesday evening dinner and program both nurses and social workers. Contact hours are pending for dietitians, nursing home administrators, and sanitarians.

Registration is now open on KS-TRAIN [1018245](http://www.ks.train.org). Click on the conference logo to view the conference brochure. For more information contact Jana Woods, Conference Registrar, at (316) 978-6493 or jana.woods@wichita.edu.

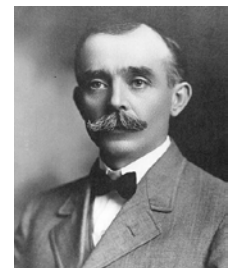


AWARD NOMINATIONS

*submitted by Shirley Orr, Director of Local Health
KDHE, BLRH*

The Kansas Public Health Association is soliciting nominations for KPHA Awards, to be presented at its annual conference, Sept. 22-24 in Wichita. Nominations may be submitted to recognize individuals or organizations, in the following categories:

- Samuel J. Crumbine Medal is given for meritorious service and state, regional, or national recognition related to the improvement of the health of Kansans and/or the environment of the state. Recipients of other KPHA awards may receive this award.
- Special Service Awards are for individuals who have rendered outstanding service to Kansas in the interest of public health and/or environmental improvement. Two special service awards may be given annually, one of which may be to a non-member of KPHA.
- Dorothy Woodin Award is bestowed on a public health nurse for outstanding public health nursing services.



- Jane Addams Award is for a social worker who exemplifies the qualities of Jane Addams, including a pioneering spirit, a trailblazer, and one striving to improve the health of the poor and the sanitary conditions of communities.
- Virginia Lockhart Health Education Award is given for outstanding service in public promotion of health and/or environmental issues.
- Corporate Public Health Service Award may be presented annually to a company or organization which, through public policy activities, makes a significant contribution to the mission of public health and/or environmental improvement in Kansas.

To submit a nomination, visit the KPHA website, www.kpha.us to obtain a nomination form, and submit it to KPHA headquarters by August 21.

KPHA CONFERENCE PRIZE DRAWINGS

*submitted by Linda Frazier, Public Health Workforce Development Specialist
KDHE, BLRH*



Brickyard Barn Bed and Breakfast

If you or your office/bureau would like to donate a basket or single item as a prize for the drawings at the Kansas Public Health Conference, Sept. 22 – 24, in Wichita, you will be given the opportunity to write up a short paragraph to include, and the complete donor list will be given electronically to all the participants. This is a great way to show your support for public health professionals across the state and educate them about the great work we do at KDHE. It's also a lot of fun!

The title of the conference this year is: "Building on the Foundation for a Healthier Kansas" and some of the current donors include:

- Marvin Stottlemire will donate a-half day staff training, or a keynote address for a conference. Subject to mutually convenient dates. The donating agency is Laugh2Learn.
- Scott and Truanna Nickel from the Brickyard Barn Catering and Event Planning (Topeka) a one night stay at their bed and breakfast
- Bureau of Oral Health
- University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita
- Bureau for Public Health Preparedness
- Bureau of Local and Rural Health

Please let Linda Frazier know by Aug. 15 if you or your office/bureau would like to sponsor a prize for the drawing. You may contact Linda at (785) 296-3641 or email at lfrazier@kdheks.gov.

FOCUSING ON ELDERS ORAL HEALTH

*submitted by Jana Woods, Conference Registrar
Wichita State University*



"Focusing on Elders: Supporting Their Need for Optimum Oral Health" will be held on Sept. 23 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Hotel in Wichita, KS. This workshop is designed to enhance and expand the goal to provide quality services. New research shows the link between oral disease and medical conditions. The severity is increased when people are unable to maintain their own health because of physical and cognitive impairments.

This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn from Gregory Folse, DDS, one of the most respected dentists and motivating speakers in America. Dr. Folse will focus his dynamic presentation on care for those who are frail and disabled. He received national attention when the Washington Post in 2008 reported his selfless devotion to elders. Last year, he spoke at Oral Health Kansas conference and received rave reviews from medical, dental, and geriatric professionals. Learning will include:

- Ways to participate in realistic oral health treatment plans for elders based on their other health conditions
- How to provide treatment in long-term care settings and community settings for those who cannot participate in a traditional dental visit
- Techniques to treat patients with dementia, fearful, without communication skills or uncooperative
- When palliative oral health care is the best decision

Seating is limited so reserve your seat now. Registration fee is \$25.00 and you will receive \$25.00 in oral health materials. For more information contact Marcia Manter at (785) 235-6039 or mmanter@oralhealthkansas.org.



BOARD MEMBERSHIP

*submitted by Debbi Baugher, Labette County Health Department
KPHA Board Member at Large*



The annual public health conference will soon be here and that means there will be a need for the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) Membership to step forward and agree to be nominated for one of the positions needing filled. The survey given to the members at the 2008 conference provided information that large numbers of members were willing to be involved in KPHA "if they were asked." This is the time for those with interest to accept the call to lead a section as the chair, serve as a Director at large, or fill

an officer position.

KPHA board members are a committed group of agency representatives from across the state. The board members and the executive director work hard to get public health out to the people. New committees are formed on a regular basis to address the needs of the people as identified locally, within the state, and nationally.

As a board member one has the duty to exercise reasonable care when he or she makes a decision for the organization. A definition of reasonable care is what a sensible person in a similar situation would do. A board member must never use information gained through the position for personal gain; and must always act in the best interests of the organization.

A board member must be faithful to the organization's mission. He or she cannot act in a way that is inconsistent with the organization's goals. The board member is trusted by the membership to manage donated funds to fulfill the organization's mission.

Board members are required to attend most board meetings, thus indicating their dedication to the organization. Meetings are held monthly by conference call or in person and move to various areas of the state to accommodate those living a long distance away.

Every member should consider volunteering to run for a position on the KPHA Board. Working relationships are formed, friendships are made, and much networking is gained. The experiences you have as a board member will be beneficial to your career for many years to follow. Hope to see you at the Annual Conference in September.

HEALTHY HABITS FOR KANSAS KIDS ONLINE EDUCATION

submitted by Kansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

The Kansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics announces "Healthy Habits for Kansas Kids" online educational program through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. This educational program consists of four 1-hour modules that address Obesity in Kansas Kids:

- 🍎 Module 1 – # 1015996 Obesity in Kansas Children
- 🍎 Module 2 – # 1016561 Negotiating Behavior
- 🍎 Module 3 – # 1016562 Assessment & Treatment of Child Obesity
- 🍎 Module 4 – # 1016563 Preventing Childhood Obesity

Each module can be done at your convenience, on your home computer through the KS Train web site.

Healthy Habits offers free Continuing Medical Education and Continuing Nurses Educational credit. Upon completion of all 4 modules, each participant will receive:

- ★ **FREE** CD of Office, Assessment, and Educational Materials that can be duplicated
- ★ **FREE** BMI wheel
- ★ **FREE** Best Practices Guide

Information on the Healthy Habits program and how to sign on to KS train are available on the KAAP web site at www.aapkansas.org. Click on the Healthy Habits logo above.



If you would like to receive the monthly e-issue of Public Health Connections please e-mail Patricia Behnke your request by clicking pbehnke@kdheks.gov



OPEN AIRWAYS FOR SCHOOLS REVISED

*submitted by Beth Marolf, OAS Coordinator
American Lung Association in Kansas, Topeka Office*

Facilitator training is now available on Kansas Train at <http://ks.train.org>, course # 1015631. The revised online training is two hours and can be done at one sitting or segments as time allows with busy schedules. Two Continuing Nurses Education credits are available from the Kansas State Nurses Association upon completion. The Open Airways for Schools course has been revised to reflect the new National Health, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

asthma guidelines. The Kansas Train courses have been retooled per the feedback of the audience who completed version one of the on-line training.

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 6 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 at (785) 246-0377 or bmarolf@breathehealthy.org.

ABSTRACT ACCEPTED FOR 2009 CITYMATCH CONFERENCE

*submitted by Rosie Howlett, BSN, ARNP, RNC
Unified Government Public Health Department*

A Unified Government Public Health Department of Kansas City, Kansas/Wyandotte County abstract was accepted for oral presentation at the 2009 CityMatcH Conference in New Orleans. The abstract summarized the Hip Hop for Health Project as collaboration between Unified Government Public Health Department of Kansas City, Kansas/Wyandotte County (UGPHD), Associated Youth Services (AYS), and Unified School District (USD) 500. In USD 500, 73 percent of students come from households below the federal poverty level.

The purpose of the Hip Hop for Health Project is to provide healthy weight/lifestyle education, health screening, follow-up, and referral for middle and high school students in the largest school district in Wyandotte County, Kansas.

- Screening: The Hip Hop for Health Fairs took place at 14 USD 500 middle and high schools. Students from physical education classes assembled in the gymnasium for introductory presentations. Students then visited interactive exhibit stations to learn about various health topics and community resources. AYS and UGPHD collaborated to screen students for height, weight, body mass index (BMI), and blood pressure.
- Follow-up: UGPHD and AYS collaborated to contact youth and their parents through mail and phone calls. Written information was provided about BMI screening results and the possible health and social consequences that could result from being overweight or obese.
- Referral: Parents were encouraged to discuss the screening results with their family health care provider. Parents were provided with contact information for weight management clinics available at Kansas University Medical Center and Children's Mercy Hospital. Adolescents were also offered a Healthy Lifestyles screening at the UGPHD or the opportunity to enroll in AYS's *Hip and Fit* program.

As of Mar. 1 over 1,460 adolescents had been screened in nine schools. Of the students who completed a BMI screen, 18 percent were overweight and 31 percent were in the obese range. Follow-up letters have been sent to 100 percent of adolescents that were identified as overweight or obese. Six students have received a Healthy Lifestyles assessment. 69 students have participated in the Hip and Fit pilot. Please contact Rosie Howlett at (913) 573-6750 or rhowlett@wycokck.org for further information.



FLINT HILLS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER HAS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*submitted by Jon Anderson,
KDHE, BLRH*

The Lyon County community recently welcomed Liz Conrade, as the new Flint Hills Community Health Center's Executive Director. Conrade, former public relations admission coordinator of the inpatient rehabilitation unit at Newman Regional Health, was recommended by the health center's search committee. The board of directors went with that recommendation and hired Conrade, Scott O'Mara, human relations manager for the health center, said. Conrade said she's had a broad spectrum of experience. In her former job at Newman, she went to area hospitals and promoted the hospital's inpatient rehabilitation unit. She said she received two bachelor's degrees from Bearclay College in Haviland — one in business administration and one in Bible and theology. Conrade also has a master's degree from Kansas State University in adult continuing and vocational education.

MT. CARMEL LABORATORY AND BLOOD BANK RECEIVE ACCREDITATION

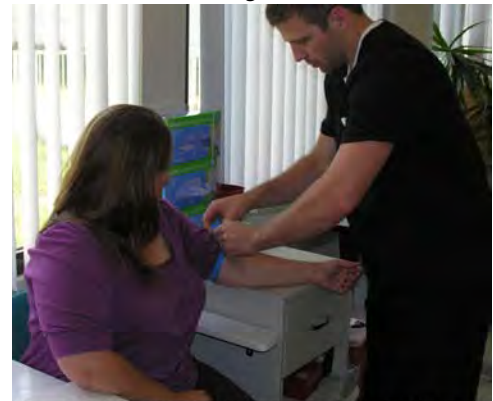
*submitted by Chris Kelly, Director of Marketing/Public Relations
Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center*

Having one survey team drop in unannounced is stressful. Having two in the same week is overwhelming, unless you work in Mt. Carmel's laboratory. Surveyors from the Joint Commission were recently on-site for an accreditation review of the laboratory and its staff. On the final day of the Joint Commission survey, the laboratory was visited by a surveyor from the American Association of Blood Banks. "These surveys can create a great deal of stress on the staff if unprepared," said Laboratory Director Deloris Wishart, "but this year, we were as well or better prepared than any year I have been here." The lab was able to keep up with their work as usual, even on one of the highest workflow days of the month and received full accreditation from both agencies.

A Joint Commission survey is an intense process for any department but especially so for the laboratory. "They have their own accreditation manual," said Terry Schirk, director of quality/risk management at Mt. Carmel. "We're talking about hundreds of procedures including proficiency testing, staff competency, quality control and national patient safety goals. It's a very rigorous procedure. Dr. Battaglia, Delores Wishart and the entire staff should be commended for their performance."

The blood bank was also praised for its performance by the surveyor from the American Association of Blood Banks. "The surveyor reviewed several procedures including documentation, cross matching and blood typing," said Blood Bank Coordinator, Elaine Hogue. "She watched a transfusion from start to finish. She followed the nurses up to the third floor, reviewed their work and even spoke with the family. I'm very proud of our staff and the professionalism they show every day."

Both the lab and the blood bank continue to be fully accredited. Congratulations to the both for a job well done.



Marcus Toschi, Laboratory Assistant Phlebotomist prepares to draw blood from a patient, one of the many activities performed by laboratory staff daily.

MT. CARMEL PARTNERS WITH CITY OF PITTSBURG FOR SUN SAFETY

*submitted by Chris Kelly, Director of Marketing/Public Relations
Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center*



Misty Waun, Kim Maffei and Chris Kelly of Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center prepare for Sun Safety Day at Pittsburg's Aquatic Center.

It's one o'clock on a Fri. afternoon at Pittsburg's Aquatic Center and although the calendar says summer is two days away, the 93 degree temperatures quash any argument about the matter. "Yeah, it's hot," says Kim Maffei, a registered nurse at Mt. Carmel's Regional Cancer Center. "It wouldn't take long to get a burn today. It's a good thing we brought plenty of sunscreen." Maffei, who is joined by Radiation Therapist Misty Waun, is part of Mt. Carmel's Community Outreach Team and on this day is handing out sunscreen to everyone entering the Aquatic Center. "We wanted to help educate the public about the importance of protecting your skin during the summer," says Community Outreach Manager, Marlene Willis. "The folks in the Cancer Center helped come up with this idea and we were able to work with the city of

Pittsburg to make it a reality. The kids are able to see how much sunscreen to put on, how to apply it and learn why it's important. It's another example of how much we (the city and Mt. Carmel) can do when we work together."

Incredibly nearly one million skin cancers will be diagnosed this year according to the American Cancer Society. The majority of these are caused by exposure to ultraviolet rays (UV) from the sun. "Everybody loves to be outside during the summer," says Cancer Center Director, Karen Wells. "It's great fun and helps your body produce vitamin D but too much sun can be harmful. Over time your exposure can result in wrinkles, cosmetic damage and skin cancer. That's why sunscreen is so important." Wells recommends a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15. "This level lets you know what type of protection you can expect to receive," says Wells. "An SPF of 15 means that you will receive the equivalent of one minute of UV rays for every 15 minutes you spend in the sun. The higher your SPF number, the more protection you will receive."

For more information about skin safety or general questions about skin cancer contact Mt. Carmel's Cancer Center at (620) 235-7900.

HAZMAT TRAINING OFFERED AT CRMC

*submitted by Chris Kelly, Director of Marketing/Public Relations
Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center*



In March, and again in Jun., Coffeyville Regional Medical Center (CRMC) was the site for specialized HazMat training. CRMC employees, as well as emergency personnel in the city, received training on personal protective equipment, decontamination procedures, and symptomatology associated with exposure to hazardous materials. The two-day course in both Mar. and Jun. was offered by KDHE and was funded by a grant through the Kansas Hospital

Association (KHA) for \$5,000 and the recertification portion for \$2500. The grant paid for meals as well. The program was designed to address hospital concerns about prepared-ness and management of contaminated victims of a chemical/biological event.

Once dressed out in these outer-space-looking suits, communication becomes difficult. The instructor led the class through various hand signals to facilitate communication with each other. The thumbs up (shown above) indicates the "ready" signal.



DO YOU WIGGLE?

*submitted by Linda Frazier, Public Health Workforce Development Specialist
KDHE, BLRH*

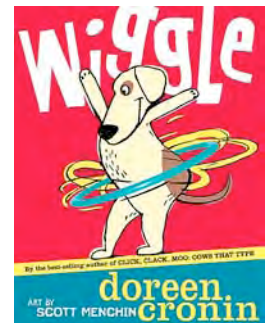
Do you wiggle when you read?

When you read with Preschoolers, do they wiggle in their seats?

The Kansas Reads to Preschoolers committee and the State Library staff working with the statewide one-book/one-state reading project for the very young certainly hope so! During Nov. 15-21 (the week before Thanksgiving), the Kansas Center for the Book at the State Library of Kansas will present the 2009 Kansas Reads to Preschooler About Fitness!, featuring "Wiggle" by Doreen Cronin in locations all across the state.

Plans are being laid for promotion leading up to and events during the Preschooler week. This year's theme is fitness. KDHE and KPHA are partnering with the State Library to encourage the public health workforce across the state to become involved in this worthwhile project. Several books have been reserved to be available for purchase at the 2009 Kansas Public Health Association Conference, Sept. 22 – 24 in Wichita.

Watch for the 2009 Kansas Reads to Preschoolers web page at www.kcfb.info coming Aug. 1. For more information or suggestions how you can participate, call (800) 432-3919 or email kcfb@kslib.info. You may also contact Linda Frazier at KDHE, lfrazier@kdheks.gov, (785) 296-3641. Join the Kansas Center for the Book as Kansans read Wiggle to preschoolers!



THE SWINE FLU AFFAIR: DECISION MAKING ON A SLIPPERY DISEASE

*submitted by Linda Frazier, Public Health Workforce Development Specialist
KDHE, BLRH*



In 1976, a small group of soldiers at Fort Dix were infected with a swine flu virus that was deemed similar to the virus responsible for the great 1918-19 world-wide flu pandemic. The U.S. government initiated an unprecedented effort to immunize every American against the disease. While a qualified success in terms of numbers reached-more than 40 million Americans received the vaccine-the disease never reappeared. The program was marked by controversy, delay, administrative troubles, legal complications, unforeseen side effects and a progressive loss of credibility for public health authorities. In the waning days of the flu season, the incoming Secretary of what was then the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Joseph Califano, asked Richard Neustadt and Harvey Fineberg to examine what happened and to extract lessons to help cope with similar situations in the future. The result was their report, *The Swine Flu Affair: Decision-Making on a Slippery Disease*.

The new electronic edition of this report, *The Swine Flu Affair*, is dedicated to the memory of Richard Neustadt, and available for download by the public. Click on the pig to view the report. To learn more about the IOM's recent studies and workshops on pandemic flu, visit www.iom.edu/pandemicflu

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK

*submitted by Linda Frazier, Public Health Workforce Development Specialist
KDHE, BLRH*

The Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) was developed by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), part of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA). It is a blueprint for evidence-based community efforts to prevent or reduce the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The Framework includes five phases – Assessment, Capacity Development, Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation – with an emphasis on sustainability and cultural competence. While the SPF focuses primarily on youth and substance abuse, the framework can also be applied to other community issues and populations.

CSAP/SAMSHA awards grants on many levels, including state/tribe and community, to support the implementation of the SPF. For more information on CSAP/SAMSHA funding opportunities for SPF implementation and on applying for grants click on the SPF logo, then view the following resources:

- CSAP/SAMSHA: State Incentive Grants (SIG), Drug-Free Communities Support Program, HIV Grants, Methamphetamine Grants
- Community Tool Box: Toolkit 14: Writing a Grant Application for Funding, Chapter 42: Getting Grants and Financial Resources, Section 4: Applying for a Grant: The General Approach, Section 5: Writing a Grant

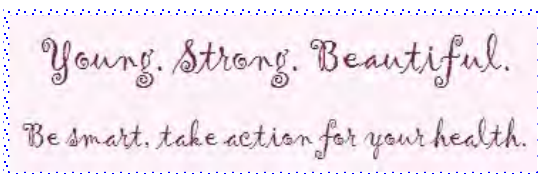
For more information on the Strategic Prevention Framework, please see the following resources:

- CSAP/SAMSHA: Strategic Prevention Framework Homepage
- Community Tool Box: Chapter 2, Section 10: The Strategic Prevention Framework



SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES LAUNCHED BY UGPHD

*submitted by Rosie Howlett, BSN, ARNP, RNC
Unified Government Public Health Department*



Unified Government Public Health Department of Kansas City, Kansas/Wyandotte County (UGPHD) utilized the services of an intern, Erin McKinley, completing her Community Health major at the University of Kansas, to research, design, develop and

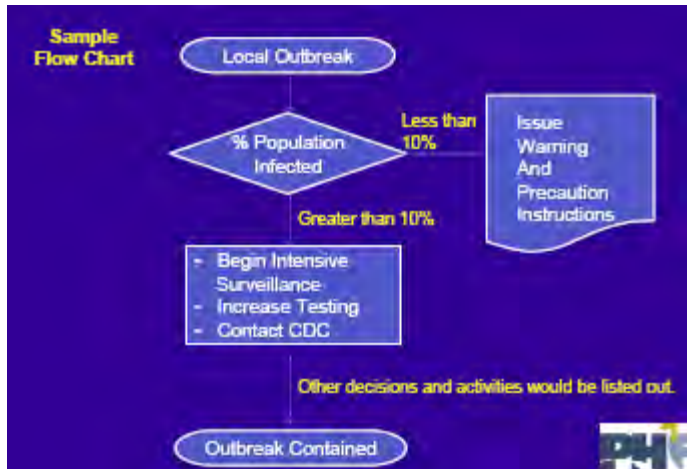
launch two social networking web sites for the Family Planning and STD programs. Erin field tested the designs of both pages with teenagers in the county. Staff members continue the sites by blogging about current program events and responding to questions submitted through the web sites. The pages can be viewed at www.myspace.com/wycoteen and www.myspace.com/wycoSTD.

PUBLIC HEALTH QUALITY IMPROVEMENT TOOLS

submitted by the Public Health Foundation



Preventing childhood obesity has become a critical need for our communities and a major new responsibility for our nation's public health system. While there are emerging evidence-based strategies that can help prevent childhood obesity, the effective application of these strategies and development of new and even better practices will require the use of performance management and quality improvement (QI) techniques - techniques widely used by other sectors to achieve better results. Childhood Obesity: Getting Started for Better Outcomes provides learners with a foundation in performance management and QI concepts and exercises to learn public health applications, and gives participants tools and confidence to get started using QI to benefit community health. Developed by PHF and the Delmarva Foundation, this online course is free and available on [KS-TRAIN](#) (1014545). Funding was provided by the Quality Health Foundation.



The 2009 H1N1 flu outbreak demonstrates how fundamental public health processes are for effectively responding to any public health emergency. Preparedness for an even greater H1N1 outbreak will be strengthened if the public health community uses quality improvement (QI) methods and tools to integrate lessons learned from the recent outbreak into pandemic flu plans. This paper describes how these methods and tools, such as flow charting, radar charts, cause and effect diagrams, the five whys technique, and rapid cycle Plan-Do-Check-Act, can be used to review and refresh state and local pandemic flu plans and improve community outcomes. To read more click on the sample flow chart.

SUNFLOWER FOUNDATION

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The Sunflower Foundation wants to remind you of available funding opportunities. Click on the logo to the right to visit the Foundation's Web-site for complete details and application instructions for all three of these requests for proposals. A series of telephone conference call briefings to discuss all of the RFP's are scheduled. Watch the foundation's *Web site* for details (click the logo above).



- Finding Solutions in Challenging Times (RFP 10-101) - This RFP offers short-term support to nonprofit health and human services organizations for needs specifically related to the economic downturn and its local impact on health, health care and human services delivery. One application deadline option remains for this RFP: Tue., Sept. 22, 2009 (notice of awards by October 16, 2009)
- Capacity Building (RFP 09-104) - An RFP designed to help nonprofit health and human services organizations build organizational capacity to improve effectiveness, impact and sustainability. One application deadline remains for this RFP: Thursday, September 10, 2009 (notice of awards by October 31, 2009)
- Sunflower Trails (RFP 09-105) - The goal of this RFP is to promote increased physical activity by helping to build community and school-based walking trails. One application deadline remains for this RFP: Thursday, September 10, 2009 (notice of awards by Oct. 31).

REVISED CORE COMPETENCIES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



The Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice recently voted to unanimously adopt the revised version of Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals. The revised Core Competencies address changes in the practice of public health and reflect the input received from more than 600 public health professionals through an extensive review process. Click on the Council on Linkage logo to view the revised core competencies.

JOB OPENINGS
SEDGWICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

- Worksite Wellness Educator [20005025063009](#)

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.



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