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Local Public Health Leadership Series - Presented by KDHE & KALHD



*by Teri Caudle, Public Health Specialist, Local Public Health Program
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) are offering a leadership development opportunity for all public health professionals in Western Kansas for Fall 2014. It is anticipated that

future opportunities will be made available in other regions.

The purpose of the Local Public Health Leadership Series is to enhance the ability of local health department administrators and staff to exercise leadership in the delivery of Medicaid services to residents in their communities.

Leadership involves mobilizing others, sometimes without direct authority to do so, in an effort to address difficult community challenges. These difficult, daunting, adaptive challenges don't have a single expert or manager that can fix them. Progress can be made to address adaptive challenges but it will require learning, involvement of stakeholders and persistent efforts. Public health professionals are in key positions to provide this kind of leadership.

The Local Public Health Leadership Series will develop core knowledge and skills related to identifying and responding to adaptive challenges. The focus will be on development of leadership competencies identified by the Kansas Leadership Center: Diagnosing the Situation, Managing Self, Energizing Others and Intervening Skillfully. The Wichita State University Center for Community Support and Research (WSU-CCSR) will serve as faculty and coaches for the series which is modeled after the Kansas Leadership Center's training curriculum and methods. If you want to know more, click on the Kansas Leadership Center logo or email Seth Bate at seth.bate@wichita.edu or Sonja Armbruster at Sonja.armbruster@wichita.edu.



This will require attendance at four, one and a half-day sessions, which will take place at Fort Hays State University, One Tiger Place, Hays.

- September 4 afternoon and evening; September 5 morning and afternoon - Robbins Center
- October 6 afternoon and evening; October 7 morning and afternoon - Robbins Center
- October 30 afternoon and evening; October 31 morning and afternoon - Memorial Union, Trails Room
- December 8 afternoon and evening; December 9 morning and afternoon - Robbins Center

If you are interested, the application can be accessed by clicking the KALHD logo. Send the completed application to kristina.helmer@wichita.edu by August 15. Save the dates for the central and east Kansas sessions, enrollment coming soon.

For central Kansas – Wichita

- November 12-13
- December 15-16
- January 12-13
- February 11-12

For east Kansas – Ottawa

- January 26-27
- February 25-26
- March 30-31
- April 29-30

Fall 2014 Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds Series

*by Mary Beth Warren, Executive Director
Area Health Education Centers, KUMC*



Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds is being "remodeled." Beginning with the fall 2014 series, session content will have a more in-depth focus on quality improvement and essential public health practice principles.

The Fall 2014 series will be comprised of 13 weekly sessions from August 27 - December 10 (sessions will **not** be held on October 1, November 19 or 26). Each session will run from 12 - 1 p.m. and will be broadcast via Adobe Connect Webconferencing System.

Planned topics include:

- 10 Essential Services and Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Update
- Quality Improvement: Science, Practice and Policy
- Health Disparities and Social Determinants of Health
- Integration of Primary Care, Public Health and Behavioral Health
- Integration of Public Health Law in State and Local Practice
- Cultural Sensitivity and Health Equity: Preparing to Meet the PHAB Standards

The fee for the first 30 local health departments who sign-up for the 2014 Fall Grand Rounds series will be \$50, thanks to support from the Kansas Health Foundation.

More information and registration details will be distributed soon. If you have questions at this time please contact the University of Kansas Medical Center Area Health Education Centers at 620-235-4040 or e-mail Mary Beth Warren at mwarren2@kumc.edu.

Regional Public Health Meeting - Dates and Topics Announced

*by Teri Caudle, Public Health Specialist, Local Public Health Program
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Don't miss the opportunity to attend one of the upcoming regional public health meetings aimed to connect local health departments with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. These meetings are designed for the local public health department administrator; however, any staff person interested in a particular topic is welcome to attend.

The agenda includes the following: Jennifer VandeVelde, C.H.E.S., Kansas Department Health and Environment (KDHE) STI/HIV Section Chief, will discuss structural changes within STI/HIV Programs to increase efficiency, reduce duplication of efforts and increase collaboration. Heather Smith, MPH Director of Special Health Services Programs, will give an overview of Special Health Services programming efforts and provide updates from the Maternal Child Health Program. Henri Ménager, MPH, Senior Epidemiologist, KDHE Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, will introduce a new toolkit to assist local health departments prepare for an extreme heat event.

The dates and locations are:

- Hutchinson - August 6
- Oakley - August 14
- Garden City - August 15
- Beloit - August 27
- Topeka - September 9

Register on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, Course ID: 1051773. If you have ideas for regional meeting topics please contact Teri Caudle at tcaudle@kdheks.gov.

Roberts Named Director of Primary Care and Rural Health

by the Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



The Bureau of Community Health Systems announces that Sara Roberts has been named as the Director of Primary Care and Rural Health, a move which will bring together the State Office of Rural Health and the Primary Care Program. Prior to joining the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Sara spent five years with the Nebraska Center for Rural Health Research and the Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis at the University of Nebraska Medical Center working on various research projects ranging from community health evaluation to studying rural health care and public health systems. Sara earned a Bachelor's of Science from Kansas State University in 2003 and a Master in Public Health degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 2004.

Allen Appointed as New Trauma Program Director



Mindee Reece, Administrator, Division of Public Health Director, Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE

The Bureau of Community Health Systems, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), is pleased to announce that Carman Allen joined the bureau July 21, as the Trauma Program Director. She was recently the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Coordinator for the Bureau of Health Promotion. Prior to joining KDHE, Carman worked for seven years at the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), where she served as the Education, Training, Examination and Certification Manager. She has also served as Director of EMS Education for Flint Hills Technical College and as a paramedic instructor for Barton County Community College. Prior to teaching, Carman worked for many years as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and EMS Director. She is a Certified Public Manager, received the Medallion of Excellence in Education, and was also named Kansas EMT of the Year. Carman has a BA degree in Integrated Studies and a MS degree in Instructional Design from Emporia State University, as well as an Associate of Applied Science degree in Prehospital Emergency Medicine from Barton County Community College.

The Great American Milk Drive

*by Marley Sugar, RD, LD, Health and Wellness Program Manager
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Hunger impacts one in six Americans, including 12.5 million families who do not have access to adequate nourishment to help them reach their full potential. Hunger has no boundaries and is a problem that exists in urban, suburban and rural communities. In fact, 15.1 percent of the population in Kansas is food insecure; that is over 433,000 Kansans.

According to Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization, milk is one of the items most requested by food bank clients, yet there is a nationwide shortage because it is rarely donated. It's been a challenge for Feeding America to meet the demand for milk due to the lack of donations - canned goods and other non-perishable items are more likely to be donated. The 37 million Americans served annually in the Feeding America network receive the equivalent of less than one gallon of milk per person per year. Hunger is not just about lack of food, it's also about lack of nutritious food. Hungry families are missing out on milk's essential nutrients.

The Great American Milk Drive is a first-of-its-kind program, bringing the industry together around the issue of hunger. Feeding America, National Dairy Council and Milk Processor Education Program (Milk PEP) have created a national campaign to elevate awareness of the need for milk in America's feeding programs and provide Americans a simple way to help. The program is designed to encourage consumers to make a simple donation - purchasing an extra gallon of milk - that Feeding America will deliver to local families who need it most. The goal of the campaign is to deliver two million gallons of milk to food banks across the country and Kansas residents can help meet that goal! To learn more about the Great American Milk Drive click the logo above.

Wichita State University VISTA Fellows Project

*by Teresa Strausz, Community Engagement and Learning Coordinator
Center for Community Support & Research, Wichita State University*



AmeriCorps VISTA, once known as Volunteers in Service to America, is a national and community service program administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, placing volunteers in poverty-fighting organizations all across the U.S. With passion, commitment, and hard work, VISTAs create or expand programs designed

to bring individuals and communities out of poverty.

Wichita State University Center for Community Support and Research (WSU-CCSR) has developed a WSU VISTA Fellows Project focused on connecting VISTAs with nonprofits in the Wichita Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and with local health departments statewide. VISTAs can help support your efforts in enhancing the Medicaid service system and your role in it as well as support your progress toward becoming a high-performing health department including assistance with the accreditation process. VISTAs serve 35-40 hours per week for a full year.

The next round of VISTA placements will occur in February 2015 and require application by September 1, 2014. Cost of becoming a host site is \$4,000 per VISTA and results in assistance with developing a successful project application, training for VISTA members and site supervisors, support throughout the year toward project goals and up to two organization consultations. For more information including application materials, contact Teresa Strausz at 316-978-6778, teresa.strausz@wichita.edu or visit their website by clicking the WSU logo.

Leadership Training for Public Health and Health Care Providers in the Great Plains

by Sara Roberts, Director Primary Care and Rural Health
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE

The [Great Plains Public Health Leadership Institute](#) (GPPHLI) provides slots for Kansas scholars to participate in the next GPPHLI cohort, beginning in September. The Rural Health Office at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has made available stipends of \$2,250 each for three scholars to attend. To be eligible for these stipends, scholars must either live in or serve rural communities. While the original deadline has passed, GPPHLI has extended the timeline for Kansas applicants. Individuals with questions about eligibility or the GPPHLI experience can contact Ashley Muninger at amuninger@kdheks.gov.

Tips from Former Smokers

by Laurie Harrison, Communications Coordinator
Bureau of Health Promotion, KDHE



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognizes that public health professionals and health care providers play a crucial role in helping tobacco users quit. Thus, CDC's Office of Smoking and Health (OSH) has created materials specifically for both groups to help support people to quit tobacco.

These materials are part of the CDC-OSH's [Tips from Former Smokers](#) national tobacco education campaign, which has been airing ads in every media market in the country for nine weeks since July 7. The Tips ads, in both English and Spanish, are appearing on television, radio, billboards and online; and in theaters, magazines and newspapers to encourage smokers to call 1-800-QUIT NOW or visit CDC.gov/tips for free help to quit. The campaign began in March 2012, and during its ad run in 2013, it produced more than 150,000 additional calls to 1-800-QUITNOW, the number that links callers to their state quitlines.

The newest ads feature health conditions that people don't commonly associate with cigarette use - gum disease, pre-term birth and complications associated with HIV - and continue to emphasize more common conditions like cancer. Ads and the real stories on each person featured are available for free on the Tips website.

The Tips website includes a web page specifically geared toward public health professionals and partners with resources such as powerpoint presentations, fact sheets, sample articles and information on how to help people quit tobacco. It also includes detailed information on how smoking is related to such diseases as asthma, Buerger's diseases, cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), diabetes, gum disease, heart disease, stroke and HIV. Click the CDC logo to learn more.

CDC wants to track how states are using the Tips campaign materials, so please contact Laurie Harrison, Bureau of Health Promotion Communications Coordinator, at 785-296-1820 or lharrison@kdhekd.gov if you're planning on using the materials, or if you want to brainstorm on how to use the Tips campaign in your work.



Amanda, 30, Wisconsin, smoked during pregnancy and had a premature baby.



Brett, 50, New Mexico, smoked and lost most of his teeth to gum disease.

Kansas Health Matters Has Updated Indicators

by Greg Crawford, Director, Vital Statistics Data Analysis
Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE

Kansas Health Matters has updated several indicators with the most current data available and modified two Medicaid Indicators. Kansas Health Matters site partner, Healthy Communities Institute (HCI), has also added or updated indicators.

The updated indicators are:

- Ratio of Population to Primary Care Physician
- Uninsured Adult Population Rate
- Public Water Supply Coliform Compliance
- Public Water Supply Nitrate Compliance



- Percent of WIC Mothers Breastfeeding Exclusively
- Average Monthly WIC Participation per 1,000 Population

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Medicaid Rate indicators have been revised to include a distinct count of members enrolled for the year, in Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, and/or Non-Medicaid programs (MediKan, TB, AIDS Drug Assistance, SOBRA, etc.). Revision of the indicators mean that any previous data for Medicaid Enrollment Rate and Medicaid Enrollment Rate Under 20 has been discarded and replaced with new rate information that can be found in the following named indicators.

- Kansas Medical Assistance Programs – Children per 1,000 Population, zero-19 Age-Group
- Kansas Medical Assistance Programs – Adults per 1,000 Population, 20-64 Age-Group

HCI has added life expectancy for females and life expectancy for males. HCI also replaced the outdated indicator foreclosure rate with foreclosure risk, which will be updated more regularly and must be viewed at the zip code level. Lastly, HCI made slight modifications to a few of the Healthy People 2020 indicator targets to match revised objectives.

Kansas Health Matters is a partnership for improving community health. Partners include Kansas Hospital Association, Kansas Health Institute, Kansas Health Foundation, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Association of Local Health Departments and Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved.

Accreditation Corner

Coming Soon: Kansas Public Health Workforce Assessment

by the Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



Partners from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, University of Kansas Masters of Public Health (MPH) Program, Kansas State University MPH program, and other public health organizations have been preparing for an assessment of the public health workforce in Kansas. Developing and delivering targeted education and training requires that the proficiency of the workforce be measured. Assessment results will help supply the information needed to identify, prioritize and develop training opportunities for the workforce around the state and in specific public health organizations; provide individuals with an opportunity to think about his/her strengths as a public health professional and areas in which he/she might want to seek additional training; and support each organization's

efforts toward accreditation. The questions in the assessment are based on the [Council on Linkages Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#) and are divided into the following key dimensions of public health practice:

- Communication
- Cultural Competency
- Analytical/Assessment
- Policy Development/Program Planning
- Community Dimensions of Practice
- Public Health Sciences
- Financial Planning and Management
- Leadership and Systems Thinking

Workgroup members have consulted with other states and county health departments that have conducted assessments in order to gain their insight in order to effectively conduct the Kansas assessment. The assessment will be first administered to over 1,000 employees at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, with local health departments participating in the assessment process later this summer. There will be a chance to win prizes for completing an assessment. We look forward to your participation!

ASTHO Webinar on Newest Accreditation Resources



The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) recently held a webinar on their newest accreditation resources. The webinar provides information needed to access and use ASTHO's accreditation resources. The new resources include:

- Customer Satisfaction Toolkit
- Strategic Planning Toolkit
- State Health Assessment Guide
- Quality Improvement Plan Toolkit



Click the ASTHO logo to access the slide deck from the presentation. To view the webinar click the ReadyTalk logo.

Funding Opportunities

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

Team Nutrition Applications - Deadline August 31

by Jill Ladd RD, LD, Team Nutrition Project Director
Child Nutrition and Wellness, KSDE



Power Panther Pals Primary Level (K-2) and Intermediate Level (3-5): Applications are being accepted for this eight week health education curriculum that incorporates nutrition education, physical activity and cooking/tasting activities. Sub-grant funding in the amount of \$5 per student is available to help implement the cooking/tasting activities. Participating classrooms will also receive a teacher implementation manual and student activity

booklets for every student.

Power Up! This eight week health education program curriculum for middle school students includes sub-grant funding, \$5 per student, to help cover the costs of cooking/tasting activities. Curriculum contains nutrition education, physical activity and self-esteem boosters for middle school students. Participating classrooms will also receive a teacher implementation manual and student activity booklets for every student.

Power Panther Professionals (Staff Wellness Program): Apply for this six to 12 week customizable staff wellness program designed for school personnel. Choose from three program offerings including MyPlate Basics, Wellness Everyday and Incorporating Nutrition Education and Physical Activity into Curriculum. Sub-grant funding in the amount of \$100 per participating school is available.

To download an application and additional information click the Kansas State Department of Education logo above. You may contact Jill Ladd at jladd@ksde.org or Emily Brinkman at ebrinkman@ksde.org with program questions.

KHF Recognition Grant Guidelines - Deadline September 15



Recognition Grants expand the Kansas Health Foundation's (KHF) support to a broad range of organizations throughout the state. While the majority of the Foundation's funding is through invited proposals, the Recognition Grants program is designed to fund unsolicited requests. It is targeted for organizations and agencies proposing meaningful and charitable projects that fit within the Foundation's mission of improving the health of all Kansans.

In addition to supporting projects, the Foundation also seeks to support initiatives that focus on promoting policy, systems and environmental (PSE) transformations that support health. PSE initiatives that affect all aspects of health, including social factors that contribute to a healthy population may be considered. Funding may be used to support the following activities of the proposed initiative: strategic communication, coalition building, data collection to inform or support an initiative or non-lobbying advocacy actions.

Recognition Grants are grants of up to \$25,000 per organization. Using a competitive process, the Foundation will award as much as \$2 million annually to Recognition Grant projects. The application deadline is September 15. To learn more click the KHF logo.

Training and Conference Announcements

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

2014 Population Health Webinar Series: Kansas Health Matters

KANSAS HEALTH Matters

Have you checked out Kansas Health Matters for your community's latest health data? The State Office of Rural Health is hosting a series of population health webinars to highlight a variety of statewide programs/services that impact population health in Kansas. Join the webinar on Wednesday, August 6, 12-12:45 p.m. to learn more from Sarah Hartsig, Kansas Health Institute, about [Kansas Health Matters](#), a website developed to help hospitals, health departments, community members and policy makers learn about the health of the community and ways to help improve it. Sarah will also discuss the upcoming changes and new face of Kansas Health Matters that will be rolled out at the end of the year.

The site provides local health data, resources, promising practices, news articles and funding opportunities related to important health issues. The intent is to give communities the tools they need to read and understand the public health indicators that affect the quality of residents' lives. Information is available for each county, for public health preparedness regions and for the state as a whole.

Kansas Health Matters was created by the Kansas Health Matters Partnership, a collaboration that had the following founding organizations: Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved; Kansas Association of Local Health Departments; Kansas Department of Health and Environment; Kansas Health Foundation; Kansas Health Institute and the Kansas Hospital Association.

Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Training - Various Dates and Locations

The Kansas Optimizing Health Program (KOHP) would like to invite you to be a Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) leader. As a trained leader you will be certified to facilitate CDSMP workshops; workshops meet once a week, for six weeks. Each workshop is facilitated by two trained leaders, at least one of whom is living with an ongoing health condition.



This is a great opportunity to:

- help others learn to take control of a chronic condition and improve their quality of life
- provide a valuable educational program in the community
- form new and lasting relationships

Upcoming CDSMP leader training opportunities are scheduled for:

- August 18, 19, 28, 29 in Wichita
- October 20, 21, 27, 28 in Olathe
- November 17, 18, 19, 20 in Cimarron

This training will be from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on each day listed above, and registrants must attend each day of the training in full to receive certification. Training materials will be provided. Registrants may be eligible to be reimbursed for their travel expenses if they have traveled at least 20 miles to attend the training.

For more information about the program click the image above. Read and submit completed [applications](#) and questions to Ariel Capes at acapes@kdheks.gov or 785-296-1627, as soon as possible.

We would love for you to join our team. Space is limited, so don't wait. Get your application in today.

10th Annual Working Well Conference Coming up in Wichita - August 25 - 26

by Becky Tuttle, Director of Wellness Initiatives
Greater Wichita YMCA



Please plan to attend the 10th Annual Working Well Conference on August 26 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Wichita. The conference provides an opportunity for professionals interested in worksite wellness programs to hear from national and local experts, network with worksite wellness practitioners and meet vendors who offer services to increase the efficacy of wellness programs. The conference is hosted by the Health and Wellness Coalition of Wichita and also offers a Pre-Conference on August 25 from 1 - 5 p.m.

The theme of this year's Pre-Conference and Conference is leadership. Participants will learn how worksite wellness leaders don't have to come from the C-suite or have the coveted corner office. They just have to be passionate and understand how to make creating a culture of wellness at their workplace a priority for everyone.

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For more information on the conference, speaker biographies, and registration information, click the Working Well Conference logo, or contact Becky Tuttle at becky.tuttle@ymcawichita.org.

8th Annual Kansas Built Environment and the Outdoors Summit - September 16 - 18



Featuring new sessions and speakers on economics, advocacy and funding, the 8th Annual Built Environment and the Outdoors Summit (BEOS) is set for September 16 - 18 in the historic Hotel at Old Town in Wichita. Registration is now open for the September 2014 Conference.

The BEOS creates a statewide forum for the diverse stakeholders and advocates of the built environment - the systems and structures which make, "the healthy choice, the easy choice." The Sunflower Foundation is proud to help support a conference designed for learning, networking and inspiration by top-notch speakers and fellow participants.

Early registration rates are available until July 31, with special group rates to encourage team attendance. Due to limited space, early registration is strongly advised. To register for the conference and learn about the exceptional conference room rates at the Hotel at Old Town, click the image above.

Kansas Breastfeeding Coalitions Conference - September 25 - 26



Kansas
Breastfeeding
Coalition, Inc.

*by Virginia Elliott, Vice President for Programs
United Methodist Health Ministry Fund*

The first Kansas Health Summit on Breastfeeding will be held at the Kansas Leadership Center and Kansas Health Foundation Conference Center in Wichita on Thursday, Sept. 25. The summit offers an opportunity for leaders from multiple sectors to be part of an important conversation about smart strategies for improving breastfeeding rates in Kansas. The program will explore barriers to breastfeeding and opportunities for improving breastfeeding rates in Kansas, which currently fall below national averages.

Keynote speakers include Robert Moser, MD, Secretary and State Health Officer, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Todd Wolynn, MD, MMM, IBCLC, founder and CEO of the National Breastfeeding Center. The Kansas Health Summit on Breastfeeding is being sponsored by the Kansas Health Foundation and the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund. Click the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition, Inc. logo for registration information.

71st Annual Public Health Association Conference - September 29 - October 1



by the KPHA Conference Committee

Register today for the 71st Annual Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) Conference to be held at the Ramada Topeka Downtown Hotel and Convention Center, September 29 - October 1. The KPHA conference committee hopes you will join them for this exciting conference. Conference sessions will focus on the theme of "Health is Where You Live." The conference brochure provides session descriptions for all plenary and breakout sessions. The brochure and registration for this event is online by clicking the conference logo. If you have any questions, please contact the Wichita State University conference office by phone at 316-978-6493 or conference.office@wichita.edu.

Lactation Counselor Training Course and Certified Lactation Counselor Certification Exam September 29 - October 3



*by Linda Redding, Nursing Supervisor
Riley County Health Department*

Kansas has a unique opportunity for providers who offer lactation support. This fall the Center for Breastfeeding will be in Manhattan to offer Lactation Counselor Training Course and Certified Lactation Counselor Certificate.

The Lactation Counselor Training Course will afford the opportunity to take the core competencies, the Lactation Assessment Tool Competency (LAT) and the exam to become a Certified Lactation Counselor® (CLC®) as designated through the Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice (ALPP). Research has shown that when healthcare providers take a course such as the Lactation Counselor Training Course and change practice, breastfeeding exclusivity and duration rates increase.

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This five-day course is geared toward anyone who wants to obtain a strong, up-to-date, evidence based foundation in breastfeeding knowledge and skills, and achieve the National Certification as a certified Lactation Counselor. Continuing education contact hours are available.

This training will be offered in Manhattan September 29 - October 3. Click [here](#) for more details and registration information.

2014 Population Health Webinar Series: Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative Recording



The State Office of Rural Health hosted the webinar 2014 Population Health Webinar Series: Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative on July 9. The webinar featured guest speaker Dr. Jodi Jackson, Vice-Chair, Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative. Click the Kansas Department of Health and Environment logo to access the presentation slides. Click the image on the left to access the webinar recording.



For more information on the Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative, please contact Dr. Jodi Jackson, KPQC Vice-Chair at jjackson@cmh.edu or Dr. Sue Hall, KPQC Chair, at suehallmd@gmail.com. Contact the State Office of Rural Health at ruralhealth@kdheks.gov, for more information on the 2014 Population Health Webinar Series.

News and Resources

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

Population Health and Preparedness State Wide Call



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a monthly Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Call the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next call will be August 26. To view minutes from the monthly calls click the KDHE logo.

Laboratory Quality and Safety After Recent Lab Incidents



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) held a press briefing in July on recent laboratory incidents, including the Anthrax Incident After Action. The [Report on the Potential Exposures to Anthrax](#) provides details of the incident, including an appendix on the latest influenza lab incident, as well as outlining a number of steps that they are taking. During the press briefing, Dr. Tom Frieden, Director, CDC, talked about each of the incidents as symptoms of a greater issue, one that shows that improvement is needed in safety and quality with an emphasis on the culture of safety. To read the full press briefing transcript click the CDC Logo.

52 Community Hospitals Commit to Healthier Environments



The Kansas Hospital Association has received signed pledges from 52 hospital CEOs across the state committed to examining their current food and beverage practices and considering putting in place new policies to provide healthier food options in the hospital cafeteria and throughout the facility. This enhanced access to healthy food aims to positively impact hospital employees, patients and visitors, while also helping to establish norms for healthier living for the communities served. Participating hospitals represent 20,840 plus employees and 107,953 plus patients discharged each year who utilize the onsite amenities at the hospitals. As the primary source of health care in many communities, hospitals have the opportunity to influence the health decisions of the public by the food and beverage choices they offer. Participating hospitals will consider adopting recommendations made by the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation's Healthy Kansas Hospitals (HKH) initiative. Changes to food and beverage policies being made as part of participation in the initiative, include increasing the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables, eliminating fried foods, adding healthier items to vending machines and adding nutrition labeling for meals in the cafeteria. To read more about the initiative click the HKH logo.

Compendium of Strategies to Prevent Healthcare Associated Infections in Acute Care Hospitals



The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) has published an update to their Compendium of Strategies to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections in Acute Care Hospitals. The Compendium synthesizes best evidence for the prevention of surgical site infections, central line-associated bloodstream infections, catheter-associated urinary tract infections, ventilator-associated pneumonia, Clostridium difficile and MRSA; highlights basic and advanced approaches for outbreak management; and recommends performance and accountability measures. Strategies to prevent ventilator-associated pneumonia and a hand hygiene guide should be available by the end of summer 2014. To read more about the report click the SHEA logo

Sleep Environment Risks for Younger and Older Infants

PEDIATRICS® New research identifies greatest risk factors for sleep-related infant deaths. In an article published in the July 14 issue of [Pediatrics](#), researchers from Children's Mercy Hospital, the University of Kansas, Children's National Health System and the Kansas Infant Death and SIDS (KIDS) Network found risk factors for sleep-related infant deaths may be different for different age groups. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and other sleep-related causes of infant mortality have several known risk factors. However, less was known about the association of those risk factors at different times during infancy. The researchers analyzed data from over 8,000 infant deaths from across 24 states during 2004-2012. The research funded by the CJ Foundation for SIDS found the predominant risk for younger infants, zero-three months, is bedsharing, while rolling to prone/stomach position, with objects in the sleep area, is the predominant risk for older infants, four-11 months.

ASTHO's Recordings on Health Systems Transformation Webinars



A recording of the webinar, How State Health Agencies Can Use Community Health Assessments to Promote Health Equity, is now available on the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) website. The webinar features presentations from state health agency leaders and community health needs assessment (CHNA) experts on how CHNAs can lead to programs and policies that eliminate health disparities. During the webinar, there was not time to answer several questions from participants. The presenters answered these questions separately in a Q&A available along with the archived webinar. Click the ASTHO logo to view this webinar and past presentations.

Planning Before You Communicate Tool Demonstrated in COPPHI Open Forum Workshop



In June the Community of Practice for Public Health Improvement (COPPHI) Open Forum for Quality Improvement in Public Health, leaders and practitioners of quality improvement initiatives in health departments learned a new approach to Planning Before You Communicate, with the demonstration of a tool from the Public Health Foundation (PHF). Learn more about this new tool and a Strategic Communications Planning Workshop that are designed to help your organization create an effective plan to reach your target audience in the right place, at the right time, with the right message. Click the PHF logo to learn more.

Economic Impact of Integrated Medical-Behavioral Healthcare



A report entitled *Economic Impact of Integrated Medical-Behavioral Healthcare, Implications for Psychiatry* Report shows treating patients with chronic medical and comorbid mental health/substance use (MH/SU) disorder conditions can be more than twice as costly as treating those who don't have the comorbid MH/SUD conditions. The report, prepared by Milliman, Inc. and commissioned by the American Psychiatric Association, attributes most of the increased cost for those with comorbid MH/SUD conditions to medical services rather than behavioral health, creating a significant opportunity for savings on the medical side through integration of behavioral and medical services. The report projects that integration would save between \$26.3 billion and \$48.3 billion annually. The report also examines commercial payers, Medicare and Medicaid, with breakdowns by diagnosis. To read more about this report click on the Milliman logo.

Crisis Standards of Care: Lessons from Committees Building Their Plans - Workshop in Brief



The Institute of Medicine (IOM) recently released Crisis Standards of Care: Lessons from Committees Building Their Plans - Workshop in Brief. This workshop brief is the product of a session the IOM hosted at the 2014 Public Health Preparedness Summit to further the work on Crisis Standards of Care and the fair and ethical allocation of scarce resources during a medical or public health emergency. The discussions during the session highlighted the critical role key stakeholders and facilitators play in developing Crisis Standards of Care frameworks within various disciplines, and how integrating medical surge plans into the emergency management system could improve disaster preparedness. Click the IOM logo to read the workshop brief.

Using Driver Diagrams to Address Population Health Challenges: Oral Health Care



In May, the Public Health Foundation (PHF) convened an interdisciplinary team of experts in quality improvement, oral health, epidemiology, and public health practice, to help identify and map drivers that can lead to increased use of oral health care, and develop the Population Health Driver Diagram to Increase Use of Oral Health Care. Download the driver diagram and learn about the next steps for this initiative by clicking the image on the left.

Public Health 2030: A Scenario Exploration



The Institute for Alternative Futures recently facilitated the Public Health 2030 project which was supported by the Kresge Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Results from this project can be found in the report, Public Health 2030: A Scenario Exploration. The report states that the public health community is currently situated at the fulcrum of many of society's greatest challenges. Population health, chronic disease, emergency preparedness and even the more familiar ground of infectious disease are all fraught with uncertainties to which public health will need to respond in the years to come. Such responses will often require significant changes from the kinds of responses public health agencies have utilized in the past. The four alternative public health scenarios presented in the [Public Health 2030: A Scenario Exploration](#) invites readers to recognize that the future is uncertain, but can be bounded using the knowledge we have today. Further, public health leaders have an opportunity to influence which future unfolds and how. This report seeks to equip these leaders with a broader awareness of the relevant trends and forces so that they can more skillfully shape the future of public health.

County Support for Local Health Departments: 2014



The Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) recently released a report by Dennis Kriesel, Senior Policy Analyst, Kansas Association of Counties, on County Support for Local Health Departments: 2014. This report is an examination of county-level support in Kansas for local health departments. It focuses on the details of those counties using a local health fund, as a local health fund allows for a more specific examination of sources of income. However, since all 105 counties provide some level of local health department support, information regarding all counties is also provided. To view the complete report, click the KALHD logo.

Job Openings

Flint Hills Community Health Center

The Flint Hills Community Health Center is accepting applications for the following positions:

- [Licensed Practical Nurse \(LPN\)](#)
- [Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner](#)



Geary County Health Department

The Geary County Health Department is accepting applications for the following position:

- [WIC Licensed/Registered Dietitian](#)



Johnson County Health and Environment

The Johnson County Health and Environment is accepting applications for the following position:

- [Advanced Practice Registered Nurse](#)



Kansas Department of Health and Environment

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is accepting applications for the following positions:

- [Health Facility Surveyor](#)
- [Health Facility Surveyor II](#)



Pottawatomie County Health Department

The Pottawatomie County Health Department is accepting applications for the following position:

- [Public Health Nurse](#)



Reno County Health Department

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

- [Health Educator](#)
- [Registered Dietitian Part-Time](#)



Sedgwick County Health Department

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

- [Community Health Nurse](#)
- [Dental Hygienist](#)
- [Director of Health Department](#)
- [Medical Assistant - TB Control Program](#)
- [Registered Dietician](#)
- [WIC Site Supervisor](#)



Shawnee County Health Department

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

- [Family Health Division Manager](#)
- [Fetal Infant Mortality review Coordinator/Abstractor](#)
- [Medical Director](#)
- [Mid-Level Practitioner](#)



Wyandotte County Health Department

The Wyandotte County Health Department is accepting applications for the following position:

- [Nurse Practitioner](#)



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