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Kansas Tribal Health Summit held August 19

by the Office of Communications, KDHE



The second Kansas Tribal Health Summit was conducted on August 19, 2014, which was the first time that all four of the state’s sovereign nations met together to discuss tribal health issues. KDHE convened the Summit as part of its ongoing Healthy Kansas Tribes project, which was initiated in 2012. The department is supporting the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, and the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska in their efforts to each complete a Community Health Assessment based on input from their respective

members. At the Summit, facilitated work sessions were held with each of the four tribes to initiate discussion about prioritizing the results of their Community Health Assessments and formulating a Community Health Improvement Plan for each tribe. Dr. Moser presented several sessions during the Summit, and numerous other department staff contributed their time and energy to making it a success. The Healthy Kansas Tribes project links closely with the Healthy Kansans 2020 effort, and hopefully will be a continued collaborative venture between KDHE and the state’s sovereign nations.

Be Ready!
September is
National Preparedness Month

September - Preparedness Month Fun

*by Fred the Preparedness Dog, Preparedness Program
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



September is National Preparedness Month - my favorite time of year! This month the entire preparedness community likes to get the word out about getting ourselves, our families, our pets and our communities ready for disasters and emergencies. This year is no different; Michael and I have been working with our partners to come up with some new ways for kids to think about preparedness.

One of the things you will see in September is a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) on your television, starring me. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), has provided a 30-second video to many of the cable networks that cover Kansas. The PSA references another new Preparedness Month activity - the launch of the [Fred the Preparedness Dog](#) website. The website has activities and resources for children, parents, schools, and partners to help share information about our preparedness work. The website will host coloring pages, games, and fun facts for kids to help them be prepared. And finally, starting in September, you will be able to download the Fred the Preparedness Dog App, which will be available in the iTunes store. A link to the app will be on the website too. This app features games and puzzles that are preparedness themed and aimed at



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the six to 12 year old age range. Many of these games and puzzles are animated versions of the pages in my activity book.



As many of you know, I love to get out as much as I possibly can to meet with children and families and help share information about preparedness. Last year I traveled over 7,000 miles across Kansas and met with over 5,500 Kansans. I have attended health fairs, community events, pet events, schools, career days and all kinds of events that families, children and my preparedness friends attend. I love to tour Kansas and do it as much as possible, but sometimes I have to consider Michael's "office job". Michael and I travel during the entire year - so check your calendar! The earlier you contact us the more likely we can make it to your community. If you have an upcoming event and would like to have me over for a visit, please email me at fredpreparedness@kdheks.gov.

During September, Preparedness Month, we will be traveling to meet friends across the state to share our tips for preparedness. Feel free to chat with me at one of these events or drop me a line about visiting your community. Here are the events Michael and I have so far on our schedule for September:

- 9/4 - Anderson County Safety Fair, Garnett, 4:30 - 7 p.m.
- 9/8 - Preparedness Day at the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 9/10 - Radiation Control Program Conference, Topeka, 10 - 11 a.m.
- 9/10 - Kick Off Day of Service at Harvesters, Topeka, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
- 9/13 - Emergency Services Showcase, Topeka, 1 - 4 p.m.
- 9/20 - Foot Steps to a Cure Alzheimer's Walk, Abilene, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 9/21 - Leavenworth Road Association, Kansas City, 2 - 4 p.m.
- 9/27 - Walnut River Festival, El Dorado, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 9/30 - Kansas Public Health Association Conference, Topeka, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

In the Spotlight - Finney County Coalition Semifinalist of Way to Wellville Contest

*by Ashley Goss, Administrator
Finney County Health Department*



The Finney County Community Health Coalition (Coalition) was recently notified that their [Way to Wellville](#) proposal made the top seven semifinalists list, but regretfully did not survive the next cut. The HICcup, Way to Wellville is a national challenge contest for communities to make significant, visible and lasting improvement in five measures of health and economic vitality. The HICcup Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded by angel investor, Esther Dyson, to encourage a rethinking of how individuals and communities produce health.

Finney County is a very diverse community in the heart of farming and cattle country located in Southwest Kansas. Since 2012, the growth of the community has been amazing with strong industrial partners and developers investing in the community. A soon-to-be-opened, large commercial shopping center and vibrant downtown makes Garden City the focus of Western Kansas. Expansive new housing units are not being built fast enough to keep up with the demand of new people coming to the area. Over 20 languages are spoken in the community and it is considered a minority/majority county.

As a semi-finalist the Coalition provided a five year plan to make changes in their community including the objectives to:

1. Achieve a 10 percent reduction of total families at Family Crisis Services by 2019.
2. Decrease the rate of obese youth and adults in Finney County by 10 percent by year 2019.
3. Increase the number of patient blood draws by 25 percent at health fairs to be screened for diabetes and increase the number of diabetes patient medical visits in Finney County by 10 percent.
4. Decrease the rate of youth and adult tobacco users in Finney County by 10 percent by year 2019.
5. Increase rate of participation by 10 percent in active community programs and activities.

Through the work on this proposal the Coalition has garnered new enthusiasm to keep guiding its communities on the path to wellness. Congratulations Finney County partners on your recent recognition and efforts to continue to improve the health of your citizens.



Mosier Named DHCF Director



Robert Moser, MD, Secretary and State Health Officer, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, has named Susan Mosier, MD, as the Director of the Division of Health Care Finance (DHCF). Dr. Mosier has been serving as the Acting Director of DHCF since May of 2014.

"I am happy to announce that Dr. Mosier will continue on as the permanent Director of DHCF," said Dr. Robert Moser. "Her experience makes her uniquely qualified for the position." Dr. Susan Mosier has been the KDHE Medicaid Director since March of 2012, and will continue in that role. Prior to taking the role of Medicaid Director, Dr. Mosier owned Mosier Eye Care in Manhattan. She also represented the 67 District in the Kansas House of Representatives from 2011 until March of 2012, when she resigned the seat to become Medicaid Director.

"I look forward to continuing to serve the Medicaid program, the State of Kansas and KDHE in these positions," said Dr. Susan Mosier. Dr. Susan Mosier earned her Bachelor's Degree from Kansas State University, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin, Red McCombs School of Business. Mosier went on to receive her Doctor of Medicine at the University of Kansas and completed her residency at the University of Iowa.

KALHD Hires Thompson as Workforce Development Project Specialist



by Jane Shirley, Director, Center for Population Health and Local Public Health Program
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is pleased to announce that the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) has hired Lori Thompson as the new Workforce Development Project Specialist. Thompson is housed in the Bureau of Community Health Systems at KDHE. Thompson will be collaborating with local health departments and the Kansas Public Health Workforce Development Coordinating Council in determining workforce training needs, plan development and identifying or facilitating development of courses following the completion of the public health workforce needs assessment that will be launched in September. Lori comes to the position with a background in community college curriculum development and oversight, academic advising, faculty and staff relations and program outreach. Lori can be reached at ljthompson@kdheks.gov or 785-296-2742.

Diabetes Self-Management Program Leader Training



by Ariel Capes, Public Health Educator
Bureau of Health Promotion, KDHE

The Kansans Optimizing Health Program (KOHP) is offering you the opportunity to become a Diabetes Self-Management Program (DSMP) leader. As a trained leader you will be certified to facilitate DSMP 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 diabetes. To find out more information about this program, visit the Stanford website by clicking on the energy ball logo above.

The next DSMP leader training opportunity is scheduled for:

- September 4, 5, 11 and 12 in Hays at First Care Clinic

This training will be from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on each day listed above. Registrants must attend each day of the training in full to receive certification and reimbursement. Training materials will be provided.

Those who attend the leader training may be eligible for reimbursement for their travel expenses if they have traveled at least 20 miles to attend the training. Meals and lodging will be paid in accordance with [federal per diem](#) as well as mileage reimbursement at 0.56 cents/mile.

Any questions about the program, contact Ariel Capes at 785-296-1627. Space is limited, so submit your application in today.

Strategic Planning Learning Sessions - Setting the Roadmap for the Future



by Sarah Hartsig, Analyst
Kansas Health Institute

Mark your calendars to attend one of two in-person sessions to assist you in creating a strategic plan. The sessions will be held on Tuesday, October 7, in Dodge City and Thursday, October 30, in Topeka, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The registration deadline is Friday, September 12. Early registration is recommended. Please register on [KS-TRAIN](#), Course ID# 1051461.

In order to maximize the effectiveness of the day, participants will be asked to complete a

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small amount of pre-session work. These sessions are recommended for individuals who have completed a Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP); however, completion of these documents is not required. These sessions will meet the attendance requirements for Accreditation-Readiness Mini-Grants. Please contact Mary Beth Warren at 620-235-4040 or mwarren2@kumc.edu with questions. These sessions are brought to you by the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the University of Kansas Area Health Education Centers, iBossWell and the Kansas Health Institute.

National Influenza Honor Roll Qualifiers Announced

by IAC Express



The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) urges qualifying healthcare organizations to apply for its [Influenza Vaccination Honor Roll](#). The honor roll recognizes hospitals, medical practices, professional organizations, health departments and government entities that have taken a stand for patient safety by implementing mandatory influenza vaccination policies for healthcare personnel. More than 400 organizations are now enrolled. Since July 29, when [IAC Express](#) last reported on the Influenza Vaccination Honor Roll, seven healthcare organizations have been enrolled. Newly added healthcare organizations, medical practices and public health agencies include Norton County Health Department, Norton, KS.

Fuel Up to Play 60: Empowering Students to Create Change in Kansas

by Marley Sugar, RD, LD, Health & Wellness Program Manager
Midwest Dairy Council



More than 1,230 schools in Kansas are enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60, representing engagement in the program in 77 percent of all schools in the state. Fuel Up to Play 60 is the largest in-school nutrition and physical activity program in the country and helping to improve the overall health of the next generation. Students at Walton Rural Life Center are wasting less food and paying more attention in class, thanks to learning about the food they eat from local farmers and the implementation of fun in-school physical activities, all a part of their Fuel Up to Play 60 initiatives. As a result of From Farm to School lesson plans, the students are paying more attention to what they eat and how it got to their plates, and teachers are noticing a decrease in student food waste at lunch.

In addition to the Farm to School lesson plans, Walton has also implemented Movin' and Groovin' time into students' daily routines. Students are separated by age groups and participate in various physical activities throughout the week. Activities range from going outside and walking to dancing in the classroom. Teachers have reported that they have seen better attention, less behavior problems and more time on task. "We feel keeping the kids active will help them in the classroom," says Fuel Up to Play 60 program advisor Jim Brown. "Getting the body moving seems to get the kids ready to learn." With the support of teachers and administration, students have really enjoyed the physical activities. "The kids really miss it if something keeps them from having Movin' and Groovin' time," says Brown.



To learn more and to sign up to be a Program Advisor today, click the Fuel Up to Play 60 logo. What is a Program Advisor? Program Advisors are the coaches of their in-school team, helping to recruit other adults and students to join. They engage and empower students to implement Fuel Up to Play 60, plus they're eligible for funding, rewards and recognition opportunities. Be the first to sign up as a Program Advisor at your school and be entered to win a Fuel Up to Play 60 Prize Pack to share with your team.

Join and sign up at FuelUpToPlay60.com today.

Rural Health Grant Writing Toolkit Available

by Ashely Muninger, Rural Health Analyst
Bureau of Community Health services, KDHE

A [Rural Health Grant Writing Toolkit](#) was developed by the Kansas Office of Rural Health to assist rural partners in preparing and writing successful grant proposals. The Toolkit includes links to resources on grant writing and locating funding opportunities. For more information, contact ruralhealth@kdheks.gov.

Accreditation Corner

Resources and Training Opportunities for Public Health Ethics



by NACCHO

Did you know that the Public Health Accreditation Board's (PHAB) Standards and Measures Version 1.5 contains an ethics requirement? The new measure, 11.1.2 A, requires that health departments document that they identify ethical issues and make ethical decisions. Visit the National Association of City County Health Official's new Public Health Ethics [website](#) to access resources that will equip you with the insights and skills needed to address ethical issues that arise in the practice of public health. Take the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Good Decision Making in Real Time: Public Health Ethics Training for Local Health Departments course on [KS-TRAIN](#) Course ID# 1050250, with the option of obtaining continuing education units (CEUs), or peruse a variety of materials covering different aspects of public health ethics. The website serves as a portal through which you can learn more about CDC/NACCHO ethics projects, PHAB ethics requirements and ethical considerations associated with specific sub-disciplines of public health.

Kansas Public Health Workforce Assessment Has Launched

by *Cristi Cain, Certified Prevention Professional, Public Health Specialist, Local Public Health Program Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*

Partners from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), KUMC-MPH Program, Kansas State University MPH program and other public health organizations have been preparing for an assessment of the entire 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-specifically in Domain 8 of the national Public Health Accreditation Board Standards and Measures. 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 is currently being administered to employees at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. As of August 26, KDHE had a 72 percent response rate, with over 1,000 employees completing the assessment.

Local health departments will participate in the assessment process in early September. There will be a chance for local health department staff to win VISA gift cards for completing an assessment. Local health department administrators with the highest participation rates will also be eligible for incentives. For more information, please contact Cristi Cain at 785-296-3641 or ccain@kdheks.gov.

Funding Opportunities

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

New Funding Opportunity for LHD Accreditation Preparation Support - Deadline September 12

from NACCHO



The National Association of City County Health Officials (NACCHO) is excited to announce a funding opportunity for local health departments. With funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office for state, tribal, local & territorial support, NACCHO will offer a fourth year of [Accreditation Support Initiative \(ASI\) awards](#). These awards are intended to stimulate quality improvement and promote the readiness of health

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departments to seek voluntary national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Potential project activities include efforts to meet the identified PHAB prerequisites, achievement of PHAB standards and measures, and offsetting accreditation fees. In addition to monetary support, selected site will also receive technical assistance from NACCHO and connections to peers in the field.

The Request For Applications (RFA) for the ASI 2014-2015 awards was made available, via *accreditNATION* and on NACCHO's website at www.naccho.org/fees during the week of August 18. Application requirements and full details about the ASI opportunity are provided in the Request for Applications (RFA) and the application reference document. Applications, via the online submission form, are due by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, September 12.

NACCHO recommends you view its [standard contract language](#) because it cannot be modified if an award is received. Questions about this upcoming opportunity can be directed to asi@naccho.org. Make sure you are subscribed to *accreditNATION* to receive the full RFA.

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 or apply, click the KHF logo.

RWJF Seeks Applicants for its Culture of Health Prize - Deadline September 17



The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), Culture of Health Prize was launched to further the work of the [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#) program. The prize celebrates communities that have placed a priority on

health and are creating powerful partnerships and deep commitments to make change. Presented annually by the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), the call for application is currently underway and all places - large, small, and in between - are invited to apply. In 2015, up to 10 winning communities will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize and the chance to share their accomplishments with the nation. The first phase of applications are due September 17. More information, including eligibility requirements, can be found online by clicking on the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps logo.

from NACCHO

Training and Conference Announcements

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

Fall 2014 Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds Series - Now through December 10

*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 until December 10 (sessions will **not** be held on October 1, November 19 or 26). Each session will run during the lunch hour, from 12 - 1 p.m., and will be broadcast via Adobe Connect Webconferencing System.

Planned topics include:

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- 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.

Local Public Health Leadership Series - Central Kansas Session - Deadline October 1



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 Central Kansas for Winter 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.



For central Kansas sessions - Wichita:

- November 17-18
- December 15-16
- January 12-13
- February 11-12

If you are interested, the application can be accessed by clicking the KALHD logo. Send the completed application to kristina.helmer@wichita.edu by October 1.

Save the dates for eastern Kansas sessions - Ottawa (enrollment coming soon):

- January 26-27, 2015
- February 25-26, 2015
- March 30-31, 2015
- April 13-14, 2015

Regional Public Health Meeting - Topeka - September 9

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



Don't miss the opportunity to attend the last summer 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. The meeting is designed for the local public health department administrator; however, any staff person interested in a particular topic is welcome to attend.

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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 in preparing for an extreme heat event.

To attend the Regional Public Health Meeting on September 9 in Topeka, 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.

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.

To register for the conference and learn about the exceptional conference room rates at the Hotel at Old Town, click the image above.

Kansas Immunization Program Conference - September 16 – 18 - Registration Deadline September 2



Registration is now open for the Kansas Immunization Conference - "Immunizations: The Cycle of Success!" to be held September 16 - 18 at the Wichita Marriot. Featured speakers include Dr. John Eplee, president of the Kansas Medical Society; Dr. William Atkinson, Associate Director for Immunization Education at the Immunization Action Coalition in Minnesota; Jill Roark, Health Communication Specialist and expert in HVP; and Andy Marso, a meningitis survivor, health reporter and author. For more information about the conference and to register, click the conference logo.

Kansas Breastfeeding Coalitions Conference - September 25 - 26

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



Kansas
Breastfeeding
Coalition, Inc.

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, September 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

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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.

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



The Kansans 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:

- 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.

5th Annual Health Literacy Missouri Summit - October 23 - 24



The 5th Annual Health Literacy Missouri Summit will be held at the Hilton President hotel in Kansas City, MO, October 23 - 24. The event will gather hundreds of health care professionals in Missouri and Kansas as they take part in skill-building workshops, sit in on panel sessions, and celebrate the achievements of some of the states' and nation's top health literacy scholars and practitioners. Topics include:

- Controlling health care costs while improving quality
- Cultural agility: Techniques for navigating health care with vulnerable populations
- How health literacy impacts health reform and the marketplace
- Resilience, empathy and mindfulness as a path to health literacy

[Click here](#) to register. Event partners include the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region VII, Center for Health Policy (University of Missouri), St. Luke's Hospital (Kansas City), Kansas University Medical Center, the Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City, Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, Health Literacy Kansas, Health Literacy Missouri and Kansas Head Start Association. The summit is sponsored by the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City.

MRCKC Training Videos for Volunteers in Disasters

by the Medical Reserve Corps of Greater Kansas City



The [Medical Reserve Corps of Greater Kansas City](#) (MRCKC) in partnership with the KS-TRAIN team have developed five online modules using the MRCKC volunteer training videos which are posted to TRAIN. The videos were developed to meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency guidelines for Disaster Shelters mandating the integration of functional needs individuals into the general population. Recognizing that most volunteers lacked the knowledge and skills to care for these individuals, particularly in a disaster situation, the

MRCKC nursing committee adopted the concept of utilizing short just-in-time training videos to assist non-medical volunteers in caring for functional needs individuals. MRCKC received the support of the Kansas City Chapter of the American Red Cross and the committee, research was conducted and procedures were written utilizing best practices to validate the subject matter. Kansas learners can access the MRC volunteer training modules at <http://ks.train.org>, for all other learners go to www.train.org.

- MRCKC Training Videos for Volunteers in Disaster Shelters-The Basics, Course ID# 1049068
- MRCKC Training Videos for Volunteers in Disaster Shelters-Medical Equipment, Course ID# 1049316
- MRCKC Training Videos for Volunteers in Disaster Shelters-Physical Care Course, ID# 1049317
- MRCKC Training Videos for Volunteers in Disaster Shelters-Psychological Course, ID# 1049318
- MRCKC Training Videos for Volunteers in Disaster Shelters-Miscellaneous Course, ID# 1049319

Population Health Webinar - Kansas Health Matters Recording Available for Viewing



from the [Kansas Rural Health Information Service \(KRHIS\)](#)

The Kansas Office of Rural Health hosted the "2014 Population Health Webinar Series: Kansas Health Matters," webinar on August 6. Click the Kansas Department of Health and Environment logo to access the slides from the presentation.

Click the link to access the webinar recording. For more information or to provide feedback on the [Kansas Health Matters](#) website, please contact Sarah Hartsig at 785-233-5443 or shartsig@khi.org.

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 September 23 at 10 a.m. To view minutes from the monthly calls click the KDHE logo.

ASTHO Webinar Recording on How to Promote Health Equity



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 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 question and answer document which is available along with the archived webinar.

Economic Impact of Integrated Medical-Behavioral Healthcare - Implications for Psychiatry



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 an estimated \$26 - \$48 billion can potentially be saved annually through effective integration of medical and behavioral services. The report also examines commercial payers, Medicare and Medicaid, with breakdowns by diagnosis.

Registered Nurses are Delaying Retirement



A new [study](#) being released by Health Affairs finds the size of the registered nurse (RN) workforce has surpassed forecasts from a decade ago, growing to 2.7 million in 2012 instead of peaking at 2.2 million as predicted. One less-noticed factor in this "[nursing boom](#)" is the decision by a growing number of RNs to delay retirement. Among RNs working at the age of 50 from 1991 to 2012, 24 percent continued working at age 69.

Policy Changes That Can Affect Issues

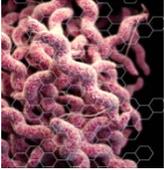


Where individuals live, work and play can influence healthy and unhealthy behaviors. Policy changes that can affect issues like affordable housing, school and public transit, and access to parks and playgrounds shape individuals' access to physical activity. A new [infographic](#) from the Institute of Medicine highlights the intersecting landscape of population health and public policy in helping communities put physical activity on the map. Additional information is available [online](#).

2014 National Preparedness Report

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its partners recently released the [2014 National Preparedness Report](#). Developed to meet the requirements of Presidential Policy Directive 8/PPD-8, the report provides a status update on the nation's progress toward reaching the national preparedness goal of a secure and resilient nation. The report notes that state and local law enforcements are better trained to address active shooter incidents; states have improved Enhanced 9-1-1 capabilities, though diligence is needed as technology improvements continue; and public health and medical services fared well in trainings and exercises, though fears continue about long-term gains due to budget uncertainties. Areas identified for improvement include cybersecurity, temporary housing, and aging infrastructures.

Superbugs: Resources to Help You Combat this Super Problem



Multi-drug resistant organisms, or superbugs, are a serious global public health problem. The rise of superbugs, due in large part to the overuse and misuse of antibiotics, has numerous health consequences, as well as corresponding economic repercussions. See the Public Health Foundation's programs, resources, and training courses that can help you increase awareness and highlight solutions to this growing concern. Click the superbug image on the left to learn more.

Public Health Image Library (PHIL)



Much of the important information in public health messages is communicated through images rather than text. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) working group created the Public Health Image Library (PHIL) as an organized, universal electronic gateway to CDC's pictures. PHIL images are available at no cost to public health and healthcare professionals, the media, laboratory scientists, educators, students and the public. Images are used for reference, teaching, presentations, and public health messages. Content is organized by people, places, and science. Single images, image sets, and multimedia files are available. [Access PHIL](#) and use the pictures in your public health training products.

How State Health Agencies Can Support Healthy Aging



Between February and April 2014, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) conducted eight, hour-long interviews with state agencies and community-based organizations to identify ways in which public health can support healthy aging. The results are now available in an [issue brief](#) that outlines key recommendations to help state health agencies support healthy aging, identify collaborative opportunities, and integrate public health and healthy aging.

Program and Policy Considerations for Supporting Caregivers

Issue Brief

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) recently released an [issue brief](#) that provides an overview of the evolution of caregiving policy, highlights caregiving programs and policies, and offers recommendations for identifying and structuring caregiving interventions. More than 44 million individuals are considered informal caregivers, providing unpaid help to those who live in the community. The contributions of caregivers remain largely unrecognized in discussions of financing and costs of healthcare and long-term services and support.

Job Openings

Butler County Health Department

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

- [Community Health Nurse – Part-time](#)



Flint Hills Community Health Center

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

- [Child Care Licensing Surveyor](#)
- [Dental Assistant](#)
- [Family Medicine Doctor \(MD/DO\) or Nurse Practitioner \(APRN\)](#)
- [Licensed Practical Nurse \(LPN\)](#)
- [Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner](#)



Kansas Department of Health and Environment



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

- [Health Facility Surveyor II](#)

Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department



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

- [Health Promotion Specialist](#)
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Lower 8 of Southeast Kansas Preparedness

The Lower 8 of Southeast Kansas Preparedness group is accepting applications for the following position:

- [Lower 8 Regional Coordinator](#)

Pottawatomie County Health Department



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

- [Public Health Nurse](#)

Riley County Health Department



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

- [WIC Clerk](#)

Sedgwick County Health Department

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

- [Director of Health Department](#)
- [Medical Assistant - TB Control Program](#)



Shawnee County Health Department

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

- [Fetal Infant Mortality review Coordinator/Abstractor](#)
- [Medical Director](#)



Sumner County Health Department

The Sumner County Health Department/Home Health Agency is accepting applications for the following position:

- [Physical Therapist](#)



Wyandotte County Health Department

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

- [Nurse Practitioner](#)
- [Public Health Nurse](#)



Kansas Department of Health and Environment Program Newsletters

[Epi Updates Newsletter](#)

[KanCare Advisor](#)

[Kansas Environmental News](#)

[Kansas Health Statistics Report](#)

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[Newborn Screening Newsletter](#)

[ZIPS Newsletter - Bureau of Family Health/Children and Families](#)

[Health Homes Herald](#)

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