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CORE PUBLIC HEALTH (CPH) GRADUATION

submitted by Kelly Kabler, CPH Coordinator

Preventive Medicine and Public Health-Wichita, Kansas University Medical Center

The sixth and final session of the 2009 CPH program was held in Topeka, on Nov. 12-13. Each of the program's 30 participants presented a final public health project. The goal of the project was to apply knowledge, skills, and competencies enhanced through CPH coursework to the solution of a public health problem identified in a practice setting. Each student was given fifteen minutes to share this year-long project with the class. Topics ranged from creating a teen health curriculum for 8th graders, to reflecting on lessons learned from the H1N1 Influenza A outbreak, the evaluation of fall prevention programs in Kansas, to developing a new Website for a local health department.

Following the presentations, the group enjoyed a graduation luncheon with presentations from Shirley Orr, Director of Local Health, Bureau of Local and Rural Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment; Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips, Director of Health, KDHE; and Secretary Roderick Bremby, KDHE.



Sandra Rees presents on using a QI process to improve obesity assessment in a family planning clinic

The list of graduates includes: Monique Cheatum, Hamilton County Health Department; Mitchell Craft, Pawnee County Health Department; Arlene Doll and Leah Shapland Lane County Health Department; Kim Ens, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department; Angela Giles, Barbara Heston and Robert Hedberg, Shawnee County Health Agency; Lana Koker, COMCARE; Hope Krebill, Kansas University Medical Center (KUMC); Donna Martin, Leavenworth County Health Department; Eva Peterson, Ness County Health Department; Patricia Pickett, Johnson County Health Department; Sandra Rees, Carrie Boettcher, and Suzanne Brown, Flint Hills Community Health Clinic/Lyon County Health Department; Rhianna Shaw and Kendra Smith, Morton County Health Department; Cathy Skiles, Franklin County Health Department; Helen Stucky Risdon, United Methodist Churches; Maren Taylor, City of Wichita; Jason Ybarra, Sedgwick County Health Department; Kendra Baldrige, Jacob Jackson, Thomas Langer, Michael McPherson, Linda Redding, Daniel Robinson, Linda Williams, and Michelle Wishon, KDHE. Congratulations to you all.



2009 Core Public Health Program students

For more information on the CPH program, please visit us online, at www.waldcenter.org/cph or contact CPH Coordinator Kelly Kabler, at kkabler@kumc.edu or (316) 293-1817.

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 Spring 2010 series will occur live on Wed. from 12:00 – 1:00 between Jan. 20 and May 12, 2010 (excluding Mar. 17 and Apr. 21) via the

internet utilizing the Elluminate webconferencing system.

A total of 15 sessions will be included. Dates, topics and presenters confirmed to date include:

- Jan. 20: "Cancer Survivorship Center/Patient Navigator," Judy Johnston, MS, RD, LD, Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, KU School of Medicine-Wichita and Carol Bush, BS, RN, Patient Navigator, Midwest Cancer Alliance, KU Cancer Center
- Jan. 27: "2010 Legislative Session Update," Jason Eberhart-Phillips, MD, Director of Health, KDHE
- Feb. 3: "Environmental Public Health Tracking Network in Kansas," Ingrid Garrison, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, Environmental Health Officer and State Public Health Veterinarian, KDHE
- Feb. 10: "Public Health Code of Ethics," Ruth Bernheim, JD, Virginia Department of Health and Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, CPH, Health Officer, Clark County Public Health, Vancouver, WA
- Feb. 17: "Legal Issues in Public Health and Immigrant Populations," Marvin Stottlemire, PhD, JD, Adjunct Associate Professor, Preventive Medicine & Public Health, KU Medical Center
- Feb. 24: "How Design Can Be Used to Enhance Public Health," Greg Thomas, Professor, School of Architecture, Design & Planning, KU-Lawrence
- Mar. 3: "Food Handler Training Evaluation," Ellen Averett, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, Health Policy & Management, KU Medical Center
- Apr. 14: Tobacco Control Plans for the State and Integrating Plans into Programs at Local Health Depts.," Candace Ayars, PhD, Director, Kansas Tobacco Use Prevention Program, KDHE
- May 12: "Kansas Cancer Registry and SEER Data Sets," Sue Min Lai, PhD, MS, MBA, Professor, Director Kansas Cancer Registry, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, KUMC

The fee for the entire spring series (a total of 15 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.**

Enrollment for the spring 2010 series will begin on Mon., Dec. 14, 2009. Your organization may enroll by e-mailing the KUMC-AHEC office, at ksphgr@kumc.edu or calling (620) 235-4040.

ACCELERATION CHANGE

submitted by Carol Cramer, Program Manager

Bureau of Health Promotion, KDHE

This years Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Summit will be held on Thur., Jan. 21, 2010, in Salina.

Summit participants will discover tools to improve the effectiveness of programs and strengthen the commitment to chronic disease risk reduction; exchange valuable ideas and resources through networking and learn about the State Fiscal Year 2011 Chronic Disease Risk Reduction request for proposal.

The Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Community Grant program provides funding and technical assistance for communities to address chronic disease risk reduction through evidence based strategies that impact tobacco use, nutrition and physical activity. For more details and registration forms contact Carol Cramer, at (785) 368-6308 or ccramer@kdheks.gov.



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NEW TIER 1 AND 3 CORE COMPETENCIES

*submitted by Linda Frazier, Workforce Development Coordinator
Bureau of Local and Rural Health (BLRH), KDHE*



In 2007, the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (Council) established the Council on Linkages Core Competencies Workgroup comprising of practitioners working in both academic and practice settings. This workgroup would update the Core Competencies in order to ensure that they reflect the skills and characteristics that practitioners at different stages of their career may desire to have. In *phase one* of the Core Competencies revision process (2007-2008), the Core Competencies Workgroup developed a Core Competencies draft for [Tier 2 \(Mid Tier\)](#) Public Health Professionals, using the original set of Core Competencies as a starting point.

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In May 2008, the Core Competencies Workgroup presented a final version of the Tier 2 Core Competencies draft to the Council. The Council approved the draft. Subsequently, this draft was posted on the Council's Website giving practitioners throughout the public health community (in practice and academic settings) the opportunity to anonymously provide their input through a "feedback form" on the Council's website. Practitioners also provided feedback through other mediums: Town Hall Meetings, email communications, and letters sent to Council staff.

At the end of the public comment period, over 600 practitioners had provided more than 1,000 comments. Feedback received was addressed during a competency review and revision period that took place between Jan. and Mar. 2009. The Council adopted Tier 2 Core Competencies in Jun. 2009.

Presently, the Core Competencies Workgroup is in *phase two* of the competency revision process. It is working on developing Core Competencies for [Tier 1 and Tier 3](#) Public Health Professionals. The Council thanks the Tier 1 Committee and other individual practitioners/competencies experts for assisting the Core Competencies Workgroup with developing and/or refining the drafts respectively. A public comment period for the [draft Tier 1 and Tier 3 Core Competencies](#) is underway and will end on Dec. 31, 2009.

You may take part by commenting on the new draft Tier 1 and Tier 3 Competencies before Dec. 31 by clicking the Public Health Foundation logo.



2010 HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGIONAL MEETINGS

North Central Regional Public Health Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., locations to be announced, contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639 for more information

Mar. 23 Jun. 22 Sept. 28 Dec. 21

Northeast Regional Public Health Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Crumrine Conference Room, 5th floor, contact Linda Frazier at (785) 296-3641

Mar. 18 Jun. 17 Sept. 16 Dec. 16

Northwest Regional Public Health Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Educational Service Center, 702 W 2nd Street, Oakley, contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639

Mar. 11 Jun. 10 Sept. 9 Dec. 9

South Central Regional Public Health Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Reno County Health Department, 209 W 2nd Street, Hutchinson, contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639

Jan. 27 Apr. 21 Jul. 28 Oct. 27

Southeast Regional Public Health Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Southeast District Office, 1500 W. Seventh, Meadowlark Room, Chanute, contact Jon Anderson at (785) 296-8435

Feb. 11 May 13 Aug. 12 Nov 18

Southwest Regional Public Health Meeting – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Finney County Health Department, Administrative Building, 311 N 9th Street, Garden City, contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639

Feb. 19 May 21 Aug. 20 Nov. 19

2010 REGIONAL BILLING GROUPS

North Central Billing Group – 9:00 a.m. – noon, KDHE District Office, 2501 Market Place, Salina
Mar. 3 Jun. 2 Sept. 1 Dec. 1

Northeast Billing Group – 9:00 a.m. – noon, Topeka and Shawnee County Library, 1515 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka
Feb. 4 May 6 Aug. 5 Nov. 4

Northwest Billing Group – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Hoxie Presbyterian Church, 1101 Sheridan, Hoxie
Jan. 12 Apr. 13 July 13 Oct. 12

South Central Billing Group – 10:00 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, 209 W. 2nd Street, Hutchinson
Feb. 18 May 20 Aug. 19 Nov. 18

Southeast Billing Group – 9:00 a.m. – noon, Southeast District Office, 1500 W. Seventh, Meadowlark Room, Chanute
Jan. 12 Apr. 13 July 13 Oct. 12

Southwest Billing Group – dates and times to be announced, Haskell County Health Department, 301 S Derby Street, Sublette, contact Michelle Miller (620) 675-8191 for more information

NEWS AND UPDATES



Family Health International (FHI) now provides an inventory of guidelines, frameworks, and manuals that provide users with instructions and step-by-step guidance to conduct program evaluations and inform program design and improvement. To view this program click the FHI logo.



The 20th Anniversary Edition of America's Health Ranking identifies smoking as the greatest health challenge of the past 20 years and warns that obesity is likely to be the next national health battle. A 20-Year analysis by America's health rankings finds the United States making successful strides in disease treatment, but not prevention.



Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has issued a statement on the new breast cancer screening recommendations from the United States Preventive Services Task Force stating that the Task Force is an independent panel that makes recommendations but does not set federal policy.



New report finds only 25 percent of adults aged 50-64 receive recommended preventive screenings. Only about one in four Americans aged 50-64 regularly take advantage of preventive services such as screenings and immunizations, according to a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with the American Association for Retired Persons and the American Medical Association (AMA).



United States Preventive Services Task Force updates recommendations for breast cancer screening. The Task Force now recommends against routine screening mammography in women aged 40 to 49 years and recommends against teaching breast self-examination.



Public Health Informatics Competencies will enable public health professionals to leverage the power of modern information technology in the science and practice of public health.

JOB OPENINGS

Sedgwick County Health Department

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

- [Community Health Nurse 20002648082609](#)
- [WIC Registered Dietician 20002055111209](#)
- [WIC Registered Dietician 20002054110409](#)

Click on a job number to view details. For more information, click the Sedgwick County Seal on the right, or contact Jeff Goetzinger, Human Resource Assistant, Sedgwick County Health Department at (316) 660-7333.



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