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## Secretary Moser Appointed to Governor's Task Force on Reducing Childhood Poverty

*by the Office of the Secretary*

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced the appointment of Robert Moser, MD, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to the Governor's Task Force on Reducing Childhood Poverty. The task force was formed to develop recommendations for measures Kansas can take to decrease child poverty and improve child outcomes in our state.



The Governor has pulled together a panel of Kansans from all walks of life to discuss and recommend the best ways Kansas can achieve one of the cornerstone goals of his administration, reducing childhood poverty.

Members of the Task Force include: Phyllis Gilmore, Secretary, Department for Children and Families; Sherdeill Breathett, Segwick County economic development specialist; Shawn Sullivan, Secretary, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services; Robert Moser, MD, Secretary, KDHE and a family physician; Monsignor Vincent Krische; Dan Lord, PhD; Carolyn Szafran, MSW; Barry Feaker, Executive Director, Topeka Rescue Mission; Mary Wilkinson, RN; Joan Schultz; Joyce Crumpton, RN; Robert DeLeon, Community Center Director and Youth Program Director for the Salvation Army in Garden City.

### What is This Meeting and Why am I Here?

*by Jane Shirley, Director of Local Health Programs  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*



Have you had anyone confuse the intent of the, "Regional Healthcare Coalitions," for preparedness activities and the, "Community Health Coalition," for community health activities? Have these terms created any confusion for you or your partners? In order to better define each coalitions purpose, and their many similarities and differences, a

table has been developed that you can share with your community partners. If you have questions about the Regional Healthcare Coalitions for Emergency Preparedness contact, Jamie Hemler at [jhemler@kdheks.gov](mailto:jhemler@kdheks.gov). County or Regional Community Health Coalitions contact Linda Frazee at [lfrazee@kdheks.gov](mailto:lfrazee@kdheks.gov). Click the KDHE logo to review the table.

### About Influenza Surveillance in Kansas

*by Greg Crawford, Director of Vital Statistics*

*Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE*



Kansas regulations do not require health care providers to notify the Kansas department of Health and Environment (KDHE) when a patient is diagnosed with influenza. Instead, influenza activity is measured through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), a collaboration between the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state, local, and territorial health departments.

Each week, ILINet clinics determine the percentage of patients seen with Influenza-like Illness (ILI). Influenza-like illness is defined as fever ( $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) with cough and/or sore throat, in the absence of a known cause other than influenza. Data is collected from Sunday through Saturday of each week. Clinics are asked to submit the previous week's data by noon each Tuesday. Click the image above to learn more about the influenza surveillance.



#### KanCare

Looking for KanCare Public Service announcements to share with you community Partners? Click the KanCare logo to learn more.



### 2013 Local Public Health Department Regional Meetings

- \* **North Central Region** - Mar. 14, June 13, Sept. 12 and Dec. 12, from 10-2 with locations to be announced (TBA)
- \* **Northeast Region** - Mar. 21, June 27, Sept. 26 and Dec 19 from 10-2, Topeka, Curtis State Office Building
- \* **Northwest Region** - Jan. 10, April 11, July 25, Oct. 10 and Jan. 9, 2014 from 10-2 at the Educational Service Center, 702 W 2nd Street, Oakley
- \* **South Central Region** - Feb. 20, May 8, Aug. 21 and Nov. 6 from 10-2, Hutchinson,

location TBA

- \* **Southeast Region** - Jan. 3, Apr. 4, July 11, Oct. 3 and Jan. 2, 2014 from 10-2, Chanute, location TBA
- \* **Southwest Region** - Feb. 15, May 17, Aug. 16 and Nov. 15 from 9-1, Garden City, location TBA

Click the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Community Health Systems logo to view the meeting calendar.

### Check Your Kitchen For Preventable Hazards This Holiday Season

*by the Bureau of Health Promotion*



As the holiday cooking season approaches, Safe Kids Kansas reminds parents and caregivers to check the kitchen for preventable hazards and to supervise children at all times in the kitchen.

Whether a child is helping an adult cook or simply watching, he or she should always be actively supervised, which means that the child is, "in sight and in reach at all times." Because young children have thinner skin than adults, they burn more severely and at lower temperatures. Scald burns from hot liquid or steam are the most common type of burns among children ages four and under. A child will suffer a full-thickness burn (third-degree burn) after just three seconds of exposure to 140-degree water. For more information on kitchen safety, click the Safe Kids Kansas logo above.

### KDHE Annual Summary of Vital Statistics

*by Greg Crawford, Director of Vital Statistics*

*Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE*



The Kansas 2011 *Annual Summary of Vital Statistics* is now available. This report contains information on births, deaths, marriages, divorces, abortions and stillbirths. It is a valuable tool for public health program evaluation and community health assessment. The *Annual Summary* has been published in October or November for the past 10 years by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

The most notable change for 2011 was the decline in the Kansas birth rate to 13.8 live births per 1,000 population, the lowest level recorded since the Kansas Vital Records system was established in 1912. This is slightly lower than the previous low of 13.9 live births per 1,000 population in 1973, during the "baby bust" years. The number of live births to Kansas resident mothers in 2011 was 39,628, down two percent from 40,439 in 2010. To view the complete summary, click the KDHE logo.

**No Monthly Kansas Statewide Public Health Call in December**

**Next Monthly Call will be January 22 at 10:00 A.M.**

## Accreditation Corner

### Call for New PHAB Site Visitors Opens Dec. 17

*by PHAB E-Newsletter*

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is preparing to issue an open call for volunteer site visitors for the 2013-2014 review cycles. To be considered, site visitor candidates must have at least five years of professional experience in a Tribal, state, local, or territorial



health department; management or leadership experience; and a baccalaureate degree or higher. If you are eligible, please consider being part of the exciting public health accreditation effort by volunteering to work with PHAB as a Site Visitor. The Site Visitor application will be posted on PHAB's website Dec. 17. Click the PHAB logo to learn more.

## Funding Opportunities

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

### Champions for Healthy Kids – Deadline Dec. 5



Promoting healthy nutrition and fitness for America's youth, "*Champions for Healthy Kids*," has helped nearly one million kids since its inception in 2002. Launched in partnership with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, this has become a flagship program of the [General Mills Foundation](#), distributing more than \$5 million in grants to nonprofit organizations.

Through the Champions for Healthy Kids program, the General Mills Foundation will award 50 grants of \$10,000 to nonprofit organizations working to improve nutrition and physical fitness behaviors for youth. The application can be found by clicking the General Mills logo.

### Project Orange Thumb – Sowing the Seeds of Community Change – Deadline Dec. 15



Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb provides tools, materials, and other support to help communities reach their goals for neighborhood beautification, community collaboration, and healthy, sustainable food sources. Ten applicants will receive \$5,000 in cash and tools, and one applicant will receive a complete garden makeover. Nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and registered charities in Canada are eligible to apply. Deadline for applications is Dec. 15. For more information and to apply for this funding click the Fiskars logo above.

### Public Health Services and Systems Research: 2012 Call for Proposals – Deadline Dec. 18



The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) seeks to expand the evidence base for effective public health policy and practice through investment in Public Health Services and Systems Research. Proposals are due Dec. 18. To learn more click the RWJF logo.

### The Rite Aid Foundation – Deadline Jan. 1



The Rite Aid Foundation is dedicated to helping communities lead happier, healthier lives and seeks to fund programs that focus on health and wellness in areas in which Rite Aid operates. Award amounts vary. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Deadline to apply is Jan. 1. For more information and to apply for this funding click the Rite aid Foundation logo.

### Mini-Grant Opportunities for Youth-Led Tobacco-Use Prevention Projects – Deadline Jan. 15

Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition (TFKC) is providing approximately ten competitive grant awards of up to \$1000 this spring to assist in engaging youth groups in tobacco prevention and education. The grant project is part of TFKC's continuing support for a statewide youth movement to reduce youth use of tobacco products in communities across Kansas.



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"Youth play a unique role that contributes to an effective and comprehensive tobacco control program. Engaging youth, thru mini-grants, to develop their own tobacco prevention messaging is a powerful tool to reduce initiation and the use of cigarettes and tobacco products," says Linda DeCoursey, Executive Director of Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition. "The TFKC competitive mini grants engage and empower youth groups to create their own projects that speak to the truth about tobacco use and how it affects their peers and communities."

Tobacco use, which still remains a leading cause of death and disease in Kansas, usually begins before the age of 18. With funding from the Kansas Health Foundation, TFKC's mini grant program offers funding of up to

\$1000 for youth-led tobacco prevention projects that impact other teens at the community level. Youth from 12-17 within school, prevention, church and social groups, youth coalitions, youth sports and afterschool programs may apply for the funding by completing a short application.

Grant applications can be obtained by clicking the TFKC logo or by contacting Erica Anderson, at [eanderson@tobaccofreekansas.org](mailto:eanderson@tobaccofreekansas.org). The deadline for this round of applications is Jan. 15th, 2013 with award announcement made by Jan. 25th, 2013.

### Get Ready for the 2013, "I'm Your Community Guide!" Contest – Deadline Jan. 31, 2013



The Public Health Foundation (PHF) is pleased to announce the 2013, "I'm Your Community Guide!" contest. In an effort to promote [The Community Guide](#), PHF is collecting stories from those who have used or are currently using "The Community Guide" to improve health in their community. The stories will help advance public health practice by exemplifying the value of implementing evidence-based strategies.

Click the PHF logo for the application.

PHF encourages all state, tribal, local and territorial health departments; community health coalitions; and other organizations to enter that have used or are currently using, "The Community Guide's," findings and recommendations to improve health in their communities.

The submission period for this year's contest began in Oct. and entries will be accepted through Jan. 31, 2013. Find out more information on PHF's efforts to promote "The Community Guide."

### 2013 Healthy Lifestyles – Feb. 20



The Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City is accepting applications for the program Funding for Healthy Lifestyles. This program seeks to address the rapid rise in obesity rates to reduce this leading cause of preventable death. Grant applications should promote healthy lifestyles with a special emphasis in young people (0-25). Applications should address nutrition/healthy eating, fitness/active living, and tobacco prevention among the uninsured and underserved.

Award amounts vary. Nonprofit organizations and state and local government agencies are eligible to apply. A letter of intent is due by Jan. 16, 2013, with full proposal submission on Feb. 20. For more information and to apply for this funding click the Health care Foundation logo.

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## Training Announcements

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

### Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Summit – Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 2013

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Health Promotion will hold the annual Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Summit Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 2013 in Wichita. Don't miss your chance to be a part of the Chronic Disease Risk Reduction program. Summit attendees will learn about the State Fiscal Year 2014 Chronic Disease Risk Reduction funding opportunity as well as strategies that support tobacco use prevention, physical activity and nutrition initiatives. Registration and hotel accommodation information will be available soon.

### New On-line Course - Interpreting Basics

by Cyndi Treaster, Special Population Health Director  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



A new resource is now available on the KS-Train website [Interpreting Basics: An Introduction to Healthcare and Social Services Interpreting \(1037207\)](#). This training was developed by Cathy Anderson, Manager of Language and Cultural Services, Jewish Vocational Services, Kansas City, Missouri, with the support of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Rural and Special Population Health Programs. This two part course is intended to introduce potential community interpreters to basic interpreting concepts and the Interpreters' Code of Ethics. It specifically discusses confidentiality as the most important rule of interpreting. Individuals who want to become interpreters are encouraged to continue developing



their skills and to seek out continued interpreting education. Individuals that successfully complete this training and the post-test will receive a certificate of completion. If you have questions about this training, please contact Cyndi Treaster at 785-296-8113 or [ctreaster@kdheks.gov](mailto:ctreaster@kdheks.gov).

### Community Health Assessment On-line Trainings Available

## Office of Rural Health

*by Sara Roberts, Director of Rural Health  
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE*

Two new Community Toolbox Modules have been added to the Community Health Assessment training library on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. These short online trainings provide practical guidance for conducting community health assessments, developing the community health improvement plan and appropriate evidenced based interventions. The modules are intended for staff from state and local health departments, including those seeking accreditation, hospital staff who are considering new federal requirements for non-profit hospitals, and those in community benefit programs, non-profit organizations and community leaders/members.

You can complete each module at one sitting, and to pick and choose what you would like to complete from the course library. Click the Office of Rural Health logo to login to KS-TRAIN.

- [Community Facilitator 101 Training \(1030875\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 1: Assuring Engagement in Community Health Improvement Efforts \(1033673\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 2: Identifying Community Health Needs and Assets \(1033674\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 3: Conducting Community Health Assessments \(1033675\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 4: Setting Community Priorities Based on Identified Issues \(1034102\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 5: Developing a Logic Model for Community Health Improvement \(1034103\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 6: Developing a Strategic Plan for Community Health Improvement \(1034104\)](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 7: Developing an Intervention \(1034994\) NEW](#)
- [Community Toolbox Module 8: Assuring Collaboration During Implementation \(1034996\) NEW](#)

### Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators?

*by Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*



The Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicators (LHI) were selected to communicate high-priority health issues and actions that can be taken to address them. To highlight these issues, Healthy People has been focusing on one LHI topic per month and has begun posting archived webinars to KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>.

- [Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators? \(Archived January Webinar\)](#), Course # 1032039
- [Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators: Nutrition, PA, & Obesity \(Archived May Webinar\)](#) Course # 1034845
- [Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators: Reproductive and Sexual Health \(Archived June Webinar\)](#) Course # 1037399
- [Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators: Clinical Preventive Services \(Archived July Webinar\)](#) Course # 1037408
- [Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators: Oral Health \(Archived August Webinar\)](#) Course # 1037409

### What's New on the CDC Learning Connection Website

*by Mary Bryant-Mason, Health Education Specialist  
Educational Design and Accreditation Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

This month's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "[Spotlight on Distant Learning](#)," features examples of web-based public health education products and provides resources for those tasked with creating online curricula. Be sure to check out the distance learning [Guides](#) and [Resources](#). Distance learning products featured this month are listed below.

[Dating Matters: Understanding Teen Dating Violence Prevention](#). This e-learning module utilizes interviews with leading experts, dynamic graphics, interactive exercises and compelling storytelling to describe what teen dating violence is and how to prevent it.

[Public Health Works](#). This training series from the Public Health Foundation informs developers about incorporating web streaming sessions and interactions with professionals via blog and social media, offers continuing education, and focuses on increasing the effective and efficient use of recommendations from, "The Guide to Community Preventive Services".

[Yellow Fever Vaccine: Information for Healthcare Professionals Advising Travelers](#) [CE]. This award winning e-learning course from the CDC utilizes problem-based scenarios and an interactive timeline to engage learners while exploring the history and epidemiology of yellow fever. The course includes how to safely and appropriately use the vaccine.

[Quick Learn Lessons](#). These podcasts and videos are available through a computer or a mobile device, take less than 20 minutes to complete, and are focused on timely public health topics.

### TRAIN

The Learning Connection provides easy access to the most comprehensive catalogue of public health learning products in the nation, TRAIN. To date, 21 CDC programs have used TRAIN to list their learning products, making them available to over 38,000 learners across the public health community. Below are a few of the courses recently added by CDC programs.

- Biosafety and BioSecurity: Minimizing the Risks in the Laboratory (Course ID 1037160)
- Contraception and STI/HIV: Balancing the Tradeoffs in Different Contexts [CE](Course ID 1037082)
- Essentials of STD Supervision 1 (Course ID 1034317)
- Immunization Update 2012 [CE](Course ID 1037116)
- National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Methods (NAMCS): What Clinicians Need to Know [CE](Course ID 1037098)
- Principles of Prevention [CE] (Course ID 1037150)
- The Prevention Benefit of ART for HIV-infected Patients [CE] (Course ID 1037227)


### CDC's E-learning Essentials Guide

If you are new to e-learning, or if you have an active role in developing or selecting e-learning, the [E-learning Essentials Guide](#) was created for you. This guide identifies key instructional components and summarizes what they are, why they are important, and how to use them most effectively.

## News and Resources

Submitted by the Bureau of Community Health Systems

### Health Concerns about Misuse of Pesticides for Bed Bug Control

 The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are alerting the public to an emerging national concern regarding misuse of pesticides to treat infestations of bed bugs and other insects indoors. Some pesticides are being applied indoors even though they are approved only for outdoor use. Even pesticides that are approved for indoor use can cause harm if over applied or not used as instructed on the product label. To read the complete CDC Advisory Alert click the ATSDR logo.

### Text4baby "Feel Rich Moms" Contest



The Text4baby program is excited to announce a new partnership with multi-platinum recording artist Tyrese Gibson and Feel Rich, the first ever multicultural health and fitness media company. The partnership, Feel Rich Moms, will raise awareness of text4baby, encourage moms to sign up for this critical service, and culminate with a custom lullaby for a lucky family, created by Tyrese and Quincy Jones III (QD3) a Co-Founder of Feel Rich. For more information on text4baby and the Feel Rich contest, click the Text4baby logo.

### Lessons Learned



There was a consensus during a roundtable briefing held at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, New Jersey in Nov., that Hurricane Sandy provided lessons in emergency response for years to come. Coordination and communication were among the many topics addressed. Click on this hyperlink to learn more, "[Out of the Superstorm, Valuable Lessons for Health Providers.](#)" In the spirit of planning for weather emergencies in Kansas, a Family Emergency Plan Template is available on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment website. Click the, "Act Now. Know How," logo to access the templates.

### Disparities and Inequities in Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes



The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) has released a new issue brief exploring the importance of addressing maternal and infant health disparities. The brief delves into topics such as racial and ethnic disparities, economic impact, infant mortality, maternal disparities and prenatal care while highlighting programs states have implemented to address these issues. Click the ASTHO logo to learn more about this Issue Brief.

### Racial Disparities in Breast Cancer Severity

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released this month's, [Vital Signs](#), which is titled, "[Racial Disparities in Breast Cancer Severity--United States, 2005-2009.](#)" The researchers analyzed data on new cases of invasive breast cancer reported from 2005 through 2009 through CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries and the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results program. The report says that detection and treatment of breast cancer are likely responsible for half of the recent drop in breast cancer deaths. However, many disparities still exist. Major findings include that black women had lower breast cancer incidence rates, but higher numbers of advanced-stage breast cancer and deaths when compared with white women.

### A Look at How Public Health Fared In the Elections



Voters from across the country cast their ballot for state and local measures that will have tremendous impact on the health of their communities. From fracking to tobacco control, the American Public Health Association (APHA) has summarized ballot initiatives that have implications for public health. Click the APHA to learn more.

### Winning the Battle Against Tobacco Use and Exposure with the Community Guide



The Public Health Foundation (PHF) has partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to promote Winnable Battles, public health priorities with large-scale impact on health and with known, effective strategies to address them. Tobacco use, an identified Winnable Battle, is a major preventable cause of premature death and disease worldwide. Click the PHF logo to learn more.

### HHS Launches BeTobaccoFree.gov



Health and Human Services (HHS) has launched BeTobaccoFree.gov, a comprehensive website providing one-stop access to the best and most up-to-date tobacco-related information from across its agencies. This consolidated resource includes general information on tobacco, federal and state laws and policies, health statistics, and evidence-based methods on how to quit. Click the HHS logo to learn more.

### Effectiveness of Health Communication Campaigns



According to a systematic review from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s Community Guide Branch, health communication campaigns can change health behaviors when combined with the distribution of free or reduced-price related products. Researchers conducted a systematic review on the effectiveness of health communication campaigns that



promote healthful behavior when combined with distribution of related products necessary to perform a behavior (e.g., bicycle helmets or condoms) or facilitate one (e.g., nicotine replacement therapies). To learn more click the Community Guide logo above.

### Initiative to Preserve Health-Related Blogs and Other Media



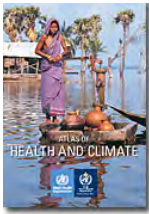
The National Library of Medicine (NLM), the world's largest medical library and a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has launched a Web content collecting initiative. In launching this initiative, the Library is capturing and providing a unique resource for future scholarship. Click the NLM logo to learn more about this initiative.

### The CDC Public Health Law News



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Law News is a monthly e-mail digest of current, worldwide news stories, court opinions, announcements and special features related to public health law and legislation. The news is free and available to anyone with an interest in public health law. Click the CDC logo to learn more.

### Atlas of Health and Climate



The World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has collaborated to provide, "The Atlas of Health and Climate," a sound scientific information on the connections between weather and climate and major health challenges. These range from diseases of poverty to emergencies arising from extreme weather events and disease outbreaks. They also include environmental degradation, the increasing prevalence of non-communicable diseases and the universal trend of demographic aging. To review this atlas report click on the cover page to, "Atlas of Health and Climate."

### Multi-Cultural Resources for Health Information



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has provided an online resources related to cultural competency, health literacy, and health resources in multiple languages. To locate the many resources available click on the HHS logo on the left.

### Seeking Stories on Applications of Performance Management and Quality Improvement



The Public Health Foundation (PHF) is collecting and promoting stories from state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments that have utilized performance management systems and/or quality improvement (QI) tools to improve the health of their communities. Click the Kansas Department of Health and Environment logo to see a story highlighting Kansas.

## Job Openings

### Finney County

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

- [APRN Employee Clinic](#)
- [Charge Nurse-Registered Nurse](#)



### Lyon County Health Department

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

- [Registered Nurse](#)



### Reno County Health Department

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

- [Home Health & Older Adult Program Coordinator](#)
- [Home Health Aide](#)



### Shawnee County Health Department

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

- [Licensed Practical Nurse](#)



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**Kansas Department of Health and Environment Program Newsletters**

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