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Operator: This is Conference # 9300382.

Good morning. My name is (Sammy) and I will be your conference call operator today. And I would like to take this time to welcome everyone to the Statewide Population Health Call.

All lines, they have been placed on mute to prevent any background noise. And at the end of the speaker's remark, there will be a question and answer session.

At this time, if you would like to ask a question, simply press star then the number one on your telephone keypad, and to withdraw your question just press the pound key.

And now, I would like to turn the call to our host, Ms. Cassie Sparks with KDHE Communications.

Ms. Sparks, you may begin your conference.

Cassie Sparks: Hi everyone, good morning. This is Cassie with KDHE Communications. Thank you for tuning to population health call this month. I will go right ahead and turn it over to Charlie Hunt, our State Epidemiologist and a little bit of a change. Charlie has to leave – right after he present, so I think he might open it up for question right after he had done.

Charlie Hunt: OK. Thank you very much and good morning everybody.

First thing, I'd like to welcome (Mary Beverly). She's a new senior epidemiologist that just started with us last week and she'll be supporting the Kansas Trauma Program. We are very glad to have her on board with us.

The next thing I'd like to talk about you may have heard from the news over the weekend. We've been working with Department of Agriculture and several states on an investigation of a Salmonella Muenchen outbreak. There have been several cases in Kansas and entomologic evidence has indicated that the cases are associated with alfalfa sprouts from Sweetwater Farms in Inman, Kansas.

Right now, Kansas has five cases that match the outbreak strain. There are three cases from Missouri, three cases from Oklahoma and two cases from Pennsylvania.

Our news release on Friday only had information about our cases and cases from Oklahoma, and that's because we cannot get confirmation from the other states to release their information and so that was not included.

There will be a posting on CDC's web page about outbreaks that will have the updated information with the cases from the other states.

The other thing we included in our release is that samples from Sweetwater products and irrigation water were positive for salmonella species and there's further testing that's ongoing to determine the specific type and DNA fingerprint for those samples.

Sweetwater farms did issue an alter recall of one lot of sprout products. However, we are recommending consumers to avoid eating any Sweetwater products at this time and we'll provide more information as it becomes available.

The next thing I'd like to do is provide just a brief update on Zika virus. As you are probably aware, this has been in the media quite a bit lately and the concerns about travels associated cases.

Today, there have been 82 travel-associated cases in the United States and the District of Columbia. There also has been one travel associated case and eight locally acquired cases in Puerto Rico, and one locally acquired case in the U.S. Virgin Islands. We have issued a couple of KS-HAN notices that provide some information regarding testing.

Right now, our laboratory is not conducting testing in-house, but we are coordinating testings through Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC) laboratory. Any patient testing needs to be coordinated through our office by contacting epidemiology hotline.

Testing for the person potentially falls into one of the two categories, the first is diagnostic testing, this is for persons who have returned from an area with local Zika virus transmission that are currently exhibiting symptoms and meet the critical criteria for testing.

The other category is for pregnant women who have traveled within the previous 12 weeks to an area with local Zika virus transmission.

Specimens should be collected within two to 12 weeks of her return. And, again, they do not have to have clinical symptoms because of the concern for the outcomes. CDC is suggesting that pregnant women can be offered serologic testing.

And so once again, we are facilitating that. We've been working on a process to provide shipping materials to requesting laboratories. Contact the epidemiology hotline and we will facilitate that for you.

And last, what I would like to discuss is an update to rabies prevention and control recommendations that will be coming out in the 2016 Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention Control that will be published on March 1, 2016. And there are substantial changes to the management of dogs, cats and ferrets who have supposed rabies that are suggested and then the updated guidelines.

One of the problems for us is that the new guide is going to conflict with our current administrative regulation dealing with rabies which is KAR 28-1-13.

As you probably are aware, the current regulation regarding how we manage dogs, cats or ferrets who are currently vaccinated or exposed to rabies, is to give a booster vaccination and then put into 45-day observation period. These same animals that are not vaccinated or never been vaccinated should be euthanized. As an alternative, they can be placed under strict for six months and then receive a booster vaccination one month prior to release.

And animals that do not have documentation or who are out of date for vaccination are managed in a similar manner as those who are known to be vaccinated. With the new memorandum, there will be substantial changes here. For animals that are currently vaccinated – there will be a 45-day observation, so there's no change there.

However, for an animal that has documentation that they have been vaccinated previously but are currently out of date. They're to be given a booster vaccination as soon as possible and then placed under 45-day observation. If the booster vaccination is delayed, then quarantine of four to six months can be consider.

For animals that are unvaccinated or who had never been vaccinated, it is important to remember that there's currently no U.S. Department of Agriculture approved vaccine or other biologic products for post-exposure prophylaxis.

And so again, for those animals that have never been vaccinated, it is recommended that they be euthanized or as an alternative, they can be given an immediate booster and a four-month quarantine.

If the booster vaccination is delayed, the quarantine period may be extended. Animals that are out of date for vaccination and have no documentation of prior vaccine can either be managed as unvaccinated or prior to giving them a booster vaccination, we can assist with the process of perspective serologic monitoring. And what this will involve is collecting paired blood specimens to evaluate an anamnestic response to booster vaccination.

If an adequate anamnestic response that's documented, then the animal can be considered to have been previously vaccinated and then they can be managed

accordingly. There is a lot of information. I will be sending out a draft memo to local health officers, administrators and disease investigators, as well as law enforcement and animal control officers that summarizes the draft recommendations.

Essentially how we are going to manage this is, there will be (operation) under the authority of Kansas statute 65-101 which provides authority for the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment to prevent and control infectious diseases. There's a similar statute that gives authority to local health officers. I believe that's 65-2-01 or 2-02. We will be providing this guidance under that authority so we can get our regulation updated.

Once again, I'll be sending out a draft memo probably later today. The memo also needs to be considered internally, so it should be considered draft until I'm able to get it finalized prior to March 1.

When you get the draft memorandum, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me. I'd like to thank Dr. Ingrid Garrison, our state public health veterinarian who assisted with putting this memorandum and recommendations together. We think in general that the new recommendations are going to reduce the number of animals who are unnecessarily euthanized as well as shorten the quarantine period.

And for some animals, it will eliminate the quarantine period and just be observed for 45 days and we see this as a positive change in the recommendation. So again, more information to come on that and I will now turn it back over to Cassie.

And if there's any question, I'll be happy to address them at this time.

Cassie Sparks: OK (Sammy), can you open it up for questions if anyone has any for Charlie?

Operator: At this time, if you would like to ask a question, please press star then the number one on your telephone keypad. And we will pause just one moment to compile the Q&A roster.

And we have no questions at this time.

Cassie Sparks: OK. Thank you.

Now, we have Preparedness with Michael McNulty.

Michael McNulty: Good morning. Just a few updates. The PPE training - training use and practice for health and medical professionals, KS-TRAIN Course# 1056977, still has sessions available in Pittsburg, Parsons, Chanute, Hutchinson, Hoisington, Marysville, Abilene, Oakley and Beloit. If you have not been to one of those, it might be a good opportunity.

Right now, Laura Ross, the Medical Countermeasures Program person here, is conducting the medical countermeasure operational readiness reviews, for our CRI Counties, which is required by CDC.

The Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) no longer utilizes the online functional needs registry that we had a few years ago. We still have some information out there recommending folks to use healpmekansas.org to register. However, you should not – I repeat, should not do that anymore. It goes to a website you don't want to be at.

Preparedness is currently developing our application for our HPP-PHEP Budget Period 5. The application is due April 5th. So if you're trying to contact someone with preparedness, give them a little bit because we are actively writing, and it is taking up a lot of time.

There are updated local and regional budgets available in Catalyst for the 2016-2017 Grant Year. Please fill those out and upload them into the PHEP attachments by March 15, 2016. We are planning for level funding right now, so use the paid dollar amount that you had in Budget Period 4.

The PHEP Ebola supplemental funding project period has been extended from September 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017. So we got an extra few months on that one. Amendments to the current Ebola agreements will be out by May 31, 2016.

The bi-weekly preparedness update e-mail is currently on hold due to system preparedness staffing challenges. We're hoping to bring that back up eventually.

The 2016 Preparedness Summit is scheduled for the week of April 19-22 down in Dallas, Texas if you want to go. They extended the early bird registration on that. And finally, Fred the Preparedness Dog will be going over to the Capitol on Friday for a proclamation signing, for Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week. So if you have any severe weather preparedness stuff that's coming up, that week is coming up in March. Share that information out with your community partners and health folks to get ready.

Cassie Sparks: Thank you, Michael. Now, I have Teri Caudle for Local Public Health and Kansas training update.

Teri Caudle: Good morning. I want to mention that (inaudible) local deadline is March 15th, so don't wait starting your applications and please provide feedback. Now, is the opportunity as they are completely (advancing) Catalyst.

Health homes program is ending for the SMI populations as of June 30th and will not include chronic conditions as originally planned.

There are two upcoming regional public health meetings this quarter, March 2nd in Beloit, and March 8th in Topeka. The agenda includes KDHE Bureau of Family Health discussion, MCH and family planning staff will be on hand to answer questions on the DAISEY data system. And Phil Griffin, Program Section Chief for KDHE Immunization Program, will be at the meeting for along with the regional immunization nurses for those areas.

You can register on KS-TRAIN Course ID #10609399 or contact Teri Caudle at tcaudle@kdheks.gov for information.

I would also like to mention that these course numbers that I am mentioning will be in the transcript, in case you don't get them written down in time.

The Health Care Coalition meetings are still going and the course numbers and the times and the dates are posted on KS-TRAIN. And I believe that many

e-mails have gone out about those Health Care Coalition meetings. I just want you to be aware that they are still continuing.

And also, the Division of Health Care Finance is offering four Medicaid training courses beginning March 1. The courses in this curriculum provide an overview of Kansas Medicaid and Medicaid eligibility. Interested staff can register for each of the courses on a single day, or over the course of several days.

Registration is first come first serve and must be done on the KS-TRAIN website as follows:

- Eisenhower State Office Building, 4th Floor Auditorium, 700 SW Harrison, Topeka, KS 66603
 - Landon State Office Building, 5th Floor, Room 509, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, KS 66612
- For Wichita and Salina, only Medicaid Overview, Finance, and Waivers courses will be offered:**
- Wichita-WSU Old Town, March 29th Only, 238 N. Mead, Wichita, KS 67202
 - Salina-Choices Network, March 31st Only, 2151 Centennial Rd., Salina, KS 67402

KDHE Medicaid Training includes many valuable resources. This is an instructor led interactive training for any staff in any State Agency that deals with Medicaid (KanCare). Certificates will be provided through KS-TRAIN upon completion of the course survey.

MEDICAID TRAINING COURSES
<p><u>DHCF: Medicaid Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment (EPSDT) Overview (1062100) State Employees Only</u> Instructor: Sharon Johnson, Management Systems Analyst II Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment, the Kan Be Healthy Program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Federal requirements of the EPSDT program for participating states 2. Description of the Benefit Plan as offered in Kansas including the scope of services provided 3. The Bright Futures resources used to support the KBH program including the Periodicity schedule 4. Permissible limitation on Coverage of EPSDT services 5. Reporting on EPSDT the CMS 416 report
<p><u>DHCF: Medicaid Eligibility Overview (1062099)</u> Instructor: Russell Nittler, Senior Manager of Eligibility</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the eligibility rules and processes are for Medicaid and CHIP 2. How people can apply for coverage 3. What the responsibilities are of KDHE, the Clearinghouse and DCF 4. What the differences are in coverage for families and children, and for the elderly and disabled
<p><u>DHCF: Medicaid Overview (1062097)</u> Instructor: Becky Ross, Medicaid Initiatives Coordinator</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The statutory and regulatory background of Medicaid 2. That Medicaid requires coverage of certain populations and services, while others are optional 3. The basic financing of Medicaid

4. How the State administers regular medical, behavioral health and long-term care services under Medicaid

DHCF: Introduction to Medicaid Finance (1062101) *This course is not intended to teach claims submission or billing.

Instructor: Paul Endacott, Senior Finance Manager

1. The federal medical assistance and administrative match process
2. The federal match draw, reporting and audit process.
3. How at-risk capitated rates differ from fee for service payment systems
4. How caseload projections and rates are developed
5. National managed care trends

DHCF: Medicaid Waivers (1062094)

*This course is not intended to provide detailed information about the seven HCBS waivers operated by Kansas.

Instructor: Becky Ross, Medicaid Initiatives Coordinator

1. How the Medicaid State Plan differs from waiver authorities
2. How two specific Medicaid waiver authorities used in Kansas compare, including:
 - a) Protections and assurances
 - b) Federal requirements for cost neutrality and budget neutrality
 - c) Review and approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
3. What entitlement means

If you have any questions about the Medicaid finance waivers or any courses that are being offered, you can contact either myself, Teri Caudle, tcaudle@kdheks.gov or Deb Nickels, dnickels@kdheks.gov

The 2016 Kansas Governor's Public Health Conference will be held in Wichita on April 27- 28. The registration for that we're hoping will be online and ready to go by the first week of March.

The Course ID #1062257 is to register for the Governor's Public Health Conference. The Pre-conference on Tuesday, April 26, will include an interactive session by the Public Health Law Center and a session by the WSU Center for Public Health Initiatives on addressing planned or emergency staffing changes; MCH pre-conference; new this year—the conference committee has partnered with the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (KADEC). KADEC will host an all-day pre-conference session, Tuesday, April 26, which will be beneficial for front line staff. Topics include current drug trends, how to identify children living in drug environments and adverse childhood experiences. Keynotes for the April 27 & 28 Governor's Public Health Conference include topics on brain health and the impacts on physical health, cultural competency, disease outbreaks and emerging threats,

and prescription drug abuse as public health issue. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

The KDHE: The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) - Kansas CHEMPACK is live on KS-TRAIN, Course ID #1060191. By the end of this course you will be able to successfully:

- Define the CHEMPACK Program
- List the six types of chemical warfare agents
- Identify the signs and symptoms of mild, moderate and severe nerve agent poisoning
- Identify the five products in the CHEMPACK container
- Explain what each product in the container is used for
- Identify five of the responsibilities of a CHEMPACK cache location

Packaging and Shipping Division 6.2 Materials: What the Laboratorian Should Know – 2015, Course ID #1058172. In order to be certified (or recertified) to ship laboratory materials you must complete training on the hazardous materials regulations as well as some facility specific training. This on-line course uses a problem solving approach to provide training on infectious materials (Division 6.2 Materials) as specified in the Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. This course is designed specifically for those who participate in any phase of shipping laboratory specimens within the United States.

The course, KHEL: Preparing Clinical Specimens Related to Chemical or Biological Exposure Using Evidence Control Measures (1050287) (CESSL) is an intermediate-level 45 minute training overview of regulations and procedures associated with evidentiary control measures taken when shipping clinical specimens to the Kansas Department of Health and Environmental Laboratories after a known or unknown chemical exposure even has occurred. This course is offered to ensure all laboratory staff across Kansas receive the full training needed to fully support their responsibilities as sentinel laboratory staff members.

If you have staff who have completed the Division 6.2 Infectious Materials course via another venue, other than the CDC online course on KS-TRAIN, they should contact Sara Hoffman at the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories. Sara will enroll your employee into the CESSL course, #1050287. You can reach her at shoffman@kdheks.gov or 785-291-3162.

KS-TRAIN questions can be directed to kstrain@kdheks.gov

Cassie Sparks: Thank you very much.

OK. Now, I have the communications update. Charlie talked about Zika, and we do have Zika webpage on the KDHE website with information available there. There's a banner of the KDHE homepage that link to that or you can go straight to the page at: <http://www.kdheks.gov/zika/index.htm>

On March 3rd, CDC is releasing information about health care associated infections. So we will be watching for that and having talking points. And if anyone has questions about that, or gets media call about that, feel free to e-mail us or give us a call.

And then, it is about time for baby chick Salmonella season. We will put out a press release about that information.

And as (Michael) mentioned, March is also Severe Weather Awareness Week so we will have social media and some other things going on with that.

I believe that's all I have for communications.

Cassie Sparks: OK. I think we're good. (Sammy), I think we are ready for questions.

Operator: At this time, if you would like to ask a question, please press star then the number one on your telephone keypad.

And that was star one to ask a question. And we do have a question from the line of (Karen). (Karen), you do have an open line.

(Karen): Yes. This is Hodgeman County. I just wondered about the preparedness local budget on Catalyst, has that just recently been open we had just looked last week and didn't see anything.

Teri Caudle: Yes. It was uploaded yesterday.

(Karen): OK. So that's just recent, OK. And so we just do the budget like we did last year then.

Teri Caudle: Yes.

(Karen): OK, all right. Thanks.

Teri Caudle: Thank you.

Operator: Again, as a reminder, that is star one to ask a question.

And our next question does come from the line of (Luz Walker).

(Luz Walker): Hi. I just got on Catalyst because I also didn't see the public health emergency preparedness budget or any grant on the Catalyst, and it's not there. It's there but there's no plus so I can add it to my grants.

Cassie Sparks: OK. I'll check with (Karen Kelly). She indicated that she uploaded a template yesterday.

(Luz Walker): OK.

Cassie Sparks: And it would be one that you would have to download from Catalyst, fill out and then upload into the attachment section but I'll double check with (Karen).

(Luz Walker): OK, there's a little I with a circle around it, where the column has pluses on the other grants available. Thank you.

Cassie Sparks: Yes.

Operator: And it's like we have no further questions.

Cassie Sparks: OK. And we actually do have an update from Bureau of Health Promotion that I list, so we can ride a give that – sorry about.

Operator: Excuse ma'am, I do apologize. We just had a couple that going to the queue, would you like to go ahead and take these questions?

Cassie Sparks: Yes, we do going to take those, and we'll do our last update at the end.

Operator: We do have a question from the line of (Gay Haul).

(Gay Haul): Hi. Yes. We were told that the preparedness was not be on Catalyst this year, so that would be a change. So you're going to check on that. I just heard you say, so thank you.

Cassie Sparks: Yes. It would be for the VC-5, yes.

(Gay Haul): Right.

Cassie Sparks: Yes.

(Gay Haul): Right.

Operator: And we do have a question from (Luz Walker).

(Luz Walker): No. That was trying to get my mute off, thank you.

Operator: You're so OK ma'am.

We have no further questions.

Cassie Sparks: OK. We'll give our last update, sorry about that.

Charlene Wallace: Good morning. I'm Charlene Wallace from the Bureau of Health Promotion, just a couple of quick updates. There will be a Stepping On leader's training offered in Wakeeney on May 3-5. Stepping On is an evidence program that helps reduce falls by incorporating and discussing a range of issues including problems and risk, joint and balance exercises, medication review, written exam and home safety.

The Stepping On work consists of seven weekly processes that are each approximately two hours followed by a home assessment at three months and a six-month followup. For Stepping On leaders, they must be a health care professional, an aging network professional or fitness inspector. They must have blood group-based programs on adult running or as well as efficacy principles, have worked with older adults in a professional setting and have a commitment to leading at least two Stepping On workshops every year.

For further information on this, contact Lori Haskett at 785-296-8163 or lhaskett@kdheks.gov for more information and to register for the training.

Now, so have an updates on the Early Detection Work (EDW) for us in cervical cancer screening programs, contacts have been sent to their current providers. If you have not received your contacts, please let (Rita Evan-Port) know. The training for EDW providers in central and western regions are starting in March. Contact to regional EDW nurse to find out more information on that.

And that's all I have for update. Thank you.

Cassie Sparks: OK. I think we are done with our call for today. Thank you everyone for joining.

Operator: This does include your conference call for today. We do appreciate your participation and you may disconnect.

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