



KDHE Public Health Call Meeting Minutes, September 25, 2012

Dr. Moser – KDHE Secretary

- The Obesity Summit was Sept. 6 – Over 200 participated with Dr. Bill Dietz, key note speaker. There were 23 recommendations to address obesity through school, community, and work based initiatives. Some of these will be incorporated into the work with Healthy Kansans 2020.
- The second Healthy Kansans 2020 steering committee is next Friday. We will be working towards developing priorities.
- The KanCare website was launched Aug. 31. There are Q & A's on the site that have come from the various meetings around the state. Kansas is awaiting approval on the 1115 Demonstration Authority Waivers requested from CMS. KanCare is scheduled to launch January 1, 2013.
- Dr. Moser is conducting two meetings on Oct. 11 in Ulysses that have been initiated by the hospital and local health department. From 3-5 p.m. he'll visit with LHD administrators and County Commissioners from a 17-county radius about the community health process, and applying public health concepts in meeting the needs of communities. From 5:30-7 p.m., the physicians have been invited to join in the discussion.

Barbara Hersh reminded everyone that the Kansas Public Health Association Conference is next Monday through Wednesday.

Charlie Hunt – State Epidemiologist

- KDHE is posting weekly case counts by county on the website. From the main page, look under "KDHE Data and Reports." All case reports presented are based on CDC's print policy for the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*. CDC/CSTE case definitions used for classifying cases can be found at http://wwwn.cdc.gov/nndss/document/2012_Case%20Definitions.pdf – 2012 Nationally Notifiable Diseases and Conditions and Current Case Definitions.
- The Governor will be declaring Oct. 14-20 as International Infection Prevention Week

Jane Shirley – Director of Local Public Health

Update on KDHE's Efforts toward Accreditation

- KDHE Completed an Agency Strategic Plan.
- The Healthy Kansans 2020 process is the State Health Assessment and is in progress.
- The National Public Health Performance State Assessment will be held Nov. 1 with an internal KDHE team assessing the Kansas public health system and Nov. 2 with a large group of system partners doing the same assessment for comparison.
- Brenda Nickel is the Director of the Center for Performance Management and she has been involved in the planning and implementation of much of the current work.
- There will be a Quality Improvement Training on Oct. 18 in Salina at the Webster Conference Center and there is still room for more to participate, so if you have a community partner you would like to invite, contact Jane. This training will help develop your agency quality improvement plan.
- The monthly "Connections" newsletter helps keep you informed of opportunities. The October edition will have information on the Immunize Kansas Kids (IKK) Community Coalition Grant.

Mike Parsons – Immunizations Outreach Coordinator

- Immunize Kansas Kids information is posted on the Immunization website
- There is no shortage of VFC Flu vaccine currently. There are 146-148 million doses being manufactured.
- The Local Health Departments are ordering more than KDHE can book and get in.
- KDHE is at 100 percent for three presentations of vaccine. If you are waiting on vaccine, it's coming.
- There is a Seasonal Flu page now on the Immunization Web site with information for parents, schools and child care providers, and health providers.
- There is an online order center. Click on "Download Flu Materials". These are available until they are gone.
- There have been some concerns and questions regarding flu vaccines given at pharmacies. Web IZ is collecting vaccine information from Walgreens, Dillons and CVS.

Amy Worthington – Influenza Surveillance Coordinator

- Reporting - Influenza deaths in children (<18 yrs of age)
 - Novel influenza should be reported to the EpiHotline within 4 hours
- Flu surveillance overview
 - Sentinel sites – 44
 - Submit number of pts with ILI (**ILI Definition: Fever (>100°F) AND cough and/or sore throat**) in absence of a KNOWN cause other than influenza weekly
 - Info forwarded to CDC and reported nationally
 - Submit one specimen to KHEL weekly

- KHEL accepts these specimens and hospitalized patients
 - If an outpatient has odd exposures or contact with swine and novel influenza is suspected, contact the EpiHotline and we will arrange to have that specimen tested

Sara Roberts – Director of Rural Health

- Last Spring the Bureau of Rural Health awarded 20 Community Health Assessment Grants. More grants are now available. The requirements include:
 - Collaboration between Critical Access Hospital and local health department
 - Funds are used to build future capacity
 - Only a limited amount can be used for an outside facilitator
 - The application requires the hospital, local health department, and a community member sign the application

Hospitals received the announcement in the current Kansas Hospital Association Report and local health departments received it today. The application is due October 25, 2012. Up to \$4,000 can be requested. The hospital and local health department core team need to:

- Meet four times in six to seven months
- Use current resources available such as Kansas Health Matters and Healthy People 2020
- Build capacity to continue the work

The next Public Health Call will be Oct. 23 at 10am.