



# KPHA E-NEWS UPDATE

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## Legislative Update for April 4



It is "break time" for the legislature, until they return at the end of the month for the Veto/ Wrap-Up Session! We are still sorting out what was done on Friday, and a more complete legislative update will be sent in the next eNews Update.

Below, is a summation of what they did before they left Topeka last Friday:

The Senate got its \$450,000-plus for breast reconstruction surgery for Medicaid cancer survivors and its \$750,000 for the Senate's health care/prescription drug program for the poor.

Mary Pilcher Cook, R-Olathe, held a press conference to urge the Senate to adopt the House's end-of-life decisions bill, which would prohibit a guardian from ending life support or even food and drink for a profoundly incapacitated ward. The bill requires a court hearing on a decision to end life support for a person who hasn't made his or her wishes on the matter known.

The Senate Health Care Strategies Committee approved, and the Senate passed a bill that created the Kansas Health Policy Authority, which mirrored the defeated ERO, and included more infrastructure, a board and executive director. The Bill was then sent to the Select Committee on Healthcare.

A bill was sent to the governor requiring inspection and licensing of abortion facilities and for abortion facilities to retain a portion of tissue from aborted fetuses when the girl undergoing the abortion is under age 14. [Back to top](#)

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## Successful Kick-off event for National Public Health Week-- Live Stronger, Longer Day at the Capitol

**Many thanks to the following organizations and persons, who helped sponsor the event at the capital:**

Kansas Foundation for Medical Care-Janet Creager

Osteoporosis Services, Inc.--Dana Carman

Arthritis Foundation-Denny Bender & Angela Deines

Kansas Academy of Family Physicians-Carolyn Gaughan and Marlina Spexarth

Coordinated School Health Program-KDHE -Allison Koonce

Tobacco Use Prevention Program-KDHE - Carol Cramer and Sarah Gronberg

Diabetes Control and Prevention Program-KDHE -Teri Caudle

Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition, Inc.-Mary Jane Hellebust

Shawnee County Health Agency-Katie Shurman, Alice Weingartner,

And nurses, Leslie Jamerson & Karen Kederick, who took Blood Pressures

Shawnee County Medical Reserve Corp.-Tisha Sinclair

Oral Health Kansas-Teresa Schwab  
(and Delta Dental for providing toothbrushes and the panda bear)

Kansas Heart Association-Kevin Walker

Kansas Humanities Council for the portrayal of Dr. Samuel Crumbine  
-Deboreh Pomeroy and Bill Worley

Very special thanks goes to Connie Hubbell and the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care for providing the healthy snacks of apples, bananas, cereal bars and bottles of water!

This whole event was so successful! We're planning to do another kick off event for National Public Health week again next year! Let me know if you and your organization would like to participate and we'll begin a list for displays. Besides legislators and legislative staff, we had many other people who checked out all the display tables and watch the Dr. Crumbine portrayal. Just respond to this email with a request to reserve you a table for the event at the Capitol!

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## Submit Your Award nominations for Fall Conference

It's that time again for KPHA to issue a call for nominations for the awards to be presented at the Fall Conference. Please help us to have a great selection for the judges to choose from. This year you can fill out the form and submit it by email. Just copy the information below, paste it in a "Reply" email, fill out the information, and hit "Send"! Or, click here to [download a copy](#).

### 2005 KPHA AWARD CATEGORIES

The KPHA Awards Committee requests nominations for the following awards:

**Samuel J. Crumbine Medal** - The highest award given by KPHA is awarded for meritorious service and state, regional, or national recognition related to the improvement of the health of Kansans and/or the environment of the state. Recipients of other KPHA awards may receive this award.

**Special Service Awards** - For individuals who have rendered outstanding service to Kansas in the interest of public health and/or environmental improvement. Two special service awards may be given annually, one of which may be to a non-member of KPHA.

**Dorothy Woodin Award** - Awarded to a public health nurse for outstanding public health nursing services.

**Corporate Public Health Service Award** - May be awarded annually to a company or organization which, through policy and activities, makes a significant contribution to the mission of public health and/or environmental improvement in Kansas. There is no requirement that the company or organization be a member of KPHA.

**Jane Addams Award** - Awarded to an individual social worker who exemplifies the qualities of Jane Addams, including a pioneering and trailblazing spirit, and dedication to improving the health of the disadvantaged and the sanitary conditions of communities.

## KPHA Award Nomination Form

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Award Category \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, describe the professional background and merits of nominee which meet criteria for award (Use additional pages if necessary).

Name of person(s) submitting nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit nomination to:**  
Kansas Public Health Association  
215 SE 8th Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66603-3906  
Fax: 785-233-3439  
E-Mail: [director@kpha.us](mailto:director@kpha.us)

**Nominations must be received by Friday, June 10, 2005.**

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## Rally at the Capital, organized by the Big Tent Coalition



### Rally for Freedom

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 27, 2005  
South steps of the Capitol  
Topeka, Kansas

Last Session the BTC fought hard for full funding for programs that promote the freedom and independence of seniors, people with disabilities, the working poor and children at risk. This year the Governor has responded to some of our concerns, but we continue to fight for elimination of waiting lists for Home and Community Based Services and to restore any remaining cuts from 2002.

Come join us. We need your help! Together we can make the difference.

For more information contact: Shannon Jones, 785-234-6990 or visit their [web site](#). [Back to top](#)

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## Attention Kansas City Area: Here is some Public Health Activity that May Be of Interest to You



Clean Air Kansas City supports a comprehensive approach to reduce tobacco use and exposure to environmental tobacco smoke in our community. A comprehensive approach includes cessation programs, prevention education, eliminating youth access to tobacco products, education about the dangers of environmental tobacco smoke exposure, and promotion of policies that create 100% smoke-free environments.

A comprehensive approach has been shown to increase rates at which smokers attempt to quit, reduce the average number of cigarettes smoked per day, increases the success rate of those who attempt to quit, and reduces the number of youth who begin to smoke each year. A comprehensive approach also reduces death and disability among smokers and non-smokers who are exposed to environmental tobacco smoke.

**Count me/our organization among the growing number of organizations and individuals that support a comprehensive approach in our community.**

Individual and/or Organization

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ # of persons represented: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ City of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

By providing this information you will be added to a coalition that is working toward a healthier, smoke-free community. You will receive periodic updates on progress and opportunities to make a difference in your community.

**Return completed forms to: Clean Air KC**

6800 W. 93rd

Overland Park, Kansas 66212

[info@cleanairkc.com](mailto:info@cleanairkc.com)

[www.cleanairkc.com](http://www.cleanairkc.com)

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**Job Openings**



**Nurse Practitioner Job Opening**

The Unified Government Public Health Department is seeking a nurse practitioner to work in its Maternal/Child Health Division. Primary area will be Family Planning and Prenatal/M&I. Duties include performing physical assessments, including pelvic exams. Will provide pre-natal, post partum and routine gynecological care management. Will prescribe medications and order/interpret diagnostic tests within

scope of clinic setting. Will assist with writing protocols and procedures. Provides client education on health issues, including all pregnancy options. Strong time management, organizational and communication skills are essential. Experience in OB/GYN helpful. Must be able to work with a diverse client population; work in a team setting; exercise judgment and refer clients as needed. Bilingual Spanish/English desirable. 40 hour week M-F (days) includes Thursday evening clinic. Part-time hours may be considered. Must be graduate of accredited school of professional nursing and be licensed as a registered nurse in Kansas. Must possess or be eligible for Kansas certification as an ARNP. Must reside in Wyandotte County or be willing to relocate within 12 months. Excellent benefits. Salary range: \$45,428 - 54,709 based on experience. **Open until filled.**

**You may submit your resume or apply to:**

Unified Government  
Personnel Services  
Room 646  
701 N. 7th Street  
Kansas City, KS 66101  
Fax: 913-573-5006  
[jobs@wycokck.org](mailto:jobs@wycokck.org)

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## Oral Health Kansas Has Moved



ORAL HEALTH KANSAS

As of April 1 their new email and mailing address (phone and fax remain the same) are:

Oral Health Kansas, Inc.  
800 SW Jackson, Ste. 1312  
Topeka, KS 66612  
785-235-6039 (phone)  
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