



KPHA E-NEWS UPDATE

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[**Spring Training conflicts with Family Planning Conference in Wichita . . . a Message from Our President Phil Griffin**](#)

It has come to our attention that the KPHA Spring Training in Salina and the Family Planning Conference in Wichita are both scheduled at the same time in June. We regret this situation, but it was not done intentionally on anyone's part. KPHA checked the shared training calendar in December before contracting with the training site and the dates were clear. We are sure that the Family Planning Conference team did the same thing and the dates were clear for them as well. Unfortunately, we were all doing our planning at the same time and the information was not placed on the calendar until contracts had been put in place for the training sites.

KPHA is committed to cooperating with all our Public Health partners. We regret that situations like this occasionally happen, but it was unavoidable as there are many agencies, organizations and individuals trying to meet the needs of the public health workforce in Kansas. It is our hope that both the KPHA Spring Training and the Family Planning Conference will be great successes and we understanding of those who must make a choice about which to attend.

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[**Legislative Update for April 15**](#)



Governor Sebelius signed more health bills into law:

[SB 257](#) adds health savings accounts to the list of health plans that small businesses may contribute to and receive a tax credit. The bill encourages employers to offer health coverage by making the credits available to small businesses that have not contributed to a covered employee's health insurance

premium or health savings account in the previous two years. Small businesses are defined as having between two and 50 eligible employees, a majority of whom are employed in Kansas.

[HB 2077](#) establishes a cancer drug repository program through which specific donated cancer drugs could be dispensed to eligible individuals. The State Board of Pharmacy will set eligibility standards and procedures for accepting and handling donated drugs.

[SB 82](#) expands the rape shield criminal procedure law to cover any court proceeding. The rape shield law prohibits the presentation of evidence of the complaining witness/victim's previous sexual conduct with any person including the defendant, unless the court decides this evidence is relevant and otherwise admissible. The bill would also add unlawful voluntary sexual relations to the list of prosecutions under which the rape shield law would apply.

[HB 2264](#) is the Kansas Department of Health and Environment added together package, and includes a statutory four year term for the health director; powers of the secretary with respect to isolation and quarantine; and rules and Phil's bill: regulation regarding tuberculosis evaluation requirements for high risk students entering a Kansas college or university

All KPHA members are encouraged to call or fax the Governor's office: 1-800-758-4408 Faxes: 785-368-8788 regarding **[SB 195](#)** - Section 10 was added late in the day on April 1 and passed both the house and senate. It is now at the Governor's office. She plans to make a decision next Monday on a veto New Section 10 prohibits cities or counties from enacting rules governing the purchase, transfer, ownership, storage or transporting of firearms or ammunition, and declares to be "null and void" any such ordinances already in existence.

Members are also encouraged by SafeKids to contact their legislators prior to April 27. If your legislator voted for the booster bill, please call and thank them - see list below. Even if you haven't contacted them before on the issue, it is important for legislators to know that you appreciate and support their decisions. You can find your legislators (and all their contact information) at the KAC Legislative Action Center. <http://www.capwiz.com/kac/state/main/?state=KS>
OR you can go to www.kslegislature.org. [Back to top](#)

[It's not too late to ask your vendors to participate in the Spring Training Vendor Show in Salina!](#)

Heather Fuller, KPHA Spring Training Chair, sent letters and forms to a list of possible vendors for the vendor show in Salina. It's not too late to help her in getting them to say yes or, to adding new names to that list. Just click on to this [letter](#) and [agreement form](#) and use them to email or give to vendors you know! [Back to top](#)

[A Special Request from Ed Kalis, Chair of the 2005 Conference Exhibitor Committee](#)

If you can't convince your vendors to come to the Spring Training, be sure to invite them to participate in the Fall Conference in Wichita. Ed Kalis is working on cleaning up the vendor lists, and he would like KPHA members to give or send these forms to anyone that they buy products from. If you all ask the vendors that each of your agencies, organizations, or foundations purchase materials from, to participate in our vendor show in Wichita, we should see a great growth and a more profitable conference! If you get some positive responses, you can send the information to Ed and he will send out the package.

Here are the forms he's sending out:

[Exhibitor Agreement and Participation Form](#)
[Century II Convention Center Utilities Order Form](#)

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Job Opening



Associate State Director - Community Outreach

Working to ensure AARP is seen as a visible force, you will develop and implement activities related to priorities in the state, including community service programs, personal enrichment events and education/learning activities with a focus on various consumer health and/or economic security issues, advocacy, and other campaigns. You will recruit, train, and orient volunteers; conduct volunteer recognition activities; develop effective partnerships with community organizations and businesses and maintain visible statewide coalitions dealing with community service strategic issues.

Requires: Bachelor's degree; 5-7 years of relevant experience, excellent communication, events management, interpersonal, and volunteer management skills. Bilingual skills (English/Spanish) a plus. Travel: Up to 50%. Qualified candidates are invited to apply online at www.aarpjobs.com (see State & National Initiatives). [Back to top](#)

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