



KPHA E-NEWS UPDATE

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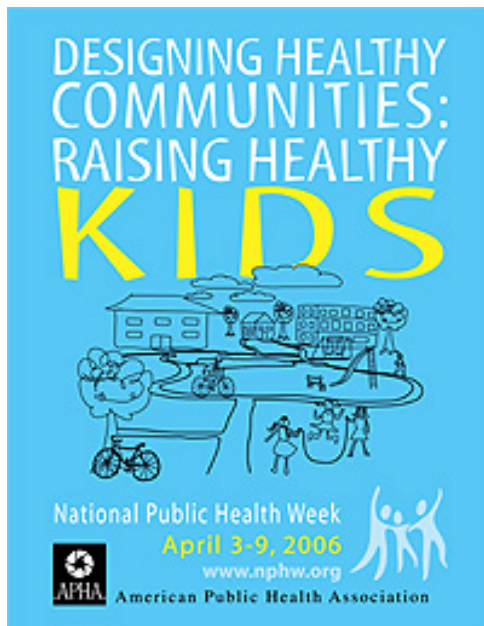
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One More "Call" for Member Responses for the Common Language Survey

If you haven't already submitted your response to the survey on Common Language, now is your last chance to have your opinion's count! Click [here](#) for the questionnaire. Copy it into an email to Amy Chesser at KU School of Medicine in Wichita and after you have answered the questions, send it to achesser@kumc.edu, or, copy it and hit reply to this email, answer the questions and send it back to the KPHA office and I will forward it on to Amy. We have to get a report to the Kansas Health Foundation by April 1st and would like as many responses as possible to be included in the report. The Board will be considering a thank you to all of you who respond! Some ideas have been a discount to the KPHA Conference in the fall, a discount on membership renewals, etc. So your time and efforts will be worth not only value to KPHA but also to yourself!. [Back to top](#)

[Plan to Participate in National Public Health Week Events in Kansas](#)



Kicking off the week will be a proclamation signing on March 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Governor's office. If you are interested in being in that photo with the Governor, let me know. Anyone is welcome to attend, but I have to turn in the names to the Governor's office by March 10. The Health Day at the Capitol will be on March 31st. Click [here](#) for the form to sign up to participate in one or more of the events. Click [here](#) to download a National Public Health Week poster.

Tentative agenda:

8:30 a.m.-Noon Table displays in the Capital Rotunda including health screenings and health information for legislators, staff, and the public

10:00 a.m. Portrayal of Dr. Samuel Crumbine by the Kansas Humanities Council

1:30-3:30 p.m. ADVOCACY WORKSHOP in the Kansas Health Institute classroom

1:30-2:00 p.m. "AHA-KS" Dr. Kim Richter, KUMC, KPHA-Legislative Action Committee

2:00-2:30 p.m. "Advocacy-What Works!" Former Senator/House member, David Corbin

2:30-3:00 p.m. "CLASS"--effective best practices in Advocacy", Kansas Disability Council

3:00-3:30 p.m. "Legal Aspects of Advocacy" Marvin Stottlemire, J.D., KU Management Center

4:00 p.m. Health Rally on the Statehouse Steps - Speakers will include Dr. Howard Rodenberg and Dr. Marci Neilson

5:00-7:00 p.m. Health Reception for Legislators- 2nd floor rotunda.

If you have any questions, just let KPHA know! [Back to top](#)

Legislative Update



Last week was what is known as "Turn around week in the Capital." Bills introduced in either chamber need to be voted out of that chamber and sent to the other chamber for their hearings, unless, a bill is "blessed" (by the Committee Chair and Leadership and sent to an exempt committee like Appropriations in the House and Ways and Means in the Senate). Since this is an election year, any bills remaining in committees will die a natural death and the numbering of bills starts all over next year after the elections.

The House voted 66-56 to amend [HB 2829](#), which came to the floor as an abortion-only measure. A majority of House members favored the amendment offered by Rep. Terri Huntington, R-Mission Hills. It requires the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to conduct regular, random inspections of about 250 to 300 offices and facilities performing surgery that requires general anesthesia or heavy sedation. Annual cost of the state inspections was estimated to be \$200,000.

The Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday removed from a sex predator bill a provision that would prohibit registered sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of a school or day care center. The bill, which was advanced to the full Senate, also was changed to prohibit cities from enacting similar provisions, which the Topeka City Council currently is considering.

Several attempts are underway to curtail and close businesses that sell sexually oriented material. One effort was discussed Tuesday in the Kansas Legislature's Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee. The bill comes to the committee from Tim Huelskamp, R-Fowler. It states that no sign or other outdoor advertising for a sexually oriented business could be within a mile of any highway.

A Worker Compensation bill passed the Senate which essentially discharges employers' insurers from indemnity payments for preexisting conditions of an injured worker. The bill had been especially controversial this session because of its broad opposition from labor and fire fighters and the concept of workers being essentially depreciated through the aging process to reduce their non-medical awards.

The Senate passed, 27-13, after objection and a failed amendment by Sen. Kay O'Connor, R-Olathe, a bill that establishes in state law the "abstinence-plus" education program that is much like the program that is expiring as a State Board of Education curriculum item. The O'Connor amendment which failed, 12-25, was to make the course an "opt-in" deal rather than an "opt-out" deal. O'Connor and others said that parents should have a say in what their children are taught at schools and, failing that, the Kansas Legislature shouldn't be in the role of determining classes to be offered in schools across the state. [Back to top](#)

Trainings and Health News



Please save the date of May 4, 2006, for the First Annual Public Health Nursing Conference in Memphis Tennessee and its subsequent web-cast.

The theme will be "Addressing Health Disparities in Public Health Nursing" with Dr. Carol Easley Allen as the keynote speaker. This 1-day conference and web-cast will examine the problems with health disparities from several perspectives and will include time for developing strategies to address those disparities.

The conference website is at:

<http://nursingnet.utmem.edu/phnconference/>

The information is not complete yet but you may contact Ms. Trimika Bowdre, Conference Coordinator, at tbowdre@nursing.utmem.edu to be notified when the conference plans are complete.

As of now, the Early Bird conference registration fee will be \$40 for the day, including lunch. Continuing Education Credits will be provided for an additional \$10.00. Early Bird registration ends April 17, 2006. After April 17, 2006, the conference registration fee will be \$50.00, including lunch and Continuing Education Credits will still be provided for an additional \$10.00. People who cannot attend in person will be able to download the web cast after the conference and will be able to receive Continuing Education Credits for \$10.00.

News that the Influenza vaccination reduces death in elderly - Geriatrics Influenza vaccination is effective in preventing death in the elderly population, Jonas Hedland, MD, said. "In the general elderly population while influenza vaccination is effective in reducing death from all causes, it is with a much lower effectiveness than thought," said Dr. Hedlund, docent, department of communicable disease control and prevention, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden. For more information visit: <http://www.geri.com/geriatrics/article/articleDetail.jsp?id=303356>. [Back to top](#)

Washburn Student Needs Assistance

Washburn Student Needs Information on Substance Abuse (alcohol abuse, drug abuse, and smoking abuse) and diet/healthy eating habits (eating disorders, proper exercise, proper eating habits)

Below is an email requesting brochures be sent to a school for the project. If your agency has any brochures on these topics, please send them to her!! You can email her at amanda.swift@washburn.edu.

"I am sending you some more detailed information regarding the project we are doing for Cair Paravel Latin School. (Topeka) They do not have a Health Education program and my group is in the process of implementing this at the school. We only have a short time to do this however and so we are only focusing on a few subjects for this semester. Our goals are to provide them with contacts that will continually provide them with information (pamphlets, videos, posters, brochures, etc.) when they are out of the stuff they will be provided with this semester. We also hope to see them implement this in the future years.

This semester we are focusing on the subjects of substance abuse (alcohol abuse, drug abuse, and smoking abuse) and diet/healthy eating habits (eating disorders, proper exercise, proper eating habits, etc.). I am hoping that you can give me a list of resources that the school can contact in the future when they are in need of more information.

I also would be extremely appreciative if you would be able to have those resources that you know of send me brochures, posters, pencils, pens...anything they have that we could give to the school. The more the better! :) When it comes to substance abuse we are in need of more information in regards to drug abuse and smoking abuse than alcohol abuse. If you have anything dealing with eating disorders, exercise, proper eating, etc. that would also be wonderful! We are targeting an age group of 12-18 years of age (6th grade - 12th grade). There are about...500 individuals in that age group.

Like I said before...the more stuff you can get to us the better. Thank you so much for you interest in what we are trying to accomplish with this school. We are extremely appreciative of your willingness to support us. I hope I have provided you with the necessary information. I'm not sure if you need a mailing address but my full name is Amanda Swift and anything that you can send to us can be sent to 1222 SW High Ave. Topeka, KS 66604. Thank you again!

Amanda Swift

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KDHE Health Statistics Available



The February 2006 edition of Kansas Health Statistics Report. Click [here](#) to view the February 2006 issue. The Center publishes the Kansas Health Statistics Report quarterly. Kansas Health Statistics Report is available by electronic subscription.

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Peace Corp Lecture Response to HIV Aids



"A Mission of Hope: Peace Corps' Response to HIV and AIDS"
March 7, 2006
12:20 - 1:00 p.m.
Ramada Plaza Ballroom
17th Street and Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS

The lecture is free and open to the public.

K-STATE'S PEACE CORPS COORDINATOR TO PRESENT VERNON LARSON LECTURE

MANHATTAN - Stephanie Springer, Kansas State University's Peace Corps coordinator, will deliver the next Vernon Larson International Luncheon Lecture.

Springer will present "A Mission of Hope: Peace Corps' Response to HIV and AIDS" at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Ramada Plaza Ballroom, 17th Street and Anderson Avenue. The lecture is free and open to the public.

A luncheon starting at 11:45 a.m. will precede the speech. Cost for the luncheon is \$10. Reservations need to be made by noon Friday, March 3, to the office of international programs at 785-532-5990 or oip@k-state.edu.

Springer is a 2002 K-State graduate and a recently returned Peace Corps volunteer. From June 2003 to August 2005, she volunteered as a youth development adviser in Lesotho, Africa. As an adviser, she guided government workers and community leaders as they planned and facilitated youth empowerment and HIV/AIDS prevention programs.

Springer said her experience as a Peace Corps volunteer was very rewarding. While serving the people of Lesotho, she learned about development work, poverty, hunger and HIV/AIDS. She also gained a greater respect and compassion for people who do great things with limited resources and learned more about herself and her own skills and abilities.

Springer is a resource for K-State faculty, staff and students who are interested in learning more about service with the Peace Corps.

The Vernon Larson International Luncheon Lecture Series was started in 1979 by Vernon C. Larson, then director of international agriculture programs at K-State. With eight presentations each year, held once a month during the fall and spring semesters, the series offers the K-State community a chance to hear presentations from faculty who have recently participated in extensive overseas activity or who are involved in major international activities.

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Call for Presentations for KPHA Fall Conference

Ed Kalas, KPHA President Elect and Conference Chair for 2006 has been very busy planning the fall conference. Ed and I met with Capitol Plaza staff last week to start putting the pencil to the test for all the arrangements at the hotel. This will be the first year for KPHA to put out a call for presentations, and we know there are so many of our members who are excellent speakers or who know someone who may be an excellent speaker. So, click [here](#) for the forms to fill out and return. [Back to top](#)



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