



# KPHA E-NEWS UPDATE

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## Legislative Update

There's still time to sign up for Health Day at the Capital for a booth display! Click [here](#) for the form. Please plan to attend any or all of the events!

Designing Healthy Communities: Raising Healthy Kids



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# “HEALTH DAY” AT THE CAPITAL

The Kansas Public Health Association cordially invites you to attend and participate in the kick-off event for National Public Health Week  
**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> floor Rotunda of the Capitol**


**8:30am to Noon** Come and enjoy healthy snacks and plan to participate in  
• Blood pressure checks • Diabetes risk assessment screenings •  
Cholesterol testing • Body fat percentage & body mass index •

**10:00am**      **A portrayal of Dr. Samuel Crumbine of Kansas,**  
the Frontier Doctor-1862-1954, Kansas Humanities Council, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rotunda

**1:30-3:30pm**      **Health Advocacy Workshop** Kansas Health Institute,  
212 SW Eighth Avenue-- Opportunity to learn or refresh advocacy skills.  
1:30-2:00 "AHA-KS"-Dr. Kim Richter, KUMC, KPHA Legislative Action Committee  
2:00-2:30 "Advocacy-What Works!"-Former Senator and House Member, David Corbin  
2:30-3:00 "Partners in Policymaking-Effective Best Practices in Advocacy" —  
Dr. Jane Rhys, KS Developmental Disability Council  
3:00-3:30 "Legal Aspects of Advocacy"-Marvin Stottlemire, J.D., KU Management  
Center

**4:00pm**      **Health Rally on the South Capitol Steps**  
With Dr. Howard Rodenberg, KBHE & Dr. Marci Nielsen, KHPA

**5:00-7:00pm**      **Reception for Legislators & Health Advocates,**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rotunda

 **National PublicHealth Week**      April 3-9, 2006

The Legislature's Activity this week consists of Conference Committee on Monday and Tuesday and the full House and Senate coming back on Wednesday. Click [here](#) to see a schedule of the Conference Committees.

The Proclamation signing for NPHW went very well last Friday, thanks to Janice McCoy, Ann Gustafson, Eldonna and Justin Chesnut, Janis Goedke, Anita Hodge, Gloria Vermie, Mary Jane Hellebust, Deanne Bacco, Doug Farmer, Sarah Tidwell, and a few others! Following the signing several of us made our way around the capital delivering Health Packets for the Legislators with an issue of the Nation's Health and an invitation to the Health Day at the capital.

Here are the photos of us going from office to office:



**Bills on Health in the 2006 Legislature:** This year has not been flooded with lots of activity on health bills, as you've witnessed by the lack of them in the eNews Updates. I questioned several legislators about this and got the same response, especially from Rep. Jim Morrison, the House Chair of the Health and Human Services. He described the inactivity due to the Senate Health Committees not meeting this session because the Senate Chairs announced their candidacy for the Governor's race. So, it's politics as usual, although sometimes, it's better when there is no legislative activity to be concerned about! Next year, KPHA hopes to meet with Legislators prior to the session and see if we can move some good health

legislation through the 2007 Legislature. I suggested this to Rep. Morrison and he was very supportive of getting together to see what could be done!! With that said, here's a bit of news on health-related bills in the final weeks of the 2006 Session:

**DUI-multiple offenses:** Guardian Interlock Systems in Oklahoma City wants the Legislature to adopt a bill requiring people to provide the Kansas motor vehicle division with documentation that a breath-testing device was installed in a vehicle before a license is reinstated after a DUI. Under the bill, people who did not provide the state with proof of installation of the testing device would have a second year added to the suspension of their license. The House has passed the bill, which is being reviewed by the Senate Judiciary Committee. People convicted of driving under the influence could have a relative or friend's vehicle equipped with the device. Installation costs about \$60, and the rental fee is between \$60 and \$70 per month. The Transportation Department had been worried proposed changes could lead to the state no longer being in compliance with federal requirements on drunken drivers. The bill was amended in a way to avoid that.

**Math and Science Academy:** A bill to create the Kansas Academy of Math and Science for 40 high school students won first-round approval in the Kansas House last Monday. A similar measure failed last year in the House by six votes. This year's bill got six votes more than it needed. The academy would provide accelerated math and science courses to 40 high school students who show a high aptitude and exceptional skills in those subjects. It would be similar to an academy operating in Missouri. Students would spend their junior and senior years at the academy, plus their first two years of college. The program would be designed by the Kansas Board of Regents, which oversees the state's universities and colleges. No location has been chosen. State fiscal analysts have estimated it could cost more than \$200,000 to establish such an academy. However, Kelsey said private money had been lined up. "There's money ready now to make this happen," he told the House. "I don't believe it's going to cost the taxpayers anything." Rep. Kenny Wilk, R-Lansing, said the state was trying to attract bioscience and other technical industries to bolster the state's economy and that they will need a work force skilled in math and science. Many of the votes against the measure, Bill 139, came from Democrats who objected to a requirement that parents pay for a child's room and board at the academy. They said that would make it difficult for low-income families to send their children. [Back to top](#)

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## Update on Citizen's Health Care Working Group



Below is an update received in the KPHA office about what's been happening since we hosted the first meeting in January in KC.

### **THE CITIZENS' HEALTH CARE WORKING GROUP UPDATE (3/20)**

Everyone is talking about the Virtual Town Hall Meeting that took place Wednesday, March 22nd Hosted by the Big Ten Conference and the Association of Schools of Public Health, hundreds of people across the country gathered at 22 different locations to participate in this national meeting on health care.

## What people are saying

### With liberty and coverage for all?

USA Today, Julie Appleby ... policy. Nearly 500 attended a Citizens' Health Care Working Group session in Los Angeles on March 4.

[http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/health/2006-03-14-health-debate-usat\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/health/2006-03-14-health-debate-usat_x.htm)

### Have a voice in health-care policy

Indianapolis Star, United States ... The forum at IUPUI will be one of 22 simultaneous discussions around the country sponsored that night by the national Citizens' Health Care Working Group. ...

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060320/OPINION/603200317/1002>

### Conference seeks input on health care

The Courier-Journal, IN ... The University of Michigan is coordinating the meeting nationally in conjunction with the Citizens' Health Care Working Group, a 15-member panel appointed by ...

<http://www.jconline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060320/NEWS0501/603200312/1152>

Also, you can help us keep this discussion going by contributing to our blog at [www.AmericansDiscussHealth.org](http://www.AmericansDiscussHealth.org).

And visit the discussion forums - or even volunteer to moderate one of the forums on a particular issue! [Back to top](#)

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## Martha Froetschner Serves the New Immunize Kansas Steering Committee

The first meeting of IK, Immunize Kansas was held at KHI last week and KPHA's representatives, Martha Froetschner, Shawnee Co. Health Agency, and myself attended the meeting. A multi-year project was launched to address some of the long-term, systemic issues identified in 2004 by a Governor's blue ribbon task force. The goal is to develop a sustainable, statewide plan to assure that our children receive timely age-appropriate recommended immunizations. If you have questions about the project, you can contact Martha at: [martha.froetschner@co.shawnee.ks.us](mailto:martha.froetschner@co.shawnee.ks.us). Or check out KHI's website: <http://www.khi.org/Immunization/Immunization.htm>.

Here are the goals of the committee:

- By further development of a statewide online immunization registry.
- By increasing collaboration between Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and immunization programs.
- By increasing the participation of private-sector providers in vaccination.
- By attempting interventions with urban children and their health providers that improve timely administration of vaccines.
- By administering at an earlier age the fourth shot in a series given to protect children from diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis.

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## AAPHA and KPHA Working on Poster/Paper Presentations for Fall Meetings



Melissa Armstrong is again chairing the poster paper contest for this fall's KPHA conference and is working on getting the forms updated and sent out. So make your plans now to submit a paper or poster for this year's conference!! Below is APHA's request of the APHA meeting in Boston!

### **Affiliate Poster Proposal**

The Committee on Affiliates (CoA) is the representative body of APHA that represents 53 affiliates: one for each state, one for Washington, DC plus two in California and New York. All affiliates are also represented on the APHA Governing Council. As it has done for several years now, the CoA is inviting affiliates to propose poster abstracts for acceptance and exhibition at the 2006 annual meeting in Boston, MA (Nov. 4-8th). This year's conference theme is "Public Health & Human Rights". Poster proposals can be on any public health-related topic and should be a project sponsored by your affiliate or any of your affiliate members (individuals or groups).

**The deadline for submitting poster abstracts is June 30, 2006.** Authors will be contacted in late July-early August about poster abstract selection for exhibition. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Lakitia Mayo at (202) 777-2515 or [lakitia.mayo@apha.org](mailto:lakitia.mayo@apha.org).

### **Student Poster Contest**

The Committee on Affiliates (CoA) is the representative body of APHA that represents 53 affiliates: one for each state, one for Washington, DC plus two in California and New York. All affiliates are also represented on the APHA Governing Council. This year's conference theme is "Evidence-based Policy and Practice" however, poster proposals can be on any public health-related topic. The CoA is sponsoring a student poster contest for students currently enrolled in public health-related classes and schools. Students are encouraged to submit proposals for work they have either completed or that is in the process and showing promising results. The student posters accepted for exhibition at the annual meeting will be judged by a sub-committee of the CoA, and the winning student poster author(s) will win a \$100 cash prize-an author must be present at the poster session to receive the award.

**The deadline for submitting student poster abstracts is June 30, 2006.** Authors will be contacted in late July-early August about poster abstracts selection for exhibition. For more information contact Maranda Ward, Student Assembly Representative to the CoA at (202) 635-4244 or [wmaranda@hotmail.com](mailto:wmaranda@hotmail.com).

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## **Call for Presentations for the KPHA Annual Conference**

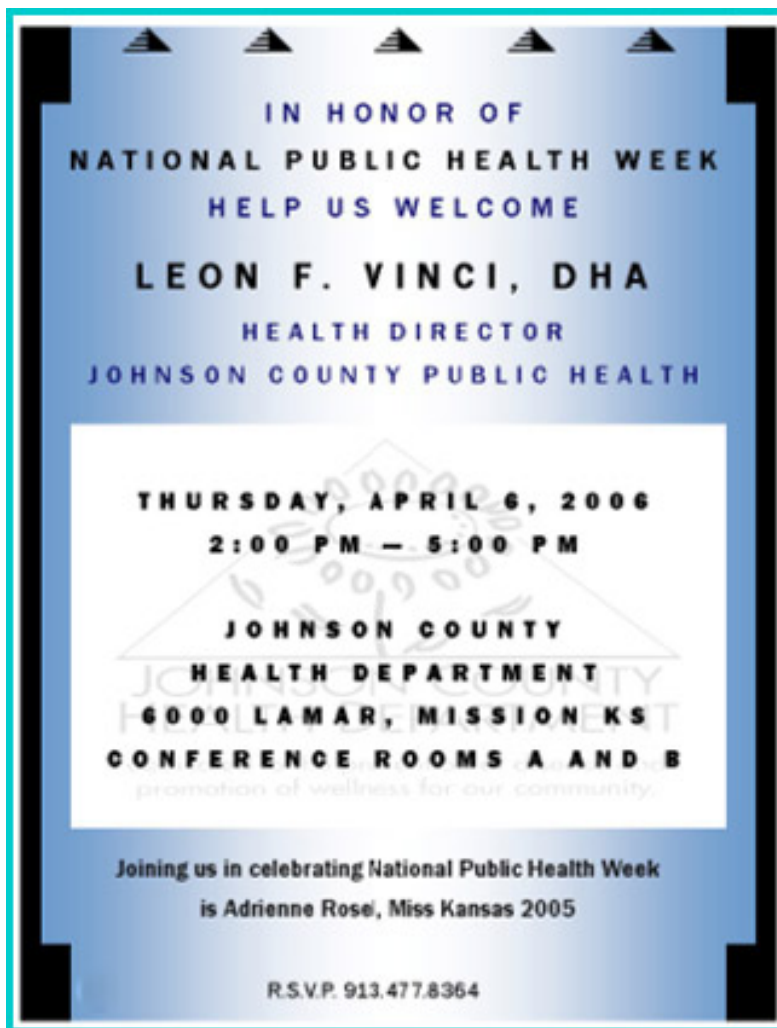
The call has gone out this year's fall conference, already. But you still have time to submit your entry to be a presenter. This year's conference theme is: **"Speaking a Common Language: The New Voice of Public Health."**

The conference will focus on creating a common language for public health in communities and in the workforce. There will be approximately 20 breakout sessions, an evening dinner at the Kansas History Museum (your dinner ticket will give you free admission to tour the museum) honoring our founder, Dr. Samuel Crumbine, national speakers, such as the President of the American Public Health Association, Dr. Mail, and many state health leaders will be speaking. The KPHA fall conference has been an annual event

for over a decade and is attended by a wide variety of health advocates, with an average attendance of 300. As most of you know KPHA is the oldest and largest organization of public health professionals and health advocates in the state. If you have a presentation you'd like to make click [here](#) for the form. [Back to top](#)

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