



# KPHA E-NEWS UPDATE

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[KPHA Launches "Campaign for a Healthier Kansas!"](#)



At the Board meeting in March, it was decided unanimously to develop a campaign to promote public health in Kansas and **we need your help in the development and implementation of the project.**

The first step was to produce a logo and get the information out about the campaign. This was done at the Health Day at the Capital, at the Spring Conference, and at the Minority Health Conference. Healthy Kansas Supporter window clings were made and we hope members will contribute \$25 to receive a decal. Sonja Armbruster suggested an

"Each One Reach One" approach. If you send in your contribution of \$25, you will receive two decals, one to display, and another for display in a business, or other prominent appropriate public place. Board member, Gloria Vermie, is going to approach one of her favorite restaurants in Topeka to give her extra decal for display.

The next step is to develop a committee to help with the decisions to be made on the campaign-how to further develop publicity and how the incoming funds would be spent. It is hoped that with a logo supporting "healthy living", businesses, i.e. restaurants, fitness centers, organizations, and academia will want decals to display in their windows and contribute. Wouldn't it be terrific if we had businesses in every community in Kansas displaying our Healthy Kansas Supporter decals?!

A company from California (who is working with Kansas Medicaid) is interested in contributing enough for decals to give to many doctor's offices in Kansas. Eventually, we could develop criteria for businesses, corporations, and organizations to receive a decal that indicates they are not only a supporter, but are qualified to be "healthy friendly." The criteria would be developed by a KPHA committee who would then approve the entity.

If you are interested in serving on this new committee, please notify the KPHA office or Janice McCoy at [jmccoy@cowleycounty.org](mailto:jmccoy@cowleycounty.org).

Click [here](#) to get your decals today. Remember, members will receive 2 decals for a limited time! [Back to top](#)

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## Amicus Brief Outcome is Successful!

Last year KPHA participated in the Amicus Brief to the 10th Circuit Court. Below is a response from the lawyer in New York who was involved with the case. It was a positive outcome!

<<District Ct Opinion 4.18.06.pdf>>

We are pleased to announce that on April 18, 2006, Judge Thomas Marten of the United States District Court for the District of Kansas granted plaintiffs' motion for injunctive and declaratory relief and permanently enjoined enforcement of the reporting statute in the manner required by the Attorney General's opinion. We have attached Judge Marten's decision above for your information. We do not yet know whether the state will appeal Judge Marten's ruling, but we will certainly let you know of any developments.

As participants in the Amicus Brief to the Tenth Circuit in the Aid for Women v. Foulston case, you provided invaluable support to the plaintiffs. We thank you again for your participation and encourage you to contact us with any questions.

Thank you,

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If you are interested in reading the decision, let me know and I will send it to you!

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## Sunflower Announces New Grant



Sunflower Foundation  
HEALTH CARE FOR KANSANS

Below is an email from Sunflower announcing a new grant opportunity! This e-mail message is sent to inform you that the Sunflower Foundation has announced a new request for proposals (RFP 07-101), calling for programs and projects that address the foundation's five specific interest areas:

#### Health Care Access

1. Bridge Grants
2. Health Disparities  
Capacity Building
3. Capacity Building

#### Healthy Behaviors and Prevention

4. Physical Activity & Healthy Eating
5. Walking Trails

We believe there may be components of this RFP that will be of interest to your members, and we would appreciate your passing this information on to them. Proposals submitted in response to this RFP are **due by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 15, 2006** (please note that this RFP does NOT begin with a call for concept papers; it has **only the one step of submitting a full proposal**). Potential applicants are encouraged to participate in one of the RFP briefings to be held via telephone conference calls May 2-4, 2006. Complete details on this RFP, including application documents and instructions for participating in the telephone briefings, will be posted by the end of business today on the foundation's Web site: [www.sunflowerfoundation.org](http://www.sunflowerfoundation.org).

Thank you for your assistance in sharing this information as you deem appropriate. For questions about this RFP, please contact the Sunflower Foundation at (toll free) 866.232.3020 or (local) 785.232.3000. [Back to top](#)

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### Legislators Return This Wednesday

As legislators return this week they'll try to resolve prickly issues and tougher penalties for sex predators, tax cuts for businesses and, just maybe, liven things up with a gambling debate. The Senate Education Committee will return to work Monday to prepare legislation for the lawmakers returning Wednesday. Chairman Jean Schodorf, R-Wichita, said the panel will work from four proposals -- three the Senate previously rejected and a new proposal by Sen. Dwayne Umbarger, R-Thayer, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The House Appropriations Committee, developing its final budget bill last week, passed on a proposal to include money for the school bill that cleared the full House. The motion by Rep. Tom Sawyer, D-Wichita, was rejected 11-10."

Some of that money could be siphoned off by tax cuts that have passed the House but are stalled in the Senate. Gov. Kathleen Sebelius raised expectations for a significant business tax cut, proposing before the session to eliminate the property tax on future machinery and equipment that businesses buy. Under her proposal, local governments would have taken the biggest hit on lost revenue. The House turned that around with \$200 million in aid to local governments over the next four years.

Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, R-Independence, said the school funding debate and the tax cut debate can't be separated. "We're going to have to work jointly on taxes and the school bill," he said. Gambling proponents say the strong desire for higher school funding and tax cuts gives them yet another shot at passing a casino bill. Proposals are pending in both chambers. The Senate rejected a gambling bill 20-16. The House has not debated the issue.

Some public employee and retiree groups are lining up support for the House bill, which dedicates 75 percent of gambling revenue to schools and 25 percent to the state's retirement system. They've scheduled a rally Wednesday, when lawmakers return. State retirees last got a cost-of-living raise in 1998.

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## KPHA Regulations and Statutes Book "Very Popular"

We have done a second printing on the book to keep up with the orders! If you haven't ordered yours, yet, click [here](#) for the form! The new book was formatted from over 450 pages to 250 pages, so it's easier to read and find the law or regulation you need and to copy for public health. [Back to top](#)

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## KPHA is Getting a Notre Dame Summer Intern!

Below is an email from Megan Ryder, who will be interning in the KPHA office this summer-where she'll get lots of experience with plenty to do! So if you hear a new voice on the other end of the line in June, you'll know who it is!

Dear Ms. Schwartz,

This is Megan Ryder, the Notre Dame student who has been in contact with you about a summer internship. If your organization is still willing to have me, I would love to come work with you this summer. I received a grant to finance a summer internship from the University, so I just have to make sure that I can work full-time. If you have any additional information, please let me know. I look forward to the summer!

Thank you,  
Megan Ryder

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