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KHPA Holds Data Consortium—KPHA Is A Member of This New Group

KHPA hosted the first meeting of the Data Consortium in Topeka on Tuesday December 18, with the overriding theme of using the Consortium and KHPA's broad data responsibilities to advance health reform via data-driven policy. Of the 19 member organizations invited, 15 were present (in addition to KHPA), along with other interested individuals from the public.

Presenters were Andy Allison, Marci Nielsen, Hareesh Mavoori (KHPA), Brian Huesers (KDHE), and Larry Pitman (KFMC). Members were presented with an overview of the role and statutory charge of KHPA in advancing health data policy, the development of the Data Consortium, other national and state health data initiatives, an overview of available data sources, overview of health reform initiatives being proposed this legislative session, plans for public reporting, the core task of the Data Consortium and next steps.

As its first major task, KHPA staff asked the Consortium to develop a set of recommended measures for health

indicators in 4 of the 6 Vision Principles – namely:

1. Access to Care,
2. Quality & Efficiency,
3. Affordable, Sustainable Health Care, and
4. Health and Wellness.

These measures will ideally be reliable, valid, measurable at state and national levels to enable comparisons, and measured on a regular basis to monitor progress.

The first step in the health indicators process will be to identify the appropriate structure for the Consortium work and the role of each member. Members were asked to start thinking about the role they wish to play in the Consortium and ways in which they could help with the workload and staffing responsibilities. [Back to top](#)

Public Health Law Bench Book in Kansas



KPHA members, Richard Morrissey and Cindy Burbach and myself met with staff from the Office of Judicial Administration to follow-up on the meetings held at the Fall Conference. Much research went into what other states are doing and also what the CDC was encouraging. It was decided to approach KU Professor Elizabeth Weeks to see if she could incorporate the

development of a Kansas Public Health Bench Book for Judges in her classes and she agreed. We will be meeting with her and OJA staff to help develop the book. This is part of our APHA grant activity which is being fulfilled! [Back to top](#)

Job Openings

The Osage County Health Dept. has an opening for a part-time Child Care Licensing and Registration Surveyor. This position evaluates child care centers, preschools and day care homes in Osage County, making recommendations for licensure and compliance, investigates allegations of non-compliance, and educates providers and the public on licensing and registration. Training will be provided by KDHE. Applicant must have a Bachelor degree in Education, Nursing, Social Work or Family Development. Qualified applicants may apply by mailing a resume to:

Osage County Health Dept. PO Box 197 Lyndon, KS 66451



Sedgwick County, Kansas

Community Health Nurse II - Immunization Clinic

Job Objectives:

Perform Immunization and Health Screening services at all clinic locations. Provide direct nursing services to all citizens at these locations.

Essential Job Functions:

Provide direct health care services to all populations seeking services from the health department.

Accurately document health and health screening services.

Provide health education to clients seeking services through the health department.

Submission of reports as needed.

Knowledge of and Adherence to Sedgwick County and Health Department policies and procedures.

Job Standards:

Qualified to provide direct nursing services

1-2 years experience preferred.

Graduate of an accredited program in nursing

Currently registered in the State of Kansas as a Registered Nurse or a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Valid Kansas Drivers license.

Current Valid CPR certification

Proof of vaccination against certain diseases within 10 days of employment As a requirement of this position, in some instances it may be necessary for bilingual staff to interpret or provide written translation for the Sedgwick County Health Department.

Equipment:

Medical equipment necessary for job duties.

Work Environment:

Medical Clinic

SALARY: LPN-annual starting salary \$32,271 or CHN II annual salary \$37,293 (will be adjusted based on experience)

Mon-Fri 8-5

2716 W. Central Wichita KS 67203

Valid Kansas Drivers License Required. Must meet Driver Qualification standards as set forth in Sedgwick County's Fleet Vehicle Operation and Usage policy (R#225-1999).

To Apply please go to www.hrepartners.com. [Back to top](#)

APHA News



APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition News

What Was Your Favorite Part of the Annual Meeting?

If you were too busy to read [APHA's Annual Meeting blog](#) during the event itself, there's still time to catch up. While you are there, take our [Annual Meeting blog poll](#) and let us know what your favorite event at the meeting was!

Call for Abstracts for 2008 APHA Annual Meeting

Public health professionals interested in presenting research at next year's APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition in San Diego, Oct. 25-29, can submit abstracts beginning Dec. 17. Final deadlines for submission depend on the Section, SPIG, Caucus, Assembly or Forum that abstracts are submitted to. All submission deadlines will fall between Feb. 4-8, 2008. Abstracts can be submitted via the APHA Web site. To submit an abstract or for more information, please visit www.apha.org/meetings or e-mail annualmeeting@apha.org. All individuals making a scientific session or poster presentation must become individual members of APHA and must register for the Annual Meeting in order to present their research.

Please Complete the Post-Annual Meeting Survey

An online survey was recently sent to all 2007 Annual Meeting registrants. Please take a few minutes to tell us about your experience by completing this brief survey. Your feedback will help us in planning next year's meeting.

Annual Meeting Photographs Available Online

Photographs from this year's Annual Meeting can now be viewed and purchased online for a limited time. When prompted, enter "APHA" as the log-in and "publichealth" as the password. For more information on ordering photos from the EZ Event Photography site, call (562) 277-6292 or e-mail jezell@cox.net.

New Education Materials Addressing Depression For Young People and Families

American Public Health Association state and regional public health associations are offered **free copies** of new resources addressing depression in adolescents and young adults.

Depression: True Stories (26-minute DVD with Discussion Guide)

Professional basketball player Chamique Holdsclaw and other young adults describe living with depression. Their powerful stories show how early treatment can transform and save lives. A guide helps lead thoughtful discussions with young people, parents and other caregivers. *Intended audience: grades 6-college, parents, and other caregivers.*

Words Can Work: When Talking About Depression and Other Mental Health Disorders (52-page booklet)

Young adults and their families discuss living with depression, bipolar disorder, and other mental health disorders. Experts offer information and strategies to help young people and families, talk about these topics. *Intended audience: grades 6-college, parents, and other caregivers.*

To receive your DVD and booklet, email your shipping address to info@wordscanwork.com. Copies are limited. (One package per association)

View clips at: <http://www.wordscanwork.com/products/materials.html>

The DVD and *Words Can Work* booklets were produced with researchers and clinicians from the National Institute of Mental Health, Harvard Medical School, Columbia University and Montefiore Medical Center. These resources can be used in various community settings:

- Featured in community forum
- Integrated into educational curricula
- Offered to patients and parents in community and healthcare settings

- Recommended to workplace employee benefits programs

"Depression: True Stories provides compelling first person accounts of the suffering associated with this life threatening illness--depression. At the same time, it inspires hope about the power of treatment. It is certain to educate adolescents, young adults, parents, other caregivers, and health care professionals about a serious illness that can and should be treated."

Paula K. Rauch, M.D.
Director, Child Psychiatry Consultation Service to Pediatrics
Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School

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Save The Dates!

2008 Public Health Conference

April 29 & 30, 2008
The Wichita Airport Hilton
Wichita, KS

Public Health in Kansas: "There's No Place Like Home!"
Early Intervention Strategies for Healthy Families



Sponsored by KPHA, KDHE, and the Heartland Centers for Public Health Preparedness

Saving, Collecting or Hoarding?

April 4, 2008
Wichita Marriott
Wichita, KS

“Saving, Collecting or Hoarding?”

Steps To Understanding Hoarding



Wichita/Sedgwick County Hoarding
Task Force Presents:

- One-day intensive workshop on hoarding
- Internationally known expert speakers
- Cost for the conference is \$50
- Breakfast, lunch and snacks included

Sponsored by the Central Plains Area Agency
on Aging & the PEANE 2007 Grant through
the Kansas Department on Aging.

[Click here](#) to view flyer in full. [Back to top](#)

Dr. Kim Richter—KUMC, Looking for Student to Take on Revising KPHA’s Statutes and Regulations Book

Dr. Kim Richter has agreed to provide assistance in going through the 2007 Session statutes for changes in public health law and is looking for a student. Below is the email Kim sent last year:

Want to learn about Public Health Law?

Each year, the Kansas Public Health Association tracks changes to health-related statutes and regulation from the last legislative session. Norm Furse (Revisor Emeritus) let KPHA know that there is a new section on the Legislative Web site that gives the previous sessions changes in laws and new laws. We would need someone to go through the content list of statutes and cross reference them with the changes listed on the web to update the KPHA Statutes and Regulations book. Are you, or do you know of someone, that might be interested?

It's a great way to learn Public Health Law! If it were done as an elective, part of the requirements might include documenting the process for future students. Because the changes are available on the web, most of the work can be done at a distance, although I think at least one field trip to the Revisor of Statutes office would be useful and fun.

Let me know if you're interested, or if you think of someone who would be.

Kim

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This has always been a tedious effort on the part of the KPHA office along with help from Marvin Stottlemire.

Thanks, to Dr. Kim Richter for her once again, helping KPHA!! She is a wonderful past president who has remained very active and continues to give her time and talents!

If you are interested in taking on this project and getting college credit hours, please contact Kim at KRICHTER@kumc.edu. [Back to top](#)

Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds Spring 2008 Series

The Kansas Association for Local Health Departments, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and KU Medical Center's Department of Preventive Medicine and Area Health Education Centers are once again collaborating to make available the Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds series. The Spring 2008 series will occur live on Wednesdays from 12:00-1:00 between January and May via the internet utilizing the Elluminate webconferencing system.

Based upon feedback from participants at the Fall 2007 series, as well as current issues in public health, topics identified for the spring 2008 series include: Update from KHPA on Health Reform in Kansas; Regionalization Project Update from KALHD; Status Report on Accreditation of Local Health Departments; Data Sources for Community Health Assessments; Native American Health Issues; Small Water Concerns; Public Health Law; MRSA and Emerging Infections; Pregnancy-Smoking's Adverse Effects on Fetal-Infant Mortality; Recent Hurricane Disasters in Louisiana and Mississippi; The New Madrid Earthquake of 1811-1812—Lessons for Today; and Maternal-Child Health Issues.

The fee for the entire spring series (a total of 16 sessions) will be \$100 per organization and will include continuing education credit for physicians and nurses **employed by your organization and attending at your location.**

Attached you will find a document covering details of the course as well as information regarding a "technology test" with the Elluminate webconferencing system. If your organization participated in the Fall 2007 series, you will not need to complete an additional test.

Enrollment for the Spring 2008 will begin on January 2, 2008. Your organization may enroll by e-mailing our office at ksphgr@kumc.edu or calling us at 620-235-4040. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

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University of Kansas School of Medicine

Mary Beth Warren, MS, RN
Statewide Director
University of Kansas Medical Center
Area Health Education Centers

Additional information regarding Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds Spring 2008 Series

Dates:

Sessions will be broadcast on the following Wednesdays:

January 23 and 30

February 6, 13, 20 and 27

March 5, 12, 26

April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

May 7 and 14

Broadcast time:

12:00 noon-1:00 PM via the Elluminate Webconferencing System. Participants at your location will be able to view the PowerPoint presentation and hear the speaker, as well as respond either by using a microphone at your site or by typing in questions.

Registering for the Spring 2008 Series:

Organizations will register as a site once for the entire series, not for individual sessions. We have a minimum of 30 internet connections available for the series. Initially, we will reserve one connection for each organization registering for the series; however, depending on the response, additional connections may be available for registered organizations. Registration for the Spring 2008 series will begin on January 2. **To register, please e-mail us at ksphgr@kumc.edu and note "Registering for KS Public Health series" in the subject line.**

Please include the following information in your e-mail:

Name of organization:

Mailing address:

Phone and fax numbers:

Name and e-mail address of contact person(s): (This individual will receive e-mail correspondence regarding each session such as sign in rosters, handout materials and evaluation forms and will be responsible for returning the required documents to our office.)

If you prefer, you may call our office at 620-235-4040 to register.

Fee:

\$100 per organization for the Spring 2008 series (total of 16 sessions). Registered organizations may log on for any, or all, of the sessions at their discretion. The fee will remain the same; it will not be prorated based upon the number of sessions attended.

Continuing Education Credit/Certificates of Attendance:

The organization fee will include continuing education credit for physicians and nurses and a certificate of

attendance for other individuals that are **employed by your organization and attending at your site**. A transcript will be issued at the conclusion of the series; certificates will not be issued for each individual session.

Technology Test:

In order to increase the probability that technology glitches will be discovered and eliminated prior to the broadcasts, we ask new sites for the Spring 2008 series to participate in a quick technology test with our technology department. After registering for the series, we will work with you to determine a convenient time. Instructions for "Elluminate Setup Requirements" are located at <http://www2.kumc.edu/ir/tlt/illuminate/elluminatesystemreqs.htm> and should be reviewed prior to the technology test.

Note to MPH students:

This series will also be offered for academic credit in KU's MPH program. The Grand Rounds is built around the Public Health Seminar (PRVM 805), a long standing course in the department. Seminar students who participate in the Grand Rounds will fulfill their requirements for the course. If interested please contact John Neuberger, DrPH, Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at (913) 588-2745 or e-mail at jneuberger@kumc.edu. [Back to top](#)

Getting Geared Up for the 2008 Legislative Session



There has been a flurry of meetings to discuss the upcoming session. KPHA is once again helping to put together the AHA-KS group, chaired this year by Leon Vinci, Director of Health at Johnson County and Corrie Edwards, the KHCC Executive Director will be providing staffing to the meetings to keep minutes and KPHA will again provide Conference calling capability. The first official meeting of AHA-KS for the 2008 Session was in December. We welcomed a few new faces and everyone discussed their priorities. If you are interested in attending by phone or in person, please do! We are working on a meeting with key legislators and passing out health packets. March 6 th will be the annual Health Day at the Capital, so mark it on your calendars. KPHA member Linda DeCoursey (American Heart Assn.) along with Corrie Edwards will be chairing this event. Sonja will remain involved—she assured us! Our meetings will be held every Friday at 2 pm, the first meeting will be on January 18th. [Back to top](#)

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