

**A message from Diana Rice, KPHA
Administrative Section Chair,
KPHA Members:
Please join us for the rescheduling of
Public Health Day at the Capitol!**

Friday, April 30th, 2010

The Legislator Health Bags were not delivered on April 1st and we need volunteers to come to Topeka and help get them to Legislators and more importantly to visit with Legislators individually about the importance of public health!

9:00am to 12:30pm - Public Health Advocates from all across the state will deliver Healthy Snacks and Health Promotional items in Reusable bags to Legislative Offices.

9:00am to 12:00pm - BP screenings in Docking Basement Auditorium for Legislators and All staff. (We need public health nurses to BRING THEIR BP CUFFS and come help with the screenings.)

9:00am to 11:00am - We hope to reschedule the "What's Your Mile" (WYM) fitness challenge Walk for Public Health Day at the corner of 10th and Jackson - SE corner of the Capitol Grounds, led by Jennifer Church.

9:00am to 11:00am – For Those that can't attend in person, please call your Legislators during this time about the importance of public health.

PLEASE CONTACT DIRECTOR@KPHA.US IF YOU CAN BE IN TOPEKA AT 9:00AM ON APRIL 30TH TO HELP!! (WE STILL HAVE SOME SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO WEAR THAT DAY AND KEEP!)



CONGRATS TO KPHA BOARD MEMBER, LINDA FRAZIER ON GETTING MARRIED THIS PAST WEEKEND!

Name Change for Linda Frazier

Linda Frazier, KPHA Treasurer and Public Health Workforce Development Specialist at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will be getting married to Ron Frazee on April 10. Her new name of Linda Frazee is bound to cause some confusion for a while. Any e-mails coming to her old e-mail address (lfrazier@kdheks.gov) will continue to reach her for the next few months. Her new e-mail address beginning in May will be lfrazee@kdheks.gov.



MESSAGE FROM ORAL SECTION CHAIR, CARON SHIPLEY

The Kansas Public Health Association will have a noticeable presence at this year's Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) held in Independence, KS on April 15-16, 2010. An exhibit table will be stationed in a designated area where patients and their families will have time to browse and pick up public health information. Items to be handed out include brochures on tobacco, lead, radon, child safety, oral health, nutrition, injury prevention and public health in general. Donations including mouthwash and dental floss samples will be distributed. DVDs will also be shown relating to various public health themes.

Contributors include UMKC School of Dentistry, Johnson and Johnson, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the KPHA Oral Health Section members. This year's event is expected to provide treatment to between 1800 and 2000 patients using volunteer dentists, dental hygienists, assistants and members from the public sector.

-written by Caron Shipley RDH KDHE, KPHA Oral Section Chair

MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, NICOLE HEIM

Become Part of the Crumbine Club!



Public health professionals across America celebrated National Public Health Week April 5th-11th. Following this very important week, where important people like you branch out and educate the public and yourselves on current happenings in public health, we would like to invite you to join the Kansas Public Health Association's Crumbine Club. This is an opportunity for you to provide additional support to the Association. By donating funds above and beyond your membership dues, you ensure the maintenance and growth of KPHA. We ask for a minimum donation of \$35 to join, and encourage those whose employers pay for their membership to donate their membership dues of \$75. Your donation is fully tax deductible, and will ensure the Association continues to advocate on behalf of public health, and continue to educate public health professionals well into the future.

With most sincere thanks,

Nicole Heim - Membership Chair

DONATE AT <http://www.kpha.us/donate.html>

APHA CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR POSTER SESSION IN DENVER IN NOVEMBER!

The call for abstracts for the Committee on Affiliates (CoA) poster sessions is now open for the American Public Health Association's 138th Annual Meeting & Exposition taking place in Denver, CO, November 6-10, 2010. The deadline for abstract submissions is MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010. Abstracts are to be sent electronically via the following link: <http://apha.confex.com/apha/138am/coa.htm>

There are three CoA poster sessions:

- 1) Committee on Affiliates Member Poster Session: Submissions on any public health-related topic accepted from individual affiliate members, groups within the affiliate, and the affiliate as a whole.
- 2) Undergraduate Student Poster Session: Submissions on any public health-related topic accepted from students currently enrolled in an undergraduate program, and from graduates of undergraduate programs

who graduated in 2010. Students are encouraged, but not required, to be a member of one of the 53 affiliates. Students can be enrolled in any major.

3) Graduate Student Poster Session: Submissions on any public health-related topic accepted from students currently enrolled in a graduate program, and from graduates of Master's and Doctoral-level programs who graduated in 2010. Students are encouraged, but not required, to be a member of one of the 53 affiliates. Students can be enrolled in any graduate program.

IMPORTANT WHEN SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

After clicking on the "Submit Abstract" link in the Call for Abstracts, you will be asked to select the topic that most closely relates to your abstract. Please follow the instructions below:

-Affiliate Members: Select "Committee on Affiliates Member Poster Session" regardless of whether you are submitting as an individual or as a group.

-Undergraduate Students: Select "Committee on Affiliates Undergraduate Student Poster Session"

-Graduate Students: Select "Committee on Affiliates Graduate Student Poster Session"

Note to students: If you will be both an undergraduate and graduate student in 2010, please submit to the applicable session in which your abstract relates. For instance, if your abstract describes work performed as an undergraduate student, then submit to the Committee on Affiliates Undergraduate Student Poster Session.

Questions should be directed to Brenda Kirkwood, CoA Student Representative, at:
bakirkwood@gmail.com.

Please spread the word about these opportunities!

Thank you,
Brenda Kirkwood, MPH
CoA Student Representative
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KPHLI SEEKING APPLICANTS! MESSAGE FROM KPHA MEMBER, KELLY KABLER!

The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute seeks applicants for the Cycle VIII (2010-2011) training class, which will begin in July 2010.

This year-long competency-based training program allows participants to develop the leadership skills and knowledge that are essential for agencies preparing for accreditation. The program is open to leaders from state and local health departments, health research, private health practice, or any allied field.

CEU/CNE/CME credit is available for participation. KU-MPH credit is also available for program graduates.

For more information, please visit the KPHLI website at www.waldcenter.org/kphli or contact Kelly Kabler at kkabler@kumc.edu.

The application deadline for Cycle VIII is May 21, 2010. All applicants will be notified of acceptance status via e-mail by June 14, 2010.

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Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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MESSAGES FROM KPHA PRESIDENT, ELDONNA CHESNUT

President Chesnut forwarded the two items below to send out to the membership. The first is from the Council on Linkages between Academia and Public Health Practice and the second from Children's Mercy Hospital.

Dear Public Health Professional,

The Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (Council) is conducting a brief online survey of public health professionals who are registered users of TRAIN. The survey is aimed at determining how, when, and why individuals enter, stay in, and leave the public health workforce. The information you provide will be used by the Council to develop evidence-based recruitment and retention strategies for the US public health system! Please complete the survey by Thursday, April 30, 2010.

The survey link is:

<http://phworkforcesurvey.checkboxonline.com/Survey.aspx?i=04ca78ca150e4acd9307156caca4cce0>

Your participation in this survey is voluntary and your responses will be kept confidential. Please note that if you wish to receive a summary of the results at the end of the survey you will be provided with this option. Also, once you complete the survey, you will have an opportunity to enter your email address into a drawing to win one of many fantastic prizes! Your email address will not be associated with survey responses.

If you have questions, please email <mailto:PHworkforce@phf.org>.

Thank you for your assistance with this important initiative!

Best regards,

C. William Keck, MD, MPH
Chair, Council on Linkages Between
Academia and Public Health Practice

Ron Bialek, MPP
President, Public Health Foundation and
Director, Council on Linkages Between
Academia and Public Health Practice

Upcoming Healthy Home Practitioner Course--Essentials for Healthy Home Practitioners Course Registration

Course Date: **Thursday & Friday, May 6th & 7th, 2010, 8-5:30 on Day 1 & 8-5 on Day 2.**

Course Location: **Children's Mercy Hospital, Hospital Hill Bldg, Rm 538/539
2401 Gillham Rd, Kansas City, MO 64108**

Course Description:

If you visit homes to provide health or inspection services of any type, you will benefit from the Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners Course. The training will help you understand the connection between health and housing and how to take a holistic approach to identify and resolve problems, which threaten the health and wellbeing of residents.

Everyone from a public health nurse visiting a client to an environmental health professional doing a rodent inspection will gain insight into how housing and health are related and actions they can take to improve the health of their clients. This two-day course brings together professionals with a variety of perspectives and experiences in a series of exercises — keeping the training lively and engaging.

The training complements hazard-specific training in lead based paint, radon, mold, pests, and asbestos. It identifies root causes of health problems in a home and links them to seven principles of healthy housing: keep it dry; keep it clean; keep it pest-free; keep it ventilated; keep it safe, avoid contaminants; and maintain the house. Course participants will have a better understanding how to collaborate to make Healthy homes a reality in their community.

Cost of this 2 day course is \$75.00 and includes the course manual. The price includes continental Breakfast and lunch on both days, and refreshments. For more information on the course, contact: Erica Forrest, CMH Environmental Health Program, 816-983-6806, or email at eforrest@cmh.edu.

MESSAGE FROM KPHA MEMBER, SUZANNE HAWLEY

Dear Colleagues,

We are currently in the process of adding degree concentrations to our KU Master of Public Health program. As partners in public health in Kansas, we would greatly appreciate your feedback as to what you feel is important in different areas of public health (core areas, content areas, and skills). Below is a link to a short survey. It should take no more than 3 minutes to complete. Thank you in advance for your time and thoughts.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2QBMGBR>

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GOV.'S WIFE, KU LAUNCH INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH

Topeka — Kansas first lady Stacy Parkinson wants women to get an annual heart assessment just like they do a mammogram. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women.

"The people in our community have done a great job with public awareness on breast cancer, and we all get our mammograms and our screenings, and that has been a wonderful thing for women's health," she said. "We need to do the same thing when it comes to heart disease."

She spoke this past Saturday during a brunch at Cedar Crest to help launch a statewide women's heart initiative, "A Change of Heart — for Kansas," along with Kansas University Hospital leaders.

To see the video, go to <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2010/apr/11/govs-wife-ku-launch-initiative-womens-heart-health/> and be sure to watch it after the advertisement.

JOB OPENING

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department is currently seeking a Director of Clinic Services to join its well-trained, motivated work force. A Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) is preferred, however an RN with five years experience in public health and three years supervisory experience, may be substituted for a BSN degree. The applicant must have a license to practice nursing in Kansas. We are looking for a leader with strong communication skills and provide excellent benefits including health insurance, vacation and enrollment in the state's defined benefits retirement plan. If you have a desire to work with our team of motivated and passionate public health professionals, apply today. At the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, you will be given the opportunity to make a difference and help improve the health of our community. **Submit resume to Dan Partridge, RS, MPH, Director, at jobs@ldchealth.org WWW.LDCHEALTH.ORG**

KPHA MEMBER, PAT MACDONALD RECEIVES AWARD!

First Annual Dr. Doren Fredrickson Commitment to Public Health Award
Goes to Pat MacDonald

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – 2010 marks the 15th year for National Public Health Week and the first year for the Dr. Doren Fredrickson Commitment to Public Health Award. This award recognizes an individual who has shown a lifetime commitment to public health in Sedgwick County.

Dr. Fredrickson served as the county's health officer from 2002 to 2008. The Health Department awarded this recognition at the April 7 Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioner's meeting to Pat MacDonald. Part of the proclamation states,

"every day public health heroes emerge, making their communities healthier one at a time; one of the Sedgwick County Health Department's public health heroes, Dr. Doren Fredrickson, passed away in 2008 after dedicating his life to the health of the Sedgwick County community. That life and legacy should be commemorated."

Present during the meeting today were Ron and Pat Fredrickson, parents of the late Dr. Doren Fredrickson; Pat MacDonald; Sue Lillig, Pat's mother; as well as several health department staff members.

MacDonald joined the Wichita-Sedgwick County Community Health Department in 1973 at the invitation of then-director Dr. Mervyn Silverman. In 1979 she became director of the health education section. After three decades, MacDonald retired in 2003, but certainly did not stop her active public health practice. Her grassroots efforts, fueled by unwavering energy and passion for public health, enlightened by years of experience, continue to make her an asset to the mission of public health and she continues to have a profound influence on our community.

MacDonald led the Tobacco Free Wichita Coalition work towards passage of the Bel Aire clean indoor air ordinance, the first tobacco ordinance in Sedgwick County. She is still very much involved in the controlled

use of tobacco and other policy issues as well. She knew Dr. Fredrickson well, regarded him and his work highly, and worked closely with him on several public health projects.

