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## August 2009 President's Column, Sonja Armbruster

In 1955, Life magazine published a picture of Albert Einstein's cluttered desk. Among the many amazing thoughts and innovations that are attributed to Albert Einstein, today, the most relevant to me is a quotation from him: *"If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, then what are we to think of an empty desk?"*

Some have argued that chaos can be more productive than an order too strict. I guess I'd have to agree that I fall into that camp, as anyone who's seen my office can attest. While looking for the exact quote from Einstein, I found yet another book I might add to the wish-I-had-time-to-read-list: Freedman's *A Perfect Mess: The Hidden Benefits of Disorder - How Crammed Closets, Cluttered Offices, and on-the-Fly Planning Make the World a Better Place.*

At the heart of things, isn't that what we are all hoping that our work is about? Making the world a better place? I'm pretty energized right now as I've just returned from NACCHO's Annual Meeting. Several from Kansas were there, including Dan Partridge and the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department being recognized as a Model Practice for integrating core public health service messages into public health stories. Also, a fellow board member was there, Ellen Averett, presenting a poster sharing an evaluation mandatory food handler training classes.

Both Dr. Besser and Dr. Frieden from CDC shared the latest ACIP guidelines for H1N1 vaccine and they listened to vaccine distribution and potential school-closure concerns. Preparing for both seasonal and H1N1 vaccine delivery policies, assuring that those who fit criteria can access vaccine, and assessing which providers have vaccine and which residents have been vaccinated are all going to be major challenges for us this fall.



I hear my colleagues on conference calls to plan and learn the latest nearly daily. We have pandemic flu plans at local, state and national levels and ideas about how to create order.

Dr. Besser used an interesting turn of phrase as he discussed what we expect to see related to H1N1 this fall. We are making our best "science informed" decisions. We can't predict exactly how the potential pandemic will occur this fall and winter, but perhaps when the chaos comes, we can use "plan-informed" decision making when on-the-fly responses are required.

As soon as I get this article and a couple of reports completed, I get to leave on our family mini-vacation. When seven people attempt to get away from the house and three pets, chaos ensues. (This sounds like the trailer for another ubiquitous reality TV show.) We are traveling "plan-informed"; but also have tools like GPS and cell phones and credit cards for when the potential chaos ensues.

As we look ahead, I am confident that the public health community in Kansas is ready to respond and I look forward to standing up with you as we make the state a better place.

All good things, Sonja

**Executive  
Director  
Report,**

**Elaine  
Schwartz**



**First, the KPHA Fall Conference is still on!!!**

In the midst of summer for the past five years, I have been very busy with Conference planning and coordination. This summer has been very different with a replacement of new activities. Being a Gemini I have always loved change. The fact that we have a conference contractor (WSU, Kim Moore) this year has enabled me to do other things. And, of course, this year's Conference Chair, Eldonna Chesnut, is the type of person who is always on top of tasks and has taken very seriously her role as Chair of the 2009 KPHA Fall Conference. Not to say that past Incoming Presidents have not-- since my tenure with KPHA we have had very successful conferences every year the past five years!

So, what has filled my time? It has been an exciting few months. As I write this, I am attending the NW Center Summer Institute for Public Health Practice, School of Public Health - University of Washington in Seattle. It is a week-long Institute and upon completion I will receive CDC Continuing Education Credit. As your Executive Director it is an opportunity for me to learn about what is going on in the field! Yesterday we heard about Food-borne Outbreaks and the idea of having PH Interns staff the investigatory process in the evening and weekend hours. Minnesota does this and it is why they are better than most states, according to the speaker! Maybe KPHA could be the organizer of this!

We heard about Public Health Accreditation (Kaye Bender). Kansas is very involved with PHAB, and we have been asked by Sen. Barnett to jointly co-chair a one year effort to get a Steering Committee to look at what it will take to have the state and local health agencies accredited. Everyone is excited, but concerned at the magnitude of this effort. We have had several meetings and more information will be forthcoming! KPHA Executive Committee, (Sonja, Eldonna, Ruth Wetta-Hall, Shirley Orr, Linda Frazier, and Heather Heneke) have been very involved in developing the proposal.

My time has been also filled with work with the APHA grant (our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 3). KPHA Director, Heather Heneke and I attended training in DC and learned from other states and the facilitators! We are working with them and have been given free consulting hours to develop our "Case" in Resource planning. Many of the documents can be used by agencies. Let me know if you'd like copies.

I have been involved with APHA's Get Ready Campaign as part of the grant and it is gearing up for the flu season.

Visit [http://www.getreadyforflu.org/pg\\_about.htm](http://www.getreadyforflu.org/pg_about.htm) ! We received a Banner, brochures, and some pens we will be displaying at the Conference, so be sure to stop by the KPHA booth and get the information. Major highlights of the campaign include a national [Get Ready Day](#), held the third Tuesday of each September, and [Get Ready: Set Your Clocks, Check Your Stocks](#), which encourages people to check their emergency stockpiles when they change their clocks for daylight saving time. The campaign includes free resources for the public and health workers, including fact sheets, a blog, a Twitter, podcasts, Q&A's and a calendar of events.

Course, as Executive Director, preparing for monthly Board meetings, taking care of the website, and answering membership emails, etc. also fills my day. As always, if you have any questions about KPHA just let me know, as you are the most important part of the organization—the membership!



**Time to Get  
Building!  
By Eldonna  
Chesnut, KPHA  
President Elect**

**The KPHA 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall conference** is just around the corner. This year's theme is Building on the Public Health Foundation for a Healthier Kansas. As the economy continues in a slump and everyone is facing doing more with less, the public health workforce needs a chance to gather for two days of learning about new and innovative ideas, sharing of best practices, earning required continuing education hours, and relaxing with old and new friends. Then everyone can return to their work setting invigorated and armed with new ways to tackle their workload. Several things will be new at the conference this year. One is the concept of tracks. Due in part to the tight education and travel budgets, the conference committee wanted to meet the needs of a broader group of public health employees. There will be three target audience tracks – children's issues, elder issues, and adult/environmental issues. We believe that everyone will find topics of interest that will also help them earn required continuing education hours.

KPHA has been working to expand the definition of Public Health away from just local and state health departments. This year's conference continues with this mission. Besides offering nursing CEU's there will be many other disciplines that will be able to earn CEU's this year. Examples are sanitarians, dieticians, hygienists, and more.

Another new feature is a photography booth. We will have an on-site photographer that will be taking professional headshots as well as group pictures. I know many of you would probably like to have a nice headshot to place with articles etc – so now is your chance and you will be helping KPHA also. Our photographer will also be roaming the conference taking candid shots as well as photos of our speakers. All the conference pictures will be



## Awards Nominations- Due

Each year at the conference, KPHA honors individuals and organizations for meritorious service in the field of public health and environment. Any member may submit nominations for these awards. Unless specifically stated, awards are restricted to KPHA members. Members can send in their nominations to the KPHA office or to Shirley Orr, Chair of the Awards Committee who will review nominations and present recommendations to the board of directors for approval. Members wishing to submit nominations in any category should complete the form found on our website [http://www.kpha.us/documents/awards\\_form.doc](http://www.kpha.us/documents/awards_form.doc) and return it to KPHA Attn: Awards Committee, P.O. Box 67085, Topeka, KS 66667, or email it to [director@kpha.us](mailto:director@kpha.us)

**Other Conference information and reminders:** If you haven't signed your agency/organization up for the **Vendor** displays, consider that this year—to get the word out about your services to the public health network. Most often referrals, funding, and great suggestions come from networking!! [Read the Vendor brochure](#). A new idea is to have members bring fun health promotion items from their organization. If you want to share these **Giveaways** with your colleagues, we are asking for your help. Do you have some pens, pencils, stress balls, cups, etc.? We're inviting all members to consider sharing them!! If you do, please bring 300 items, or if we get them in advance we can stuff them in the conference "bags" ahead of time. Please contact Eldonna Chesnut, Conference Chair, [Eldonna.Chesnut@jocogov.org](mailto:Eldonna.Chesnut@jocogov.org) if you will be providing items before or at the Conference. This will also help everyone decide how to spend their "Marketing" budgets!! Great ideas come from networking!! And, we will announce who these giveaways came from during one of the general sessions to further your cause!



Another idea to promote your organization at the Conference is donating a **Door Prize**. If you would like to donate a basket or single item as a door prize for the drawings at the Kansas Public Health Conference, Sept. 22 – 24, in Wichita, you will be given the opportunity to write up a short paragraph about your program/organization, and the complete donor list will be provided electronically to all the conference participants. This is a great way to show your support for public health professionals across the state and let them know about the great work you are doing. It's also a lot of fun! The title of the conference this year is: "Building on the Foundation for a Healthier Kansas" Celebrate the great State of Kansas with items and products produced locally, materials featured in projects/programs, or fun and delicious items. Baskets and other items for Door Prize can be dropped off at the Conference Registration Table. For more information, contact: Linda Frazier, [lfrazier@kdheks.gov](mailto:lfrazier@kdheks.gov), (785) 296-3641!

available for viewing and purchase during the conference. If everything goes as planned, we will be able to enjoy a slide show of the conference events near the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. A fourth new addition is a Career Mart. This will be located in a central location at the conference and it will have open jobs in public health across Kansas. So if you have open positions make sure you send me the name of the position, a brief description of the position/job duties, required skills/degrees and the contact person. I will start accepting these the first week of September and will take them up to Monday before the conference. My e-mail address is [eldonna.chesnut@jocgov.org](mailto:eldonna.chesnut@jocgov.org). I will e-mail you back to confirm when I receive your posting. I would like them to look similar in nature, however, if you have a last minute opening feel free to bring it with you to the conference.

Finally, the last new feature will be a focus group hosted by Kansas Health Foundation. They are interested in hearing from the public health workforce they don't usually get to visit with. What better time for them to do this than at KPHA's annual fall conference. This meeting will take place near the end of the first day but before our evening meal and workshop. (see conference brochure and KPHA August newsletter for more information). Well that seems to sum up the conference. So come help us build on the public health foundation for a healthier Kansas. See you in Wichita September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

Eldonna Chesnut  
2009 President Elect and Conference Chair

## KPHA Encore—for our Retired members!

The KPHA membership committee and board identified that a great wealth of knowledge is being lost as long time public health employees retire. We would like to be able to access that knowledge base to keep moving public health forward. We would like to draw on the resources that many retirees have developed over the years and offer them opportunities to participate in events and projects as well. To this end the name KPHA Encore seemed very appropriate for this group. The only criterion for membership is that you are a retiree from the public health workforce. The public health retirees are truly the foundation of our current public health workforce. As this year's conference theme reflects we need to keep the foundation that is there and keep building on it. Therefore, at 3.15 pm on the first day of the conference, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be an informal meeting to discuss the aims and goals of such a group, and how it would operate. The location of this session will be published in the conference brochure, look for KPHA Encore.

## Doren Fredrickson Honored

The new name for the Poster Session at the KPHA Fall Conference will be the *Doren Fredrickson Poster Session*. Last year he was honored by KPHA following his unexpected death. The 2009 Conference Committee is suggesting the name become permanent in honoring Dr. Fredrickson.

## Register by this Saturday for Room Block

This Saturday, August 22, 2009 is the last day for KPHA Fall Conference attendees to take advantage of the special rates for accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved at the special government rate of \$81.00 + tax per night single/double occupancy or \$91.00 + tax triple/quad occupancy. Once those rooms are filled, or after August 22<sup>nd</sup>, rooms may not be available. If any rooms remain they will be available only at the regular rate of \$179.00 - \$199.00 per night + tax. To make reservations contact the Hyatt at 1-800-233-1234 or at [www.Hyatt.com](http://www.Hyatt.com). *When making your reservation, please identify yourself as a Kansas Public Health Association Conference participant.*

## Crumbine Club is formed!!

The brain child of former KPHA President and 2009 Board member, Marvin Stottlemire, the Board voted to form a new entity within KPHA called the Crumbine Club. It is a special group of individuals who are identified as movers and shakers within public health and KPHA. In short, those who have contributed out of pocket to move us forward in our endeavors and efforts in working for a Healthier Kansas will become members of the "Crumbine Club". The Crumbine Club is a new opportunity for you to support your Kansas Public Health Association, making it a stronger organization than ever before. In last year's membership survey, the results showed that the role of advocacy is very important. KPHA is our united Voice for Public Health in Kansas. Let's bring it to a whole new level! Join now by making a tax deductible annual donation of \$35 or more. If your current membership is paid by your employer, The Crumbine Club gives you the satisfaction of knowing that you are making your own personal contribution to your organization. Together, let's make our organization strong and our voice loud and clear! If you pay your dues yourself, the Crumbine Club is an opportunity to support your Kansas Public Health Association beyond your dues. Your support can help keep our organization strong and make others realize that KPHA is the Voice for Public Health in Kansas. Please be generous. Visit <http://www.kpha.us/donate.html>



KPHA Fall Conference September 22-24<sup>th</sup>, 2009,  
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Wichita, KS

Don't miss the conference!  
See the brochure at [www.kpha.us](http://www.kpha.us)  
Register at: <https://ks.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>.

## Administrative Section taking a NEW Approach on Statistics by Diana Rice

**ADMINISTRATORS!!!** I would like to invite you personally to join us at the KPHA Fall Conference this year and attend the Administrative Section. We are setting up two focus groups giving us the opportunity as local health department leadership to provide insight for our data and statistics needs. We can provide knowledge about the data products currently available, merits of obtaining near real time data, and how real time data might be used to alter or adjust public health interventions. We will also explore the educational needs of interpreting this data, as well as produce statistics for frequencies and populations. **I hope to see you there!!!**

Diana Rice, Administrative Section Chair

### Health Assessment Focus Group

**Purpose** The focus group purpose is to identify the approach KDHE staff should take in providing health assessment and epidemiology training by identifying the employee-level, geographic level, statistics background, and education required to enable local public health entities to conduct community health assessments and evaluate health issues addressed in Essential Services 1, 2 and 9 and in anticipation of accreditation requirements.

**Setting** Members of the KPHA administrative section will be invited to participate in a focus group during the Fall 2009 KPHA conference. The group, while larger than optimal for a focus group, will be asked a series of questions to elicit responses and opinions on health assessment and evaluation training needs.

**Assumptions** Accreditation will likely assess local public health's ability to conduct assessment and evaluation.

Assessment and evaluation are addressed in at least three essential public health services, 1, 2 and 9.

Community health assessment is likely to be a function on which verification of assessment capacity will be based.

Community health assessment is a locally-driven process for which technical assistance and data may be provided by the state.

Assessment and evaluation can be performed at various geographic levels and is not limited to a county.

Skill and knowledge capacity for assessment and evaluation varies based on staffing, training, county size, and other factors.

A community assessment enables collaborative partners to gather information about the strengths, concerns, and conditions of children, families, and the community. A thorough assessment involves scanning existing information about the perspectives and recognize cultural, linguistic, ethnic, and economic diversity (Source: North Central Regional Educational Laboratory.).

**Facilitator** Greg Crawford: Directs the vital statistics data analysis section in the Center of Health and Environmental

Statistics' Office of Health Assessment. *Bio:* He has led the agency's vital statistics data analysis for 10 years, recently initiating a QA/QI process for vital records. He directed the development of Kansas Information for Communities, the agency's interactive health query portal. He served as KDHE's principal spokesperson and communications director. During that time he initiated the agency's Website, and expanded communications staffing. He served on a number of agency panels, and involved in the Kansas Public Health Association and the Kansas Advisory Committee on Environmental Education. He has edited a number of agency and external public health and environmental publications. Training received has been in crisis communication, social marketing, vital event analysis, Health Preparedness/ICS, and SAS Analytical Programming.

### Multi-State Learning Collaborative: Lead States in Public Health Quality Improvement Information Session – Fall 2009

What: Opportunity to Participate in the Kansas Multi-State Learning Collaborative Project  
(Quality Improvement Training and Regional Project Experience)

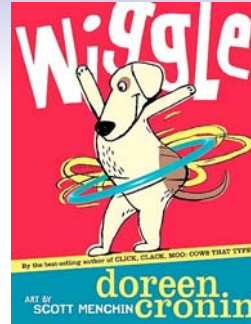
When: September 22, 2009 from 4:30-6:30 pm  
Where: Eagle Room, Hyatt Regency, Wichita, Kansas (KPHA Annual Conference)  
Who: Public Health Preparedness Regional representatives and Health Department Administrators

Kansas is one of 16 states selected through a competitive review to lead a national initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to advance quality improvement efforts in public health departments in anticipation of future accreditation. The Kansas project is a joint effort of the Kansas Health Institute, the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The purpose of the meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> is to acquaint public health departments with the MLC-3 project and invite your participation in this project. The Kansas MLC-3 project will host 12 month learning collaborative on Community Health Assessment. A project to improve community health assessment activities will represent the vehicle for training on quality improvement tools and techniques.

As with the MLC-2 project, the MLC-3 project will invite public health regions to submit a proposal to participate in a regional quality improvement project on the topic noted. The September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting will describe the MLC-3 project scope and schedule, provide a Project Handbook outlining the Community Health Assessment target area and the learning collaborative approach, and distribute the request for regional proposals (RFP). Your participation in this meeting is strongly encouraged.

The event has been coordinated with the KPHA conference to minimize travel expense. For those unable to attend on the 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a follow-up web cast on this topic on October 2<sup>nd</sup> (Webcast details will be provided in a later notice.)



**KPHA helps sponsor "Kansas Reads to Preschoolers!"**  
By Linda Frazier, KPHA Treasurer

Do you wiggle when you read? When you read with Preschoolers, do they wiggle in their seats? The Kansas Reads to Preschoolers committee and the State Library staff working with the statewide one-book/one-state reading project for the very young certainly hope so! During November 15-21, 2009 (the week before Thanksgiving), the Kansas Center for the Book at the State Library of Kansas will present the 2009 Kansas Reads to Preschoolers...About Fitness!, featuring *Wiggle* by Doreen Cronin in locations all across the state. Plans are being laid for promotion leading up to and events during the Preschooler week. This year's theme is fitness. KDHE and KPHA are partnering with the State Library to encourage the public health workforce across the state to become involved in this worthwhile project. Several books have been reserved to be available for purchase at the 2009 Kansas Public Health Association Conference, September 22 – 24 in Wichita. Watch for the 2009 Kansas Reads to Preschoolers web page at [www.kcfb.info](http://www.kcfb.info). For more information or suggestions on how you can participate, call 800/432-3919 or [kcfb@kslib.info](mailto:kcfb@kslib.info). You may also contact Linda Frazier at KDHE, [lfrazier@kdheks.gov](mailto:lfrazier@kdheks.gov), 785/296 email -3641. Join the Kansas Center for the Book as Kansans read *Wiggle* to preschoolers!

### KPHA Associate Director Farewell

It was with great sorrow that the KPHA President and the Executive Director had to recently meet with Nicole Heim, Associate Director to let her know the funds to continue her position are no longer available. With the advent of no new funds from new grants, we had to transfer her duties to the Executive Director. With this change, we hope members will step forward and offer to help with all the activities of KPHA. As your trade association and the only association that brings together all of public health in Kansas, it can only grow through membership, contributions and grants. If you are interested in volunteering minutes or even a few hours a month, please contact [director@kpha.us](mailto:director@kpha.us). We have a strong member driven organization and in order to advance we need members like you! **KPHA as a non-profit can be listed on your United Way Contribution form. Just put Kansas Public Health Assn, Inc. on the form when asked where you want your contribution to go and they will have to send us your contribution! It is as easy as that! Please be generous!**

**A Note from the Associate Director By Nicole Heim**

My final project with KPHA was a big one! In May, we submitted a brief proposal to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for a public health law research grant to look at inter-local agreements in Kansas and other rural states. Our proposal was selected as one of 40 out of 235 applicants to complete a full proposal. On August 11<sup>th</sup>, the full proposal was submitted for consideration; 8-12 full proposals will receive funding. We have requested over \$128,000 for an 18-month study, and should know by the end of September if the project is being recommended for funding by the reviewers. As my time as Associate Director comes to a close, I am eager to begin volunteering for the organization! I encourage my fellow KPHA members to volunteer just a few hours a month to furthering KPHA's mission and vision for public health in Kansas. As a member of KPHA, I will be working on the legislative issues and actions committee, and help out with special membership. Please think about ways you can become more involved. If KPHA is doing something you are interested in, just send a note to [director@kpha.us](mailto:director@kpha.us) and ask how you can help out with projects. I am leaving as staff of the organization with hopes that the financial downfall will improve and additional staff will be able to be hired again someday. I will be consulting and helping out with projects on an as needed basis. After August 15, 2009, I may be reached at [nicheim@yahoo.com](mailto:nicheim@yahoo.com). Finally, I would like to thank everyone at KPHA for all of their hard work and dedication to the organization. Without each and every one of you, this organization would not be what it is today. It has been my pleasure to serve you and a gift to be given the chance to do so.

**APHA News**

**Join Dialogue4Health's Web Forum on Prevention, Equity and Health Reform** APHA is co-sponsoring a series of web forums organized by Prevention Institute and Public Health Institute on Dialogue4Health.org. The web forums focus on how advocates can get involved in promoting prevention and wellness in the health reform legislation currently under consideration in Congress. Visit the [Dialogue4Health](http://Dialogue4Health.org) website to sign up and learn more.

**APHA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia** Just a quick reminder: if you haven't registered for the APHA 137th Annual Meeting yet, you can receive a deeper discount as a resident of Kansas. **Register as a Joint APHA/Affiliate member and save on dual membership as well as the Annual meeting!** Register for the early bird special by August 28th, 2009 and save even more! Joint APHA/Affiliate membership allows you to join your state public health association as well as APHA for the price of joining APHA alone. This membership benefit is a pilot project for 4 years and is only offered to public health professionals in the areas of California-North, Kansas, Massachusetts and Ohio. After the end of the project, APHA and the participating affiliates will assess the possibility of continuing this benefit and your participation and satisfaction with the program will be an important component of the decision. As a Joint APHA/Affiliate member, you will enjoy the following benefits:

- Advocacy&Public Policy on both the national and local level
- Continuing Education
- Newsletters from both Associations
- Increased networking opportunities
- Professional recognition
- Annual Conference discounts

Before you register for the APHA 137th Annual Meeting, join or renew as a Joint APHA/Affiliate member by visiting <http://secure.apha.org/affiliates/scriptcontent/affil-template.htm> and save on your membership *and* your Annual Meeting registration fees. If you have any questions about APHA/Affiliate Membership or registering for the Annual Meeting, APHA staff will be happy to assist you. Call Jessica Murray at (202)777-2461 or email [jessica.murray@apha.org](mailto:jessica.murray@apha.org)

**H1N1 Notice to Immunization Providers**

In case you missed this information here is the letter from Dr. Eberhart-Phillips, MD, MPH, Kansas State Health Officer, Director of Health, KDHE

This fall, to protect the public from the 2009 H1N1 pandemic influenza virus, the federal government will provide states with H1N1 vaccine and supplies (needles, syringes, sharps containers, alcohol swabs) at no cost to states. The federal government estimates that approximately 120 million doses will be available over the first month of shipping and that enough vaccine will be distributed to fully meet U.S. demand in less than 6 months. In partnership with local health departments, the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) will be responsible for directing the shipment of the vaccine and supplies in the State of Kansas.

In an effort to create as many access points to vaccination as possible, state and local public health agencies will need to partner with private sector immunization providers to administer H1N1 vaccine. KDHE is extending the opportunity to receive and administer H1N1 vaccine to all interested immunizing healthcare providers (including hospitals, clinics, pharmacists and community vaccinators) once vaccine supplies are sufficient. Private sector providers will be permitted to charge an administration fee; however, the conditions of this federal program have not been finalized. KDHE invites healthcare providers interested in having vaccine and supplies shipped to their facility to pre-register to receive information about the program at no cost and with no obligation.

Pre-registered providers will receive email updates about the H1N1 vaccination program, including information to prepare for storing, handling and administering H1N1 vaccine properly. An H1N1 pandemic influenza vaccine provider agreement is in development by HHS and CDC. Pre-registered providers will receive the provider agreement through the local health department (LHD) in the county where immunizations will occur. Once finalized, the LHD will submit the agreement to KDHE and the provider will receive instructions for ordering vaccine. Only those providers who meet the conditions of the provider agreement will receive vaccine. Because the federal program is under development, KDHE cannot guarantee that all pre-registered providers will receive vaccine directly shipped to them or what the timing or size of vaccine shipments will be. Vaccine may be available for distribution to private providers by mid-October. To register your potential interest in the administration of H1N1 vaccine, go to the [H1N1 Vaccine Provider Pre-registration](http://www.kdheks.gov/H1N1/H1N1_guidance.htm).

NOTE: The link to H1N1 Vaccine Provider Pre-registration can also be found on these KDHE sites.  
<http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/index.html>  
[http://www.kdheks.gov/H1N1/H1N1\\_guidance.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/H1N1/H1N1_guidance.htm)

## KPHA members Dykes Library staff archives KPHA documents

Staff at Dykes Library have made a great deal of progress on this project - to make available online some of the unique archival materials KPHA of boxes delivered I have a couple of other They have scanned all the Annual Meeting, Crumbine Medal, and Service Recognition Award bulletins that were in the boxes. You can see the results here - <http://archie.kumc.edu/handle/2271/550>. Note - if you do a search, the search engine can search within the PDF documents - they used something called Optical Character Recognition (OCR) to make this possible. Click on the links below to see some of the archived documents.

Many thanks to KPHA Member, Karen Cole, Director of the Library and her staff, especially **Rachel Gyore**, Biomedical Librarian - Digital Projects Support for all the hard work! Below are some examples of what has been archived:

[Annual Meetings](#) [29] [Awards](#) [26]

(This link is particularly worth looking at, as it is the 1946 award program honoring Dr. Crumbine:

[kpha.crumbinemedal.1946.pdf](#) (381.2Kb)

These other links are award and programs from Annual Meetings:

[kpha.crumbinemedal.1966.pdf](#) (622.9Kb)

[kpha.servicerecognition.1970.pdf](#) (1.108Mb)

[kpha.servicerecognition.1971.pdf](#) (709.8Kb)

Here is the Awards program from 1972:

[kpha.servicerecognition.1972.pdf](#) (654.1Kb)

As a reminder, the Dykes Medical Library sponsors Kansas Health Online: <http://www.kansashealthonline.org/index.php>

Kansas Health Online helps Kansans make well-informed health care decisions. You'll find quality information and news about medical conditions, health insurance, and health care policy. Here are some of their links:

- [Health Statistics](#)
- [Insurance Companies in Kansas](#)
- [Kansas Health Care Agencies](#)
- [Staying Healthy in Kansas](#)
- [Clinical Trials](#)

And, find health care resources near you in "Go Local " on Kansas Health Online:

<http://apps.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/local/kansas/homepage.cfm?areaid=45>

## KPHA Organizational member, Clevelanders write letters campaigning for chiropractic

KANSAS CITY, Mo. In a move to help preserve the future of chiropractic care, Clevelanders recently took part in a grassroots letter writing campaign to generate support for the profession. The five-day event saw more than 1,300 letters sent to current practitioners by students sharing their passion about chiropractic and its future. The timing of the mailing was key as legislators in Washington, D.C., are preparing to address the national health care reform bill. The organizers of the campaign want to make sure that chiropractic care is included in the bill. In order to ensure that chiropractic remains an option for the public, the letter outlined what the summit was seeking:

*That essential chiropractic services be included as a covered benefit under any national reform plan; that every patient should have the right to choose and be reimbursed for all health care services from doctors of chiropractic without barriers and limitations that unfairly restrict their freedom of choice; and that there be no MD-referral requirement for patients to obtain access to chiropractic care.*

Leading the way for the campaign at CCKC were co-coordinators Carl S. Cleveland IV and Dr. Dan Redwood, associate professor. Cleveland IV said the event was successful because of the commitment from the student body.



## Membership Survey during Annual Meeting-- Secretary Ruth Wetta Hall

Last year, Dr. Wetta Hall provided the unique experience of having KPHA members vote "live" at the annual meeting on membership issues. This year she and Dr. Ellen Averett, Research & Eval Section Chair are again organizing the questions for you to give your input. The Board has been composing the survey and sincerely hopes you will attend the meeting to answer these questions.

All of your opinions are important. In formulating the platform for KPHA for the 2010 Legislative Session, the use of the survey allows us to determine the membership's input. The questions that will create a very important document are the ones on the Legislative Priorities. Just to get you thinking, below are the

Priorities we had for 2009 and presented to Legislators, on our website, and at the Legislative Forums:

1. Tobacco control initiatives
2. Healthcare coverage for young adults
3. Eliminating health disparities
4. Funding for local health departments
5. Access to affordable healthcare

Plan to come and vote. If you can't, we'll send the survey by email after the conference to members who missed the conference.

Ruth also submitted an abstract to APHA on the survey she put together and administered last year and was it accepted for presentation at the meeting! It is scheduled on Wednesday, November 11, 2009: 12:30 PM-2:00 PM in 106B and is entitled: *Engaging your constituency: The Kansas Public Health Association membership project, as part of Community Health Planning and Policy Development Session 5147.0: Policy and Advocacy to Promote Health Equity*. If you are attending APHA in November, please make sure you attend and show your Kansas support!



At the request of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) will be engaging the appropriate experts to develop a proposed model of core competencies for the public health preparedness and response workforce. This effort is supported by a Cooperative Agreement from the CDC, Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness & Emergency Response (COTPER). The competency model will build on existing work in the emergency preparedness and response field and will provide a proposed national standard of skills that are needed for the public health workforce in all-hazards preparedness and response situations. The project meets one of the mandates of the 2006 Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA). You are invited to participate and volunteer. Starting in September, volunteers will be asked to participate in Delphi rounds via e-mail, and possibly in-person focus groups. The time commitment will include 1-2 hours per Delphi survey, for 2-3 Delphi surveys. Focus groups will require a commitment of 2-5 days (potentially 3-6 days if traveling from Hawaii). These commitments would take place between September 2009 and February 2010. If interested in volunteering, then please email or call me, preferably before September 15<sup>th</sup>, but we will continue accepting volunteers after this date. Please send your name, address, phone, email, institutional affiliation, position/role and area of expertise to:

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## Public Health Partners Website Review Next Spotlight!

On National Library of Medicine Resources - PHPartners.org  
- Public Health Partners on August 26, 2009:

PHPartners <http://phpartners.org/> is the product of a collaboration of U.S. government agencies, public health organizations and health sciences libraries. The August 26 webinar class will cover the website, which will include information on current topics such as Bioterrorism, ongoing projects such as Healthy People 2010, and public health resources including promotions and statistics.

Tune in on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 2:00 CT for the PHPartners class presented by Marty Magee, the Nebraska liaison for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. This online training is FREE, and requires no registration. All you need is a computer with Internet access and a phone. You'll sign in as a guest, enter your phone number when prompted and the system will call you! Access it by going to: <https://webmeeting.nih.gov/mcr>.

## NACCHO's New Public Health Law Newsletter

Law is an important tool in public health practice. Public health law is an emerging discipline that combines elements from legal practice that are relevant to the work of health departments. Public health officials have many legal rights and responsibilities as they protect and promote the health of their communities. New partnerships between public health professionals and attorneys are emerging as they work jointly to balance individual rights and public responsibilities.

This newsletter will keep you informed about the latest public health law-related news, updates, announcements, as well as funding and training opportunities relevant to local public health.

To view the first issue – <http://tinyurl.com/n5gf6h>

To sign up contact Jacques Colon at [jcolon@naccho.org](mailto:jcolon@naccho.org)

## 2008 Poster Winner Report from Li Jia

Last year's Poster Winner, Li Jia's report is below. He was the only winner who was able to attend APHA in San Diego. We hope this year's poster winners will enjoy Philadelphia, APHA as much as he seemed to enjoy San Diego APHA!

As a current first year medical student and a recent MPH graduate from KU School of Medicine, I would like to thank KPHA and the Kansas Health Foundation for recognizing the merit of my research and giving me the opportunity to attend the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Public Health Association (APHA) in San Diego, California. The theme of the meeting was Public Health without Borders. It called public health practitioners to stay globally connected at all levels including public health science, practice, and policy.

It was my first time to attend the meeting. I was excited about experiencing the enhanced public health educational and networking opportunities, hearing the exceptional research and practices, discovering the latest public health services and products, and sharing new perspectives on public health with my peers.

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, just three hours after my medical school exam I was on the flight to San Diego. Coincidentally, Ms. Melissa Armstrong and Dr. Douglas Bradham from KU MPH program were on the same airplane with me. I felt that the public health community was so large that you could always run into your colleagues at unexpected places. I, therefore, was not surprised that Public Health without Borders was chosen as the theme of the meeting.

The next day morning, I arrived San Diego Convention Center after a long good night rest, the first more than six hours sleep since entering medical school. After the registration, I learned that the meeting was opening more than 700 information booths to the public. And Ms. Armstrong and I setup one of them for KU MPH program. I could not comprehend the magnitude of this exhibition until I spent nearly two hours to visit merely half of them on Sunday. It was amazing for me to realize how the state-of-the-art products and services geared toward public health professionals in this meeting.

In the afternoon, I decided to explore the city of San Diego. The city is renowned for not only its perfect climate and sparkling waterfront, but also its deep multicultural roots and diverse population. Caucasian, Latinos, Asian, Native Americans, and African-Americans have all left their indelible marks in the city, which are reflected on the beautiful architecture, diversified ethnic cuisine, world-class attractions, and rich arts and culture.

The opening general session "Health in an Unequal World: Report from the Commission on Social Determinants of Health" took place on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Featured speaker was Professor Sir Michael Marmot, MBBS, MPH, PhD, FRCP, FFPHM, FMedSci. He was the Chair of the WHO Commission on Social determinants of Health, Director of the International Institute for Society and Health, Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at University College London, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. His talk demonstrated the critical association between wealth and health. Dr. Marmot addressed the issue on how one's social status directly affects their health and life expectancy and argued that socioeconomic position is an important determinant for health outcomes, which is largely due to the psychic benefits of autonomy. Therefore, Dr. Marmot suggested that overall public health can be improved if the society is "more participatory and inclusive". Furthermore, Dr. Marmot presented a general framework for understanding the relevance of social determinants of health in creating health inequities/disparities in the US. He also compared the US's health statistics to that of other wealthy industrialized countries. According to him, the gross inequalities in health within and between countries present a challenge to the world. Health status, therefore, should be of concern to policy makers in every sector, not solely those involved in health policy. As a result, action on the social determinants of health is necessary to improve health. Such an improvement is an indication that society has moved in a direction of meeting human needs, which is an issue of social justice.

After the session, I visited the General Epidemiology Poster Session. A poster entitled "Rational Use of Medications in the United States –Policies and Interventions" drew my attention. The leading author, Dr. Rosenau, was from University of Texas School of Public Health. The goal of her research was to explore the rational use of medication in the US and systematically summarize the evidence about the success or failure of rational medication use in the US. According to her study, the absence of a national drug policy and the presence of a few strong stakeholders with committed policy preferences explained the lack of ubiquitous rational medication use policies and the ineffectiveness of those policies. The need to further develop and implement rational medication use policies was evident.

A Night of Entertainment with Ms. Sarah Jones was truly engaging on Sunday evening. Written and performed by the Tony Award-winning playwright and actress Sarah Jones, A Right to Care illuminated a variety of issues ranging from chronic disease to cultural barriers to care; from immigrant health concerns to the impact of economic obstacles on the health of Americans. Ms. Jones developed such a creative piece to allow audiences of any background to acknowledge the serious challenges being raised. Although the program was a one-woman performance, it highlighted ethnic and racial health disparities and examined the challenges facing Public Health in our modern and multicultural society.

In summary, the APHA Annual Meeting 2008 "Public Health without Borders" explored transnational public health and provided a forum for the community to address a diversity of topics including immigrant and refugee health; coordinating disease surveillance and epidemiologic response activities across borders; air and water pollution management across borders; and the international transmission of sociocultural behaviors. It was the first national public health meeting I ever attended. It not only enabled me appreciate how big our public health community is worldwide but also broadened my social determinant perspective in human health. Such a valuable opportunity prepared me for a better understanding of all aspects of growing multiculturalism that would promote healthy living. If anyone wishes to speak further to me about the conference or my experience, please feel free to contact me at ljia@kumc.edu.

Again, my gratefulness and many thanks for this opportunity go to the KPHA Conference and the APHA Annual Meeting.

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