



KPHA E-NEWS UPDATE



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KPHA Legislative Update for the Week of January 17



The Kansas Senate last Thursday 1/13/05, approved 28-11 a resolution that would put a prohibition of gay marriage in Kansas on the April 5 election ballot statewide. Sen. Vicki Schmidt, R-Topeka offered an amendment which would have kept marriages just between men and women, but would have deleted a provision in the proposed constitutional amendment that would have prohibited the state from recognizing marriage forms such as civil unions and giving its participants the rights now afforded married couples. Her amendment failed.

The resolution now goes to the House with an April election date that some Republicans in the House oppose and prefer the statewide vote in November 2006.

Here's the vote:

For: Apple, Barnett, Barone, Brownlee, Bruce, Donovan, Emler, Gilstrap, Huelskamp, Jordan, Journey, Lee, McGinn, Morris, O'Connor, Ostmeyer, Palmer, Petersen, Pine, Pyle, Derek Schmidt, Vicki Schmidt, Schodorf, Taddiken, Teichman, Umbarger, Wagle, Wilson.

Against: Allen, Betts, Francisco, Goodwin, Haley, Hensley, Kelly, Reitz, Steineger, Vratil, Wysong. Sen. Pete Brungardt, R-Salina, wasn't present, en route to Florida for legislative business.

House Speaker Doug Mays, R-Topeka, will assign the anti-gay marriage resolution to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs for hearings before it returns to the House floor for a vote. Thus, it is nearly impossible for the resolution to emerge in time for the noon Monday filing deadline for school board candidacies and may miss the

Feb. 11 deadline to get the issue on April 5 election ballots statewide. This puts it on the November election ballot.

Senate Republicans announced a low budget health care initiative on Tuesday morning of this week. It offers low-cost prescription drug availability to the poor at public clinics and adds a pharmaceutical industry-sponsored, means-tested, low-cost prescription drug purchasing plan. The program also includes a Health Savings Accounts and offers it as an option to state employees. It also includes childhood obesity prevention, and smoking prevention.

The plan doesn't include any major new approach for those without health insurance. It doesn't include any new taxes, compared to the governor's plan with \$50 million in higher cigarette taxes to finance a state contribution toward small businesses. The Republican \$750,000 plan would expand the availability of inexpensive prescription drugs in more community health centers. It has a fiscal note of \$326,000 to hire five registered nurses and 25 pharmacy assistants to help the clinics. The plan includes efforts to help schools eliminate junk foods and sugary soft drinks from school cafeterias and vending machines. Sen. Jim Barnett, R-Emporia, a physician from Emporia is leading the effort. [Back to top](#)

Become a Partner in National Public Health Week



Join APHA in observing National Public Health Week as a national or local partner! NPHW 2005, to take place April 4-10, will focus on empowering Americans to live stronger, longer. Today, many individuals and their families, as well as communities and policy-makers, are not taking the preventive actions necessary to keep aging Americans stronger and healthier throughout their later years. As a result, older Americans often endure chronic physical and mental illnesses that could have been avoided or diminished if they were more proactively addressed. At APHA, we believe that it is never too late to address these issues. During NPHW, APHA and its partners will promote the three "Ps" in adding more healthy years to life: Prevent, Protect and Plan.

To become a local or national partner, please sign up by [clicking here](#). There is no cost to being a partner because we know the success of NPHW will depend on the energy of our national and local partnerships. If you have any questions, please email [Lakitia Mayo](#) or call (202) 777-2515.

Apply Now for the 2005 Crumline Award

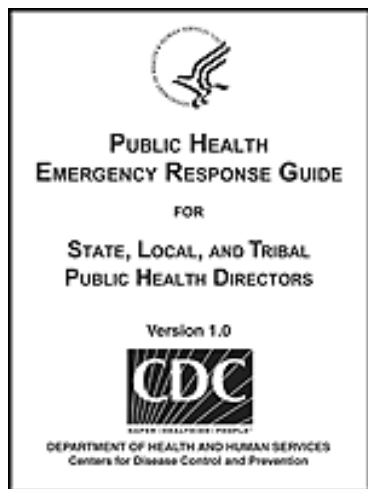
The Samuel J. Crumline Consumer Protection Award for Excellence in Food Protection at the Local Level is seeking submissions for its 2005 program. The Crumline Award is given for excellence and continual improvement in a comprehensive program of food protection at the local level. Deadline for entries is March 15, 2005. To learn more about the award or to apply, [click here](#).

APHA Is National Partner of You Can! Campaign

APHA is a national partner of the You Can! Campaign, a part of the Department of Health and Human Services' Steps to a HealthierUS initiative, which encourages Americans of every age to make healthier choices. The You Can! campaign is designed to increase the number of older adults who are active and healthy by using a partnership approach to mobilize communities. The goal of the campaign is to partner with at least 2,000 community organizations to reach at least 2 million older Americans with the HHS Secretary's message about the importance of improving nutrition choices and increasing physical activity by 2006. It is essential for the public health and aging communities to partner in this initiative in order to be truly successful. To sign up your organization as a partner, please [click here](#).

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The Public Health Emergency Response Guide for State, Local, and Tribal Public Health Directors Now Available



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has created an all-hazards reference tool for health professionals who are responsible for initiating the public health response during the first 24 hours (i.e., the acute phase) of an emergency or disaster. The Public Health Emergency Response Guide for State, Local, and Tribal Public Health Directors provides useful information on the activation and integration of a jurisdiction's public health system into the existing overall emergency response structure during the acute phase of an incident. It also contains guidance that may be unique to specific types of incidents, such as floods, earthquakes and acts of terrorism. To access the guide online, please [click here](#). [Back to top](#)

Medical Director Position Available in Shawnee County



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DEPARTMENT: Health Agency

POSITION TITLE: Medical Director

STARTING WAGE: \$130,000 - \$150,000, negotiable depending upon qualifications

POSITION NO: 207-0004

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 14, 2005

DEFINITION

Under limited supervision, this position provides high quality primary care and health related services for the medically underserved and uninsured population of Shawnee County and the surrounding region in the Community Health Center/CHC of the Shawnee County Health Agency. Provides clinical leadership in addition to providing direct client medical care and supervisory oversight for the physicians, PAs and ARNPs. This position reports directly to the CHC CEO.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES

- 80% Patient Care. Provides direct patient care in agency clinics.
- 10% Supervision. Supervises provider staff with respect to accountability for performance and behavior, staff development and training, completion of performance evaluations and other personnel related functions. Provides leadership, direction and is held accountable for the oversight of the provider staff. Participates in the hiring and promotional process. These are completed in accordance with CHC and Shawnee County policies, procedures and applicable local, state, and federal laws, applicable license and regulatory requirements. Addresses complaints and resolves provider related issues.
- 5% Management Team. Serves as a member of the CHC senior management team.
- 5% Quality Assurance. Directs efforts and is accountable to the Executive Director in medical quality improvement, peer review, clinical programs and standards in coordination with Quality Assurance goals, medical staff recruitment and credentialing and participation in national health disparities collaboratives.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Knowledge of: Human Resource management in hiring, disciplinary procedures, terminations, etc.; Supervisory responsibilities and effective leadership skills; Regulations and expectations of a CHC/FQHC as determined by the SCHA, the CHC Governing Board, Bureau of Primary Health Care and HRSA; The principles and practices of management and supervision; And understanding of population based disease management programs.

Ability to: Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, using the English language; Provide excellent written and oral communication skills; Demonstrate leadership ability; Work with the senior management team in planning, developing and implementing a delivery system providing cost effective, quality health care and disease prevention services; Be sensitive to issues of the medically underinsured and underserved populations.

Skill in: Providing leadership and direction to providers and other staff members.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Board Certified or Board eligible in a primary care specialty. Ability to obtain a license to practice in the State of Kansas. Must have current DEA. Five (5) years medical patient care experience required.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

Four (4) years medical experience in a community health center setting preferred. Two (2) years experience in a lead or supervisory role preferred and Spanish speaking skills preferred.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

After a conditional offer of employment, applicant must pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. Must be able to secure hospital admitting privileges. [Back to top](#)

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