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### [Legislative Update for March 28](#)



Although the posted deadline for first adjournment of the 2005 Legislature is April 9, 2005, at this point the Legislature appears to be on track to meet the deadlines included in 2005 SCR 1610. Under the resolution, first adjournment of the Legislature would occur on April 1 or 2, 2005, with the Omnibus session beginning on April 27. This means that legislators concluded the majority of their committee work last Tuesday, March 22, and spent Wednesday through Friday debating bills on the House and Senate floors.

Conference committees will meet on Monday, March 28, and Tuesday, March 29, and the full Legislature will

consider conference committee reports on the House and Senate floors on Wednesday, March 30, through April 1 or 2.

The House held off attempts to broaden the Sen. Stan Clark Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative Program to essentially allow pro-choice abortion counselors to qualify for the matching grant program in which the state would spend \$300,000 to encourage pregnant women to have their babies and possibly put them up for adoption. The bill has been passed by the Legislature in the past, but last year Gov. Kathleen Sebelius vetoed the bill and her veto was overridden in the House but not the Senate, where the late Sen. Clark spent much of the last day of the session trying to garner enough votes to override. He fell two votes short. Clark was killed in an auto accident last May.

The Senate tentatively adopted two bills in their health care package Tuesday. One measure would provide three years of tax credits (\$75, then \$50 then \$25) per employee per month if an employer provides health insurance coverage to the worker. The second part expanded prescription drug availability at public health clinics, at a federally subsidized cost of about \$400,000 and another \$350,000 to hire 30 people to help poor people fill out the forms for pharmaceutical-industry sponsored programs.

Gov. Sebelius signed into law on Monday the following bills

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[HB 2178](#) amends the Kansas Senior Care Act to establish a program of preventative health services. The program of preventative health services would be established and administered by the Secretary of Aging within appropriations made for that purpose.

[HB 2086](#) concerns home health agencies frequency of on-site surveys, and provides that an agency is in compliance through a survey conducted at least once every 36 months. Current law provides that an on-site survey be conducted within a 15 month period. The legislation would make the state survey cycle consistent with federal requirements.

The Senate adopted its version of the state budget for the year starting July 1, which is probably at least \$80 million more than the House's bill. The Senate's bill included 2.5% pay raises for state employees and no money to finance the first year of the Senate's K-12 education plan which could cost \$140 million or more. The House cut payments for state employee salaries and financed its version of school finance at about \$115 million.

The Senate did add some money to its bill, \$390,000, for a prescription drug for the poor program. The Senate's Kansas Health Policy Authority bill was introduced late Wednesday that combines Medicaid and state employee health insurance and other health care purchases.

The House Thursday morning passed the "unborn victims of violence act" which for criminal prosecution cases provides a fetus the same rights as its mother in cases involving injuries. The Senate Thursday morning forwarded unamended, the abortion clinic licensing and inspection bill.

As for the Tobacco Bill, [HB 2495](#), the health groups promoting this bill decided that on the understanding that Rep. Edmonds will not bring the HB 2495 bill up for a vote, we need to ask members to write letters between April 1 and April 19, to committee members, primarily the legislator from their own home district, and perhaps one or two others, to thank them for holding a hearing on this important topic, to give them a brief educational message on smoke-free policies, and to provide them with a personal anecdote that speaks to the topic. If you write such a letter, please send a copy to the KPHA office. [Back to top](#)

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## Live Stronger, Longer Day at the Capitol, Kicks Off April 4-10 for National Public Health Week

Cindy Winters and Misty Jimmerson and I have been working to get this event finalized and we have a great response!

The following organizations will be displaying information:

American Heart Association, Arthritis Foundation, Comprehensive Cancer Program-KDHE Coordinated School Health Program-KDHE & KSDE, Diabetes Prevention and Control Program-KDHE, Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention Program-KDHE, Johnson County Health Department, Kansas Academy of Family Physicians, Kansas Arthritis Program-KDHE, Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Kansas Public Health Association, Oral Health Kansas, Inc., Shawnee County Health Agency, Shawnee County Medical Reserve Corp., Tobacco Use Prevention Program-KDHE, and the Kansas Department on Aging

It's not too late for KPHA members to come and help with this event! If you can attend to show support for Public Health, please do!

The Kansas Foundation for Medical Care is furnishing apples, bananas, water and cereal bars and we are partnering with the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians, who had already scheduled the second floor for their tobacco prevention poster contest.

The invitation delivered to legislators included the following information:

Plan to participate in:

- Heel scans to screen for bone density
- Blood pressure
- Diabetes risk assessment screening
- Vote for the Tar Wars State Poster Contest Winner
- Attend the Dr. Samuel Crumbine portrayal at 10:00 a.m. provided by the Kansas Humanities Council

**Other activities going on for National Public Health Week include:**

According to Ginny Barnard, MPH Program Assistant, Kansas State University in Manhattan, KSU will sponsor the following:

**Monday, April 4** - Keynote Address "What's the Matter with Public Health: A KDHE Perspective" by Dr. Gail Hansen, State Epidemiologist at 7:30pm in the K-State Student Union Forum Hall

**Tuesday, April 5** - "Infectious Diseases: A panel discussion of zoonotic disease emergence, prevention and control" at 11am in the K-State Student Union Flint Hills Room

**Wednesday, April 6** - "Live Stronger, Longer" Fun Walk at Noon; meet in the K-State Student Union plaza, near the fountain.

**Thursday, April 7** - Public Health Fair, 10am to 2pm in the K-State Student Union Courtyard

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**The following activities for Kansas is posted at APHA's website:**

**Title:** Community Health Fair and Public Health Panel Presentations

**Date:** April 4, 2005

**Time:** 4:00 pm - 7:00 am Central

**Location:** Shawnee County Health Agency, Topeka, KS

**Description:** The Shawnee County Health Agency will host a Community Health Fair with the following participants: Shawnee County Medical Reserve Corps, Topeka Family Resource and Guidance Center, the Marian Clinic, YWCA of Topeka, Stormont-Vail HealthCare and many more. We will also present Public Health Panel Presentations on "The Importance of Childhood and Adult Immunizations" and "Living Stronger, Longer."

**Contact:** Email [Katie Schurman](mailto:Katie.Schurman@shawneehealth.org) or call (785) 368-2737. Visit their [website](http://www.shawneehealth.org).

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**Title:** National Public Health Week - Keynote Address

**Date:** April 4, 2005

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Central

**Location:** Kansas State University - Student Union, Manhattan, KS

**Description:** A keynote address will be given by Dr. Gail Hansen,DVM,MPH. She is the State Epidemiologist for Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Epidemiologic Services.

**Contact:** Email [Ginny Barnard](#), MPH Program Assistant or call (785) 532-2428. Visit their [website](#).

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**Title:** Panel Discussion: Infectious Diseases and the Health of Kansans

**Date:** April 5, 2005

**Time:** 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Central

**Location:** Kansas State University - Student Union, Manhattan, KS

**Description:**

A panel discussion of infectious and zoonotic diseases that impact public health globally and in Kansas.

**Contact:** Email [Ginny Barnard](#), MPH Program Assistant or call (785) 532-5568. Visit their [website](#).

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**Title:** "Live Stronger, Longer" Fun Walk

**Date:** April 6, 2005

**Time:** 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm Central

**Location:** Kansas State University - Student Union Patio, Manhattan, KS

**Description:** A fun, lively walk around the K-State Campus.

**Contact:** Email [Ginny Barnard](#), MPH Program Assistant or call (785) 532-5568. Visit their [website](#).

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**Title:** Barber County Community Health Department

**Date:** April 16, 2005

**Time:** 7:00 am - 11:00 am Central

**Location:** 119 S 5th, Kiowa, KS

**Description:**

We will celebrate National Public Health Week by planning for our health fair. We will be preparing to deliver services to our public the first Saturday following National Public Health Week.

**Contact:** Email [Heather Henke](#) or call (620) 886-3294. [Back to top](#)

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## Upcoming Training

More information on KPHA Spring Training will be available in a brochure within the next week. Please mark it on

your calendars!

## KPHA Spring Training



June 2 - 3, 2005  
Rolling Hills Conference Center  
625 N Hedville Rd  
Salina, KS 67401-9764

### Thursday, June 2

8:30-9:00 am	Registration
9:00-10:30 am	Opening Session - Welcome KDH&E Sec. Rod Bremby (Invited)
10:30-1045 am	Break
10:45-12:00 pm	Breakout Session
	Disparities in Chronic Disease
	Diabetes Kate Watson and local clinic participating in program
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch (Panel of survivors - cancer, heart disease, etc.)
1:00-2:15 pm	Breakout Session
	Mental Health - Dr. Hawley
	Local Initiatives (Worksite wellness - Ottawa County Panel)
2:15-2:45 pm	Break
2:45-4:00 pm	Breakout Session
	Infectious Disease
	STEPS Grantees (planning a program on chronic disease and applying for federal funds)
4:15-5:15 pm	Breakout Session
	Bio-terrorism and Mental Health - Dr. Hawley

	<b>Section meetings or presentation on how to develop and implement a media campaign</b>
<b>5:30-6:30 pm</b>	<b>Tour Museum</b>
<b>6:30-8:00 pm</b>	<b>Picnic Dinner and Dr. Crumbine Portrayal</b>
<b>Friday, June 3</b>	
<b>8:00-8:30 am</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>8:30-9:45 am</b>	<b>Breakout Session</b>
	<b>Injury Prevention</b>
	<b>Oral Health or Aging Topic</b>
<b>9:45-10:00 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:00-11:30 am</b>	<b>Obesity - Dr. Earley</b>
<b>11:30-12:00 pm</b>	<b>Closing</b>

**Note:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the [Holiday Inn, 1616 W. Crawford St.](#) To reserve a room call 785-823-1739 and indicate it is for the KPHA Spring Training. [Back to top](#)

### Antimicrobial Resistance: Old Bugs, New Threats and the Public Health Response?



The Kansas Public Health Workforce and Leadership Development (WALD) Center is hosting an upcoming Public Health Grand Rounds satellite downlink, "Antimicrobial Resistance: Old Bugs, New Threats and the Public Health Response?," April 8, 2005, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

The program will be held in the Santa Fe Room of the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Public Health Grand Rounds are sponsored by the CDC and the University of North Carolina School of Public Health.

Registration is free and is open to all through <http://www.publichealthgrandrounds.unc.edu/>.



### Free Lead Safe Work Practices Class

MasiMax is giving a free Lead Safe Work Practices Class in Salina. See more information below!

**When:** April 14, 2005

**Location:** Carver Center, 315 N. 2nd, Salina, Kansas.

**Time:** 7:45 AM - 4:00 PM

**Price:** free

**Contact:** Email [Linda Hunsicker](mailto:Linda.Hunsicker@ks.gov) or call (785) 625-0073. Or check out the [website](#).

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**Current Topics in Public Health: Population Disease, Risk Com.,  
Health Data, and Food Safety  
April 26-27, 2005**

"Current Topics in Public Health: Population Disease, Risk Com., Health Data, and Food Safety," is a special FREE live two day offering from the KS Public Health Certificate Program for public health work force in Kansas. It will be offered in Hays, Wichita, and Chanute, in addition to the PH Certificate Program in Topeka (that class is full). Presentations will be a combination of live and distance ITV at the remote sites.

This program covers basic to intermediate level material. It is especially geared to new public health staff and persons interested in gaining knowledge of the KS PH Certificate Program.

For more information about this program, go to: [http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/download/GovRoleInHealthApri\\_%2026and\\_27\\_05.pdf](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/download/GovRoleInHealthApri_%2026and_27_05.pdf)

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**Kansas Public Health Nursing and Maternal Child Health Conference**



**May 3 - 5, 2005  
Wichita Airport Hilton  
2098 Airport Rd. 67209**

Registration Open Now until April 22!  
(Special hotel rate available only until April 22)

The Kansas Public Health Nursing Conference has combined with Maternal Child Health this year to offer a wide array of training topics targeting public health nurses, maternal child health professionals, and healthy start home visitors. The focus is "**Sailing the 'C's' of Public Health.**" Join us this year for great training and smooth sailing!

Each participant must register through KS-TRAIN to attend this conference.

To download a brochure go to: <http://www.waldcenter.org/conferenceBrochure.pdf> or <http://ks.train.org>.

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## HIV/AIDS/STDs in Youth at Risk: Eliminating Disparities Among All Youth June 8-10, 2005

HIV/AIDS/STDs in Youth at Risk: Eliminating Disparities Among All Youth will be held June 8-10 at the Kansas City Airport Hilton, 8801 NW 112th Street, Kansas City, MO 64153.

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference participants at the following rate: \$88 plus applicable taxes per room per night. Cutoff date for the room block is May 17, 2005. To make your reservation, please call the hotel at (816) 891-8900. Be sure to mention that you will be attending the Human Sexuality Education Conference: Code CHS sponsored by the Kansas Department of Education.

Registration Fee: \$225 (Registration deadline May 13, 2005); Late Registration \$275 (After May 13, 2005). Fees: Registration fees cover all materials, including conference CD; continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks, and lunches. Please return all registrations and payments by June 1, 2005. Download the [registration materials](#).

Contact: Dr. Darrel Lang at 785-296-6716. [Back to top](#)



### Smoke Free Dining Logo

Judy Young, one of our Wichita smoke free air advocates, is providing logos for those in Wichita--and in Kansas to use to help promote smoke free dining and public places. [Back to top](#)

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