



KPHA E-NEWS UPDATE



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Legislative Update



The session is well underway now; testimony is developed and bills are being heard. To see the status of the health bills and the activity we are tracking [click here](#).

Below are just a few bills of interest and their activity. You can see the entire language of these bills at <http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-bills/index.do>

[SB 167](#) An Act concerning health insurance; relating to insurance payments for covered dental services.

[SB 327](#) An Act creating the Office of Inspector General within the Kansas Health Policy Authority; providing for the appointment of the Inspector General and the powers, duties, and functions.

[SB 425](#) An Act concerning hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers; relating to disclosure of prices.

[HB 2001](#) An Act concerning insurance; establishing the Kansas Health Care Commission and providing for the powers, duties, and functions; providing comprehensive, statewide health insurance coverage for residents of the state; and providing for the financing.

[HB 2088](#) An Act concerning crimes and punishment; relating to giving birth without medical assistance.

[HB 2151](#) An Act relating to criminal procedure; concerning search warrants; establishing how search warrants may be issued in violation of health, safety, building, or animal cruelty laws or ordinances.

[HB 2224](#) An Act concerning health care; relating to a pain patients' Bill of Rights.

[HB 2283](#) An Act concerning the Department of Health and Environment; relating to nosocomial infections; establishing an advisory committee.

[HB 2284](#) An Act relating to breastfeeding mothers; concerning right to breastfeed; jury duty while breastfeeding.

[HB 2287](#) An Act concerning health care decisions; relating to durable powers of attorney for health care decisions and declarations.

[HB 2397](#) An Act concerning distribution of certain prescription drugs; enacting the Wholesale Licensure and Prescription Medication Integrity Act.

[HB 2458](#) An Act concerning the Department of Health and Environment; providing for regulation of clinics and facilities where office-based surgeries and special procedures are performed.

[SB 155](#) An Act concerning abortion.

The Alliance for Health Advocates-KS is meeting weekly on Friday mornings at 11 a.m. here in the KHA offices. If you are interested in participating, let me know! At this point, AHA-KS, is a very informal gathering of health advocates who are trying to keep up with all the activity. We've had at least 20 health organizations and associations represented so far, and we hope to continue to grow and work together to promote a healthier Kansas!. [Back to top](#)

Fundraising Efforts

KPHA Board agrees to join KPEC to make sure "TABOR" does not happen in Kansas.

KPHA has been in existence since 1920, but has always had to work to keep the efforts going! Below is the mission statement and part of the strategic plan that was written in 2002:

Mission and Vision. The purpose of the Kansas Public Health Association is to serve as the primary, unifying organization promoting improvement in the health of Kansans and in public health practice.

Strategy. The Association is driven by its desire to support society's interest in assuring that conditions in which people can be healthy are appropriate. It is to provide leadership for public health professionals and others encouraging them to improve the health of Kansans by promoting public health's core values.

Strategic Priorities. To guide its efforts toward satisfying its mission and achieving its vision, the Kansas Public Health Association has identified and seeks to address four major priorities for 2005 and beyond. These priorities mirror the APHA 2003-2005 strategic map. They are to:

1. Increase member engagement and expand membership

2. Improve public health practice through education and research
3. Increase policy impact from local to state level
4. Strengthen organizational effectiveness

As the 2006 Board wrestles with writing a new strategic plan, they need membership's help in the development of the plan and the association. Sustainability is at the core of every great cause. Active members are what makes an organization. If you have not been actively contributing to the cause, now is your chance. Below is the list of the KPHA 2006 Board members and staff. You can email anyone of them of your interests and contributions to public health:

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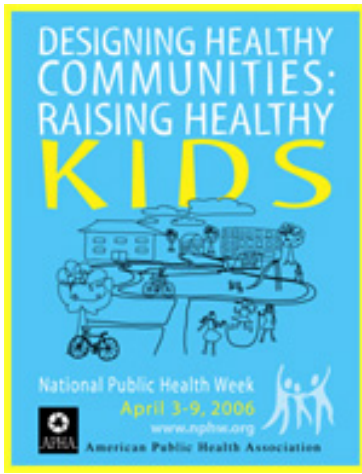
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1st Black Caucus of Health Workers National Newsletter

I received the 1st Black Caucus of Health Workers National Newsletter and want to pass it on to those interested in receiving it regularly. Click [here](#) to view. [Back to top](#)

National Public Health Week Focuses on Creating Healthy Communities



March 31 will once again kick off activities in Kansas for NPHW. The **Health Day at the Capital has been rescheduled for Friday, March 31**. Plans are underway for an all day event. Tentatively, here's the schedule: Health table displays, Dr. Crumbine portrayal, and health screenings from 8:30- noon on the second floor rotunda. Health Advocacy training presented from 1:30-3:30 p. m.. Rally and Walk for Health on the Hill at 4:00 p.m. and a Legislative Health "Meet, Greet, & Eat" Reception from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Sounds like a very busy day, and we need help!! Sonja Armbruster will be taking the lead and will need lots of volunteers. If you are interested in participating with the organization in any way, email her at the Sedgwick County Health Department: sarmbrus@sedgwick.gov or you can also let other organizers: Kim Richter, Allison Alejos, Alice Weingartner, and Ed Kalas know of your interest! [Back to top](#)

Ed Kalas Elected to KPHA President Elect!

At the January Board meeting Heather Fuller announced that due to her new job with Sunflower Network, she is unable to fulfill the duties as Conference Chair and Incoming President. Janice asked for volunteers and Ed Kalas, Environmental Health Section Chair stepped up to the bat. Ed hit the ground running and has been working with Cyndi Treaster to develop the conference theme and title which the Board will vote on. Ed also got good news this week that as President Elect he gets an expense paid trip to Washington DC in May to the President Elects Meeting with APHA. And just this morning, Ed and Cyndi met with BCBS to see how we could partner together. Everyday KPHA members are on the move and working for a Healthier Kansas! [Back to top](#)



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