



# KPHA E-NEWS UPDATE

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[KPHA Testifies Before Kansas Health Policy Authority in Kansas City and Wichita](#)

The Kansas Health Policy Authority held meetings in KC and Wichita and will hold another in Hays. The meetings were to gain input from the public about the direction of health care in Kansas. KPHA Board member, Dr. Ellen Averett, and member Dr. Mike Fox prepared testimony and presented it to KHPA at the Kansas City hearing in July. Click [here](#) to see Dr. Averett's testimony. Click [here](#) to see Dr. Fox's testimony. At the hearing in Wichita, member Sonja Armbruster testified. Click [here](#) to see Sonja's testimony. Thanks to all three for a wonderful job. At the KHPA hearing in Hays, Board member, Patricia Dunlap of Rooks County Health Department will be testifying on our behalf! [Back to top](#)

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[News from State Liaison Kate, Sweeney: APHA-Needs Your Attention!](#)

Below is the email from Kate:

Hi All: We wanted to flag for you a new feature on our legislative update called "Policy Watch" where we are featuring shorter article about developing news on relevant federal, state and local activities affecting public health programs. Please email our government relations staff ([kate.sweeney@apha.org](mailto:kate.sweeney@apha.org) or 202-777-2513) with any relevant stories from your community, state, area of interest or field to be included in future editions of policy watch.

You can access the current and past Legislative Updates at this link: <http://www.apha.org/private/legislative/updates.htm>.

THANKS!

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July 18, 2006

Dear Affiliate Leadership:

Please Participate in APHA'S Public Health ACTION Campaign During the Month-Long August Congressional Recess.

How can you participate in this campaign? This message comes with an urgent plea to meet with your local members of Congress while they are in their district offices and participating in events in the community like town hall meetings, fundraising events, parades, etc., during the month-long August Congressional Recess.

When? Members of the House and Senate will be home from July 31st - September 4th.

What is available to me for these events? Below you will find a message from the American Public Health Association's Government Relations Staff regarding this important advocacy effort, including a link to a webpage with dedicated materials you can download before meetings with your members of Congress, attending a town hall meeting or other events.

Why is your participation important? As public health professionals you understand the importance of

maintaining funding for public health programs. Health related expenditures far outweigh the amount of money going towards cost effective means of assuring American can live longer, healthy productive lives. Whether you work with environmental, maternal and child, chronic disease, epidemiology, emergency preparedness, nutrition, oral health, adolescent health, HIV/AIDS, or one of the many other public health programs, your input is extremely important. As an affiliate and state health association leader, you must assure that funding capacity remains. This is a critical time to act. A visit, call or email to your Representative and/or Senator is extremely important. (On the website provided, there are more details on how to set these meetings up, how to speak at a town hall meeting, or how to call your member's office.)

The result? You can help save public health dollars and resources. Improving and protecting the health of the public is all of our jobs. You can start today by making that visit, call or send an email to your member of Congress. You may also hear from APHA Section/SPIG/Caucus members that live in your area to see if it's possible to coordinate visits with your members.

Please inform us of your actions and successes. Feel free to contact Kate Sweeney in the Government Relations Department of APHA at (202) 777-2513 or [kate.sweeney@apha.org](mailto:kate.sweeney@apha.org). Thanks and good luck!

Sincerely,

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To: APHA Affiliate Leadership  
Fr: APHA Government Relations Staff  
Re: August Congressional Recess Activities for APHA Members

The month-long August Congressional Recess is fast approaching. Members of the House and Senate will be home from July 31st - September 1st. This is a great opportunity for you to meet with your members of Congress while they are in their district offices and participating in events in the community like town hall meetings, election events, receptions and parades.

During this recess, we need your help advocating on the following priority public health issues pending in Congress:

1. Funding Public Health: With the budget and appropriations process still underway, it is vitally important for your members of Congress to hear from you about the devastating impact of the proposed budget cuts to public health programs - and why they must support restoring the budget to FY05 levels. As you know, in addition to last year's devastating cuts, the President's budget proposed cutting funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by more than 2% and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) by almost 5%. The budget currently being considered in both the House & Senate restores some funding but still eliminates or entirely cuts several important public health programs like the Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant, HRSA Health Professions Grant Programs, and those that address chronic disease prevention.

2. Support Initiatives to Improve Health and the Built Environment: The Healthy Places Act of 2006, introduced during National Public Health Week this year by Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) and Representative Hilda Solis (D-CA), brings together all levels of government to address environmental health issues that adversely affect health. Please ask your Senators and Representative to cosponsor this

bill. These environmental health issues affect many aspects of public health, including chronic and preventable disease, access to preventative health care, and nutrition and obesity.

We have developed materials on both of these issues (including sample meeting request letters, advocacy tips, talking points, and fact sheets) on this site:

<http://www.apha.org/legislative/walkhill/>

Please go to this website to view:

- \* A list of public events and town hall meetings across the country
- \* Tools on how to schedule meetings with legislators
- \* Talking points on these issues
- \* Tips on meeting with legislators
- \* Printable materials to leave with the legislator, including fact sheets on state specific funding
- \* A follow-up form to send back to APHA

We view this recess as an essential opportunity to deliver our messages for these vital public health programs and bills. Your participation is invaluable and will greatly improve APHA's visibility, and ultimately, our impact in advocating for these programs.

Here are some steps to help you and your members participate in these activities. In addition, we will be following up to offer additional assistance and support.

Five easy steps to attending a meeting with your Senator or Rep's office during August:

1: Identify your Members of Congress:

<https://ssl.capwiz.com/apha/dbq/officials/>

2: Go to the calendar section of the APHA PHACT Campaign website:

[www.apha.org/legislative/walkhill/aphaadvocacy/](http://www.apha.org/legislative/walkhill/aphaadvocacy/) to see if a meeting has already been scheduled, email people listed if you want to coordinate visits. On this calendar you will also find public events hosted by members of congress, including town hall meetings, parades, campaign event barbeques, etc. where you as an APHA member and constituent can attend. We are also creating a new system so when someone schedules a meeting with a Congressperson they email Kate Sweeney at [kate.sweeney@apha.org](mailto:kate.sweeney@apha.org).

3: If a visit to your Senators or Rep. is not on the calendar already, call their offices to arrange your own visit during the month.

4: Email Kate Sweeney at [kate.sweeney@apha.org](mailto:kate.sweeney@apha.org) so she can add your visit to the calendar.

5: Fill out feedback form after the meeting and submit it via the electronic form: <http://www.zoomerang.com/recipient/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB225GKPU8U9D>

Thanks,  
APHA Government Relations Staff

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## Survey on Suicide Prevention

Please take a few minutes to respond to the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City/County\_\_\_\_\_

Agency (if applicable):\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Interest: \_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_ Middle-age Adult \_\_\_\_ Older Adult

Share/Explain two or more education or prevention piece(s) offered in your community for youth, mid life adults or older adults: (i.e. training, education, access to mental health services, crisis intervention, means control or public/private collaboration promoting awareness).

1.

2.

3.

Check number 1 or 2 and area of interest:

1. \_\_\_\_ Attend sub committee meetings as a representative of your community

Area of interest: Check all that apply

\_\_\_\_ Plan writing

\_\_\_\_ data collection

\_\_\_\_ research

\_\_\_\_ communication

\_\_\_\_ recruitment

\_\_\_\_ Other....List\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_ A resource person to receive information, distribute, and respond to the needs of the sub committee:

Area of interest: Check all that apply

\_\_\_\_ plan writing

\_\_\_\_ data collection

\_\_\_\_ research

\_\_\_\_ communication

\_\_\_\_ recruitment

\_\_\_\_ Other.....List\_\_\_\_\_

\*Our goal is to develop a suicide prevention plan this year as well as share prevention information from around the state.

Please copy and paste this survey in an email with your answers and send to [beverly.bodine@jocogov.org](mailto:beverly.bodine@jocogov.org). [Back to top](#)

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## News from Board Member Dr. Toni Pickard

Healthy Options for Kansas Communities, 3620 E. Sunnybrook in Wichita has opened a New Dental Clinic. After two years in planning, we opened our new community dental clinic Monday, July 17th. The 3-chair clinic is located at our service site in Planeview. We offer cleanings, x-rays and primary care dentistry such as fillings, and extractions.



**Charlotte Turner-Williams, DDS; Lourdes Vazquez, MS, RDH, Clinic Manager; and Priya Jayaraman, BSD, MPH, dental assistant, prep for patients.**

Our hours are 8 am - 5 pm , Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. We accept Medicaid, HealthWave and private insurance. Translators will be on site during all clinic visits. Scheduling of appointments can be done at 651-0062.

Many people helped make this clinic a reality including the Knight Foundation, the United Methodist Health Ministries Fund, the Wiedemann Foundation, Hospitals of Hope, Wichita Community Foundation's Donor Directed Fund, GraceMed Clinic, Sullivan & Schien, Patterson Dental, Proctor & Gamble, Hu-Freidy, Via Christi Health Systems, Dr. Mathews, Dr. Mark Schneider, Dr. Charlotte Turner-Williams, Great Image Design, Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. at WSU, and Patty Seery. Special thanks goes to HOP Board members Mike McMillan, Curt Terflinger (and wife, Marge), Bill Wise, and Reggie Monson for invaluable amounts of donated labor, as well as to the members of the dental advisory committee (Barb Gonzalez, Denise Maus, and Pam Bumpers) for their assistance. [Back to top](#)

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## KPHA Preparedness Section Newsletter

July 2006

# Section Sharing Information

*This forum allows KPHA Preparedness Section members to share their ideas, opinions, information, best-of-practice, actions and experiences on preparedness issues and topics.*

*This Forum is: -- done in the spirit of helping one another --*

### OP ED ARTICLE:

Disaster Preparedness requires money, time, resources, and much tenacity. However the diseases and public health issues that affect morbidity and mortality on a daily basis also require these same attributes. How can public health professional best assure that the public health preparedness results, best practices, and outcomes interface and transfer to the issues important to population based public health? You may read the interesting Opinion Editorial article by clicking [here](#) and downloading the PDF file.

### NOTICE:

Clinicians Outreach and Communications Activities (COCA) Conference Call - Recent Mumps Outbreak and Update. The recent mumps outbreak in Kansas resulted in valuable training experience for disease investigators and epidemiologist at the local and state public health departments. Take the opportunity to participate in the CDC COCA call.

**Title:** Recent Mumps Outbreak and Update

**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2006

**Time:** 2:00-3:00 p.m. CT

**Call-In Number:** (888) 790-3155

**Passcode:** Mumps

**Objectives for this call:**

- Describe the clinical characteristics of mumps
- Describe the epidemiology of mumps
- Describe the 2006 mumps outbreak
- Discuss the challenges of the 2006 outbreak

Slides for this presentation will be posted soon to the COCA website on the following page:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp>

### PANDEMIC INFLUENZA - AMERICAN RED CROSS 1918

Below is an interesting portion of a communication from a Red Cross nurse:

I am writing by fits and starts, as I can snatch a minute off to jot down our needs, hoping that the situation might be clear to you, and that you will be able to get us some supplies before we get snowed in for the winter. Our greatest need (next to fruit and malted milk) is feeding cups and drinking tubes, which we can't get at Winnemucca (the nearest town). We also need lots of gauze or cheese cloth and cotton for

pneumonia jackets; also rubber sheeting, and quantities of old rags to be used and burned also gallons of formaldehyde if we are to stamp out the disease as everything is thrown on the ground, and will thaw out next spring and release all these germs again. - Red Cross influenza nurse-Denio, Oregon, 1918.

It can be valuable to study past disaster response techniques and practices. We learn what might have been successful and about the human endeavors involved. While there are few public health "after action" reports from the 1918 pandemic influenza, the American Red Cross has a web page dedicated to these historical perspectives.

<http://www.redcross.org/museum/history/influenza.asp>

For more current Pan Flu Preparedness information click [here](#) to download the PDF file.

### **Emergency Preparedness Section Member Input**

Members of the KPHA Emergency Preparedness Section are encouraged to provide information for the monthly section newsletters that you feel is valuable for others.

Please forward information to:

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## **Information from Dr. Kim Richter, KUMC**

### **Subject: Attention Cancer Survivors and Health Advocates!**

You are invited to attend a Cancer Forum at a location near you this summer which is being sponsored by the Kansas Cancer Partnership and the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition. These meetings will be informational in nature and help establish community support for reducing the burden of cancer in the state. The dates are listed below.

As a cancer survivor or health advocate, bringing this issue to the forefront will help fight disease and bring a coordinated approach to current efforts in the areas or research, prevention, treatment and statewide and community programs.

Please register 48 hours in advance of the forum you wish to attend. For more information or to register, Please call 785-296-1207 or e-mail [pohara@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:pohara@kdhe.state.ks.us).

We challenge you to make this issue a top health priority in Kansas!

## **DATES TO ATTEND:**

**July 26** in Garden City at St. Catherine's Hospital, 410 East Spruce

**July 27** in Hays at Hays Medical Center, 2202 Canterbury Drive

**July 31** in Salina at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center, 515 S. Santa Fe

**August 1** in Kansas City at the National Cancer Institute, 2100 W. 36th Avenue

**August 2** in Wichita at Via Christi Medical Center, 2622 West Central

**August 3** in Pittsburg at Mount Carmel Medical Center, 1102 E. Centennial Dr. [Back to top](#)

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## **Job Openings**



**Sedgwick County, Kansas**

### **Registered Dietician**

Will perform and provide direct patient services for the Maternal and Infant Program. The Program provides both nutrition and health education for pregnant women of child bearing age. M&I dietitian provides ongoing nutritional assessments to assure proper nutritional management during pregnancy and refers to WIC, eligible clients in WIC program.

#### **Essential Job Functions:**

Provides planning, development and evaluation of the nutrition component of the M&I Program

Provides technical assistance to Health Department Staff.

Provides education and counseling on nutrition participants in the Maternal and Infant Program

Performs outreach activities.

Follows program, division, department, county, and state policies and procedures on maintaining confidentiality in all areas of patient contact.

Demonstrates timely and accurate charting as evidenced by charting completed daily.

Maintains professional expertise.

Demonstrates the ability to communicate effectively with the public and Health Department Staff.

Performs related work as required.

As a requirement of this position, in some instances it may be necessary for bilingual staff to interpret or provide written translation for the Clinical Services Division.

Demonstrates ability to distinguish between normal and abnormal findings.

May perform consultations with other HD clinics as needed.

Assists in orientation of new staff and student placements.

#### **Job Standards:**

Must possess strong organizational skills with a clear sense of priorities with the ability to reorder priorities as circumstances change.

Must have excellent oral and written language skills, good problem solving skills, as well as mature judgment, initiative, adaptability, a pleasant telephone manner, the ability to work well with others, ability to interface well with others, and a professional appearance.

Must possess the ability to work with people of diverse socio-economic backgrounds, different cultures,

lifestyles, and languages.

Must be able to appropriately and professionally respond to common inquiries or complaints from clients, agencies, community members, etc.

Must possess the ability to handle multiple projects and tasks efficiently, effectively, and concurrently; ability to assume responsibility and accountability for work; ability to work with other employees effectively and productively.

Must possess the ability to read, analyze, interpret, and present statistical data.

Graduation from a four year college with a major in foods, nutrition, or related science plus successful completion of a dietetic internship or equivalent accredited by the American Dietetic Association or a Master s Degree in Public Health Nutrition. Registered by the American Dietetic Association or eligible for certification to be completed within 6 months of employment. Is licensed by State of Kansas.

Must have a current Kansas Driver's License

**Equipment:**

Office equipment-computer, copier, fax, phone

**Work Environment:**

Clinical environment.

M-F; 8-5

2716 W. Central Wichita KS 67203

Valid Kansas Drivers License Required. Must meet Driver Qualification standards as set forth in Sedgwick County s Fleet Vehicle Operation and Usage policy (R#225-1999).

All required tests must be completed before HR will submit your application to the department for review. Please apply and then come in for testing if you have not already done so. If you are not sure of testing or scores please call Linda or Joyce at 316 660 7050. This position may be filled or closed to further application and/or testing without notice.

Sedgwick County will prohibit the hiring of spouses and/or immediate family members within the same department, but not within the County structure.

Immediate family and family of the employee s spouse shall be considered husband, wife, son, step-son, son-in-law, daughter, step-daughter, daughter-in law, brother, step-brother, brother-in law, sister, step-sister, sister-in-law, mother, step-mother, mother-in law, father, step-father, father-in-law, grandchildren, grandparents and grandparents-in-law.

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## KPHA Early Bird Conference Registration Deadline Nearing

The Conference is fast approaching and registrations for all attendees have begun arriving at the KPHA in good numbers! Please note the early bird deadline of September 6. Click on to [www.kpha.us](http://www.kpha.us) for the Conference Brochure and the Conference Registration. As a KPHA member you can help with the success of the conference by sending an email to all your list-serves asking them to attend. It won't take time and would be a big help to the association! [Back to top](#)



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