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*Have a  
Wonderful and  
Happy New Year*

## **December 2009 President's Column, Sonja Armbruster**



The sign read, "If you are *lucky* enough to look younger than 27 years old you'll be asked for I.D." As we left the grocery store, my soon to be 13-year-old daughter ribbed me and chuckled because I wasn't asked for I.D. (My children love to find opportunities to call me old.) I explained to that sassafras that I hadn't purchased anything requiring I.D.

"What needs I.D.?" she asked.

"Basically, beer and cigarettes," I answered.

"You can buy cigarettes at the grocery store? That's gross. They shouldn't be allowed to sell them here," my daughter exclaimed.

Now, that was exciting to me. My 7<sup>th</sup> grader has a health policy proposal, and she articulated it in the time it takes to get from the check out to the car door. The challenge to us, the Kansas Public Health Association, seems to be first, engage public health professionals in Kansas to select and prioritize health policy needs, organize efforts to promote those agendas, and then support each member as we collectively provide a voice for public health issues

throughout state-wide coalitions and the Kansas Legislature.

As I reflect on the public health policy accomplishments as this first decade of the century comes to a close, I'm thankful for the efforts so many have made to elevate the importance of public health. The decade, bookended by the events after 9-11 that transformed public health's role in preparedness and our current pandemic influenza response which has transformed the daily tasks of many in public health, has been an opportunity for public health to play a leading role in current events.

So much good work has been done to improve the health of all, and yet much remains. Locally, I'm thankful that when I take my family out to eat, we are greeted by a hostess who only asks how many are in our party—not:

"Smoking or non?" State-wide clean indoor air will be a significant public health policy issue in Kansas this year and all of us can help the efforts. And, as my daughter so wisely noted, we can still do more.

One way to get engaged in these larger issues is through Health Day at the Capitol. We'll be hosting our 5<sup>th</sup> Health Day event to raise awareness about important public health policy and funding issues. If you are interested in participating in Health Day at the Capitol planning, please contact me and let me know! We need your ideas, passion, and most of all, your presence.

As my year of service as your president has come to a close, I just want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve and learn with you all.

Sincere thanks,  
Sonja Armbruster

**Executive  
Director  
Report,**

**Elaine  
Schwartz**



What a difference a year makes, as the saying goes. And, in Public Health nothing could be further from the truth. First, and most importantly with the H1N1 Pandemic of 2009, we saw a complete change in many public health offices on the time they spend on certain activities and efforts. So much so, that the state's Health Director (and a very important KPHA member), Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips said in one meeting that he was spending over 80 hours per week devoted to working on all the efforts on H1N1 by KDHE.

Our 2009 President, Sonja Armbruster, and several Board members indicated they had never seen anything like this with such a work load in public health. Some have been working in public health all their lives. And, of course our KPHA conference and the APHA annual meeting, was tremendously affected by this flu. I even believe my husband and I caught the darn bug on the airplane ride back from Philly. But, this is the time of year to truly think about what we can and should be thankful for rather than the negatives. So, in public health, we are lucky to have "Health Reform" as the number one issue in DC! It was passed out of the House of Representatives while we were in Philadelphia at the APHA meeting. It was so terrific, to hear Dr. Benjamin announce to the audience of over 11,000 the great news.

We can also be thankful that because of the extra work on H1N1 the notable fact appeared that public health is becoming more and more important in the public's eye. We can be thankful for such a dedicated and caring workforce in public health. And, their commitment to making KPHA the voice for public health in Kansas!

Myself, personally, I have many things to be thankful for. This year marked my 6<sup>th</sup> in public health and working for a non-profit. I know I am lucky to still have a job, as many employers have laid-off employees, and non-profits have gone out of business. We had to let go our half time Associate Director in 2009 and it has meant an increased work load for me, but because I love this job, I don't mind the extra time I have to spend on writing grants and recruiting members. I know many of you are also working extra time and very hard because of the economy and lack of funding or staff for your organizations/agencies and you feel the same about your job. The recession

has affected us all and we can only hope the next year will bring economic recovery to all of us in public health.

I am also am so thankful to have such a wonderful Board to work for. With it being a Volunteer Board, the efforts each Board member devotes to our organization means extra work for them as they all have regular "real" other jobs!! Most trade associations have Boards that are comprised of members who go the extra mile in their professions. Some of our Board members or Committee Chairs have been involved with KPHA for many years, like Shirley Orr, who continues to give of herself, and Marvin Stottlemire who is also known in public health as "Marvelous Marv". And, there have been new faces to the meetings over the past couple of years that I have been very thankful for, like Annette Graham, whom I knew in my former jobs in Aging. She and the Elder Issues Section have been very valuable additions. It is thanks to Eldonna Chesnut for recruiting her

Eldonna is responsible for many things for our association and has contributed many hours to KPHA. This year's Conference was so successful because of Eldonna even with H1N1 issues everywhere.

Linda Frazier was new to the Board in 2009 and wow, did she ever hit the ground running and give of her time for the Treasurer's position providing lots of insight for the Board in public health issues and concerns. She and Heather Heneke (our President Elect) helped to put together the Resource document. We hope to get it completed and on the website soon.

In 2010 we will have more wonderful new faces at the table, Tanya Honderick, Theresa Shireman, and Shauna Nelson! Not only the Board has been wonderful to work with this past year, but also the many different stakeholders and members of KPHA have been superb. All the way from working with Mary Jayne Hellebust on getting the No Smoking Ordinance passed in Topeka to the work with KHI staff on Health Day at the Capitol.

So, if you are a member that has not been very involved with KPHA, please get ready to be involved in 2010! We still have lots to do. And, because we sometimes "wear out" great Board members and they need to take a break (like Janice McCoy, Martha Froetshner, Ed Kalas, Debbi Baugher, etc.)—we constantly need new hands and minds to speak up for the public health association. Just give Eldonna or I a ring, or now with email, a buzz, to let us know you want to help!

Congrats goes to Laura Quick who was the first member to fill out the "Willingness to Serve" Form. If you haven't filled out yours, you can find it on our website at [www.kpha.us](http://www.kpha.us)! Have a great 2010, Elaine

## Meet your 2010 KPHA Board.

At the 2009 KPHA Annual Meeting, the 2010 KPHA Board was elected. The 2010 Board will officially take over in January and the first meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Johnson County Health Department. All members are welcome to attend! The meeting will be in the Sullivan conference room, Johnson County Health Department, Olathe, from 10am-3pm. Here are your 2010 Board members:



KPHA  
President  
Elect  
Eldonna  
Chesnut

Eldonna has worked in a variety of settings before public health; these include hospitals, clinics, home health, long-term care, and proprietary schools. Except for the academic setting, her focus has always been children and/or the elderly. While working on her bachelor's degree in nursing she was active in state and national student nurses associations as well as Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. Upon graduation she started working as an obstetrical nurse. Showing an early interest in management and leadership, she returned to school to pursue a degree in health care administration. Once into the program, she shifted her focus from general health care administration to nursing administration. She graduated at the top of her class with a Masters in Nursing Administration.

Eldonna is employed by Johnson County Kansas as Division Director of Adult and Child Care Facilities, Johnson County Public Health. She is active in Elder Abuse Committee, Johnson County CHAP, SRS statewide early education advisory committee, SRS Regional partners committee, Johnson County Multidisciplinary team, and is a KPHLI fellow. Eldonna's on-going initiative – *Elder Smiles* provides on site oral health services for the elderly. She is also serving on a local task force charged with starting an elder hoarding task force for Johnson County.

She is an APHA member, and attended the APHA annual conference in 08 and 09. She also attended the President-Elect meeting. She is past KPHA section chair, Conference Committee chair, Orientation Manual Project committee member, and past Membership Chair. She has been actively involved in the Joint KPHA/APHA membership project now, in its second year.



KPHA  
President  
Elect  
Heather  
Henke

Heather is the Administrator of the Barber County Health Department and the mother of four Daughters and a wife to a wonderful supportive husband. She is practicing public health administration in the community in which she was raised. She sees population based health care as a way to touch the lives of the Kansans that she has grown to love. She began her health care profession as a nursing assistant in high school. She has provided direct patient care as well as population based care in many settings as an aide, an LPN, a registered nurse and public health department administrator. Heather has a passion for the programs she directs. Chronic Disease Risk Reduction and Tobacco Use prevention, Maternal Child Health, WIC, Immunizations, Family Planning, Breastfeeding support, Oral Health improvement, and all Hazards preparedness are a few of the programs Heather directs and implements.

Heather is a member of KALHD, KPHA, APHA, La Leche League and NACCHO. She looks forward to continuing to serve the awesome people of Kansas by striving to ensure the highest quality health care services are available to the public. Heather has served as a Section Chair 2 terms and as Director at Large for one term.



KPHA  
Secretary  
Tanya  
Honderick

Tanya Honderick is Assistant Director of the KU-Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Clinical Research programs. She graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.S.N. in 1996 and with a joint M.S. in Nursing/M.P.H. in 2003. Her clinical experience spans a decade in public health, with her particular interest being maternal and child health.

She has worked in well child, WIC, family planning, and prenatal clinics in both the Reno County and Johnson County

Health departments. She also has experience as a medical-surgical/oncology nurse in the hospital setting and in clinical management in the home health setting.

Honors include traveling to China in 2006 with People to People International as a Community Health Nurse Delegate, and completion of the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute in 2008. In November 2009 she presented a poster at the APHA national conference in Philadelphia for research addressing pregnancy outcomes for diabetic clients in the High Risk Prenatal Program at the Johnson County Health Department.



KPHA  
Treasurer  
Linda  
Frazier

Linda has practiced in a variety of professional settings since obtaining her Bachelors in Nursing degree from Ft. Hays State University in 1977. Her hospital clinical experiences include labor and delivery, women's post surgery, and postpartum nursing. She taught nursing for four years at Hutchinson Community College. Linda's public health career began in 1985 at the Reno County Health Department. Her work with the State began in 1991 at the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility. Linda came to KDHE in 1997 as a Public Health Nurse Specialist at the Hays District Office.

Linda's role expanded to Public Health Workforce Development in 2003. Linda coordinated last year's Public Health Certificate Program. She recently developed an online Essential Services Tool for the public health workforce (now available on the KDHE OLRH web site), co-authored the new KPHA Public Health Manual, and helped revise the "Learning with Lilly" public health nursing course from Missouri (available soon on KSTRAIN), making it more specific for Kansas.

She serves on the Advisory Board of the Washburn School of Nursing, the Mid-Continental Regional Medical Library, KPHLI, and the Public Health Workforce Development Coordinating Committee. She graduated from the first Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute in 2004, and has served as a mentor since that time.

Linda's daughter, Sarah, is an Apache helicopter mechanic in the Army, and has been in Iraq for two deployments. Her son, Ben, is a radiology technician at KU Medical Center and is married to Mandy.



KPHA  
APHA  
Delegate  
(ARGC)  
Shirley Orr

Shirley Orr serves as Director of Local Health in the Bureau of Local and Rural Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment. In her current role, she is responsible for the state aid-to-local funding process and state-local liaison activities with 100 local health departments, public health workforce development, public health quality improvement and preparation for public health accreditation. Ms. Orr also serves as founding Co-Director of the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute and the Kansas Public Health Workforce and Leadership Development (WALD) partnership.

She is an adjunct faculty member for the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita and an instructor for the Wichita State University (WSU) School of Nursing.

Ms. Orr received BSN and MHS degrees from Wichita State University, and is a graduate of the National Public Health Leadership Institute. She is ANCC certified in Nursing Administration at the advanced level.

Professional memberships include the National Public Health Leadership Society, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, American Public Health Association (APHA), American Nurses Association, Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing (ASTDN), Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA), and Kansas State Nurses Association (KSNA). She has served on the Board of Directors of ASTDN, KPHA, and KSNA. She is a past president of ASTDN and KPHA and is currently the Kansas Affiliate Representative to the APHA Governing Council.

Ms. Orr was recognized as the 2009 WSU School of Nursing Distinguished Alumnus and was the 2004 recipient of the Samuel Crumbine Medal from the Kansas Public Health Association. She is presently an RWJ Executive Nurse Fellow.



KPHA  
Director At  
Large and  
Community  
Health Section  
Chair  
Barbara  
Mitchell

Barbara is the Division Director of Health Education for the Johnson County Health Department in Olathe, KS. Barbara oversees the programs, projects and events of the Health Education Division and supervises a staff of eleven full and part-time staff.

She also serves as the Public Information Officer for the Department. She received her Master's Degree in Social Work from Fordham University, New York, N.Y., and has worked for the Brain Injury Association, Adolescent Resources Corporation and the American Heart Association.



KPHA  
Director At  
Large,  
Ruth  
Wetta-Hall

Ruth a nearly life-long resident of Kansas, was raised on a farm just outside Wichita. She is an Assistant Professor and Vice Chair in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, and is a registered nurse holding master degrees in nursing administration and public health, and a Ph.D. in Community Psychology. She teaches public health administration, public health evaluation methods and performance improvement in the KUSM-W, MPH program.

Ruth has 15 years of clinical experience in emergency and intensive care nursing, and more than five years of experience in performance improvement and Outcomes Research in the acute care setting. Since 1997 Ruth has served as the Coordinator of the Sedgwick County Community Health Improvement Project (CHIP), and as a member of Project Access Operations Council and the Sedgwick County Board of Health.

Her most recent research includes health services research and

evaluation of education programs, health care access in uninsured populations. Ruth was a member of the 2002 class of Leadership Kansas, the Kansas Health Foundation Community Leadership Initiative, and the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute.

Ruth currently serves as an item writer for the national Public Health Credentialing Exam, and is a member of the UKSM-W institutional review board (IRB), the Sedgwick County Emergency Services Advisory Board, and the board of Abstinence Education Consultants.



KPHA Director At  
Large, (to be voted  
on by the Board at  
the January  
meeting)  
Ellen  
Averett

Dr. Averett received a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Duke University in 1984 and a Master of Health Services Administration from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1999. Prior to joining the Health Policy and Management faculty in 2004, Dr. Averett was engaged in consulting and clinical practice and supervision. As a provider in our health care system, she has practiced in a number of settings including private practice, a managed care group model HMO, state and private psychiatric and medical hospitals, and a university counseling center.

In the Department of Health Policy and Management, Dr. Averett teaches the U.S. Health Care System, Health Services Research, Health and Social Behavior, and Ethics. Dr. Averett's consulting and research interests include health communications, public health education and disease prevention, health-related behavioral change, training long-term care workers in communication and leadership skills, quality improvement methods in health care organizations and public health systems. Recent publications of hers appear in the CDC's *Emerging Infectious Diseases* and in the *American Journal of Health Behavior*.

Her professional and community service includes being a board member and chair of the Research and Evaluation section of the Kansas Public Health Association; a board member of the Menorah Legacy Foundation; chair of the Ethics Faculty Network of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration; a member of the University of Kansas Hospital Ethics Committee, a former examiner with the Kansas Award for Excellence and a member of the American Society for Quality.



KPHA  
Administrative  
Section  
Chair,  
Diana  
Rice

Diana is the Administrator Edwards County Health Department. Originally from Colorado, Diana has resided in Kansas now for over 15 years. She has four children, and three grandchildren.

Diana received her Medical Assistant Certification in 1994 and worked in the hospital environment till she began her work in Public Health in 2000. She started as the Clerk for her Health Dept, then the Office Manager and is currently the Administrator.

She says she has grown to love Public Health and has learned so much in the 8 years she has worked in this field. She is a member of KPHA, KALHD, APHA, NACCHO and SCKCPH. She also has a passion for Emergency Preparedness, and with that became a NIMS Certified Instructor with Center of Domestic Preparedness for the ICS 300 and ICS 400 courses for the Emergency Preparedness and Response in Public Health. She also says she has an awesome staff that strives to provide the best services possible.

In her spare time she enjoys creating websites. She began with a simple page for her health dept and now its many pages filled with information on many public health issues. She moved on with that to create websites for other health departments and now they too provide needed information for their communities. She believes Public Health has become a very strong voice to all communities and looks forward in being a part of KPHA and that "voice" that continues to educate all people on the importance of Public Health!!



KPHA  
Environmental  
Section Chair,  
Shauna  
Nelson

Aqualia (Shauna) Nelson is an Environmental Health Specialist at Johnson County Environmental Department (JCED) in Olathe,

Kansas. She works as a food inspector

Her duties involve protecting the public from unsafe food handling practices that may result in food-borne illnesses. Shauna is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist and has been involved in food safety for 7 years now.

Prior to working for Johnson County, she worked as a food inspector for the City of Wichita for four years. She graduated from Texas State University with degrees in biology and chemistry.

Shauna has also received dual Masters Degrees in Management and Business. Her interests include event planning, decorating, and shopping.



Elder Issues  
Section  
Chair,  
Annette  
Graham

Annette Graham, Wichita, is the executive director of the Sedgwick County Department on Aging and Central Plains Area Agency on Aging. She has worked as a social worker since 1982 in numerous capacities, including as a clinical social worker at COMCARE of Sedgwick County, supervisor of the Youth Service Intake Unite and in the Adult Protective Service Unit at the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. After meeting the requirements for clinical level licensure, Graham stepped into the position of director of the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging/Sedgwick County Department on Aging. In her current role, she is responsible for the oversight of federal, state and local funds that focus on keeping older adults in the community as long as possible.

In 2004, Graham was the president of the Kansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging and for four years was the chair of the Aging and Mental Wellness Coalition of Sedgwick County. She is currently a member of the Kansas State Mental Health and Aging Coalition. Graham is a member of the American Society on Aging, The Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association, The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, The Kansas Mental Health and Aging Coalition and the Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Task Force. Graham holds a bachelor's in social work and gerontology from Wichita State University and a master's in social work from the University of Kansas.



KPHA  
Emergency  
Preparedness  
Section Chair,  
Aaron  
Davis

Aaron is the Metropolitan Medical Response System Project Coordinator for the Sedgwick County Health Department. He has worked for Sedgwick County in the Health Protection and Promotion since 2006.

Starting at Sedgwick County while he was in college, Aaron now has undergraduate degrees in Business Administration and Integrated Marketing Communications with minors in Marketing and Management. He is currently seeking and MBA at Wichita State University.

He is a member of the Sedgwick County Health Department Diversity Council and the South Central Kansas Incident Management Team.



KPHA  
Research and  
Evaluation  
Section Chair,  
Theresa  
Shireman

Dr. Theresa Shireman is an Associate Professor at the University of Kansas Medical Center with joint appointments in the Departments of Preventive Medicine and Public Health and Health Policy and Management. She is a health services researcher who specializes in pharmacoconomics and pharmacoepidemiology and who has extensive experience in working with administrative claims data. Much of her work involves analyses of Medicaid and Medicare claims and ranges from quantifying patterns of medication use to program or treatment evaluation. While her work has covered a wide range of medical topics (for example, mental health, otitis media, asthma, osteoporosis), a central core has been cardiovascular health with a recent focus on cardiac medication use and outcomes in dialysis patients. She was awarded an R01 from NIDDK (DK080111) to study the effectiveness of cardioprotective medications in ESRD, a project whereby she is linking three national data sets. In addition to large data analyses, Dr. Shireman also provides critical health care cost modeling techniques, namely cost-

effectiveness analysis, for a variety of public health interventions including smoking cessation and interventions to improve blood pressure management in the community. Dr. Shireman's expertise is shared with students through three graduate courses taught on the KUMC campus: pharmacoepidemiology (PRVM 811), management of public health data (PRVM 875), and cost-effectiveness and decision analysis (PRVM 878/HP&M872).



KPHA Oral  
Health  
Section  
Chair,  
Caron  
Shipley

Caron Shipley, RDH, BSDH, joined Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Bureau of Oral Health in 2006 and is the State School Oral Health Program Director. She formerly held the position of Fluoride Varnish Outreach Coordinator for KDHE and has 29 years of clinical dental hygiene experience in private practice.

At KDHE, Caron has developed and implemented the Standardized Screening Initiative. In this initiative, Shipley trains and calibrates dentists' and dental hygienists' in Kansas who perform oral screenings, so that results may be shared with others across the State in a standardized manner.

She has recruited over 200 volunteer dentists' and hygienists' to voluntarily conduct these school oral screenings. Caron recently created an online oral screening course entitled, School Oral Screening Initiative (Course # 1015144) accessible on Kansas Train (<http://ks.train.org>).

She serves on the advisory committee for ElderSmiles of Johnson County Health Department, the Children's Mercy Community Advisory Council and is a Board Member of the Kansas Public Health Association. She is a member of the Oral Health Kansas Dental Champions Class #3. At KDHE, Shipley volunteers as a trainer for "lay responders" and teaches CPR/First Aid classes.

She received degrees in Dental Hygiene from the University of Minnesota, Duluth; University of Missouri Kansas City; and is currently finishing her MPH Degree through KUMC to be completed in May 2010. Her capstone project is analyzing the screening data collected in the 51 counties of Kansas which participated in school oral health screenings in 2008-2009. Over 55,000 children were screened in year one of this initiative, far exceeding the original goal set of 30,000 children. This data will be displayed on the Bureau of Health's website in the spring 2010.

In 2006 Caron was honored with the RDH National Award of Distinction from Butler Sunstar in Las Vegas, Nevada. Caron and her husband Brad moved to Kansas from Minnesota in 1989 and have raised four beautiful children.



KPHA Tobacco,  
Substance  
Abuse & Mental  
Section Chair  
Jamie  
Katz

Jamie Katz is a Prevention Coordinator with the Regional Prevention Center of Johnson, Leavenworth, and Miami Counties, where she works on all levels to prevent substance abuse and its negative consequences. This includes community mobilization, coalition development, strategic planning, team building, multi-sector collaboration, grant writing, consultation and technical assistance, training and educational presentations, social marketing, legislative and media advocacy, program development and implementation, survey design, data collection, youth empowerment, research and evaluation. She continues to focus on empowering communities to create healthy environments for citizens to live, learn, and grow.

Jamie currently serves on several community coalitions and is involved in multiple Kansas City metro-wide initiatives in addition to KPHA – including Metropolitan Healthy Communities Coalition/Clean Air Kansas City initiative, Miami County Connect Kansas Coalition, and Coalition Against Substance Abuse in Miami County. Previously she was a research assistant at Indiana University working on cutting-edge research focusing on the neuroscience of drug addiction.

Jamie has additional experience through the MPH program at KU, completing a 600 hour practicum at the University of Missouri – Kansas City, Department of Psychology, MOTIV8 Laboratory, studying medication adherence in HIV+ individuals. In addition to her research background, she has extensive experience working with diverse populations, especially those with special needs, in a variety of settings.

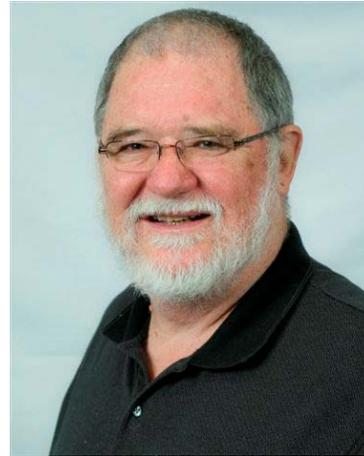
Jamie is a nationally certified prevention professional. She holds a Master's degree in public health from University of Kansas Medical Center and a Bachelor's degree in psychology and Jewish Studies from Indiana University - graduating Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and With Honors in psychology.

Sheri Anderson,  
Infectious Disease Section

Kansas Department of Health & Environment  
(No personal information provided)

Richard King  
Student Section Chair

Cleveland Chiropractic College  
(No personal information provided)



KPHA  
Legislative  
Issues and  
Action  
Committee  
Chair  
Marvin  
Stottlemire

Marvin Stottlemire has earned a BA in political science from the University of Oregon; a MA and PhD in political science from Rice University; and, a JD from the University Of Kansas School Of Law.

He taught political science at Louisiana State University in Shreveport and was the Assistant Director of the University of Kansas Public Management Center.

He is currently Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the University of Kansas Medical Center. KUMC-Health Policy and Management. He is past president of the Kansas Public Health Association.



KPHA  
New  
Membership  
Chair for 2010  
Nicole  
Heim

Nicole Heim, BA, MPH, REHS; Principal Consultant, NPHH Consulting, former Associate Director for KPHA has volunteered to be the new Membership Chair for the

organization in 2010. Nicole is a fellow of this year's KPHLI and wrote her capstone on new funding strategies for KPHA. Before working part time for KPHA she was employed by the Johnson County Health Department December 2006 to March 2008 as a Public Health Emergency Planner. Prior to this she was an Environmental Health Specialist with the agency.

Below is the abstract from her Capstone. KPHA is fortunate to have her remain active in the association as a volunteer!!

*Funding the Future: Finding New Funding Strategies for the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA):* The Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) is in need of continued financial support from membership dues, grants, and conference fees. As the economy began to crumble in 2008, KPHA found it much more difficult to gain new members while retaining current membership, grants became more competitive, and conference attendance had reduced. This project is intended to give KPHA fresh ideas regarding funding to sustain the organization into the future by surveying the other American Public Health Association (APHA) state affiliates to better understand their resources.

According to the surveys, 22 of the 25 responding state affiliates have paid staff and they vary widely, from one part-time employee to twenty-four employees, with a mixture of full and part-time and contract positions. All of the state affiliates receive funding from membership dues, twenty-three of them conducted a conference for funding, and twenty-one collected funds from successful grant applications. Only twelve respondents conducted a fundraiser, and eight obtained outside contracts to help fund their organization.

The prospect of finding new solutions to KPHA's funding issues was an exciting notion. Through this survey, there may be only one or two additional sources KPHA could be exploring: fundraising and contract services. Through this survey, KPHA was hopeful that new funding opportunities would be brought to the forefront. However, many of the funding strategies other state affiliates are participating in were already in consideration.

## YEARLY DONATIONS WELCOME!

KPHA 2010 President Eldonna Chesnut has the following message for you: **"Are you looking for a yearly tax deduction? Look no further than KPHA. Keep your money working for you right here in KANSAS as your contribution helps strengthen our efforts to improve our public health infrastructure and ensure the places we live, work, and play support good health."**

**You can become a contributor by going online to: <http://www.kpha.us/donate.html>**

The Crumline Club donations to date have been primarily Board Members. We need members to

begin donating so the list grows! The names of contributors will be added to our website and wouldn't it be great to see many names there?? Here are the contributors thus far:

Heather Henke  
Caron Shipley  
Linda Frazier  
Aaron Davis  
Sonja Armbruster  
Marvin Stottlemire  
Debbi Baugher  
Eldonna Chestnut  
Janis Goedeke  
Annette Graham  
Shirley Orr  
Nicole Heim

## Member informs KPHA of Phishing

KPHA Member Anne Gray, Osage County Health Director, sent us this information to share with members.

She wrote it "is a valid warning - a friend of mine who works for Dept of Transportation received it." If you would like more information, Anne's email is [g\\_anne@hotmail.com](mailto:g_anne@hotmail.com)

CDC has received reports of fraudulent emails (phishing) referencing a CDC sponsored State Vaccination Program.

The messages request that users must create a personal H1N1 (swine flu) Vaccination Profile on the cdc.gov website. The message then states that anyone that has reached the age of 18 has to have his/her personal Vaccination Profile on the cdc.gov site.

CDC has **NOT** implemented a state vaccination program requiring registration on [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). Users that click on the e-mail are at risk of having malicious code installed on their system. CDC reminds users to take the following steps to reduce the risk of being a victim of a phishing attack:

- Do **not** follow unsolicited links and do not open or respond to unsolicited email messages.
- Use caution when visiting un-trusted websites.
- Use caution when entering personal information online.

Thanks....please beware.

John

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**John Theofilos**

Deputy, H1N1 Vaccine Implementation Team  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

If you would like to pass on good information to member just email it to [director@kpha.us](mailto:director@kpha.us).

## KPHA Reads to Preschoolers

Thanks to KPHA Board member Linda Frazier, the second year of the KPHA sponsored project, Kansas Reads to Preschoolers was again a success for the Association. Linda helped to get the word out to public health departments and others and many members participated. We received the following email from the State Library for our participation.

*Congratulations to all who participated in the 2009 Kansas Reads to Preschoolers...About Fitness!, featuring Wiggle by Doreen Cronin. This was the biggest and best year in the five year history of Kansas Reads to Preschoolers! Kansas libraries, child care programs, children's organizations, pediatricians, early childhood programs, elected officials, parents and grandparents, and many, many more participated by reading Wiggle and other bestselling titles by Doreen. The project goal is to highlight the importance of reading to young children, and more sponsors and partners than ever before used creativity and much enthusiasm in their planning and program participation.*

*The annual preschooler reading project from the Kansas Center for the Book at the State Library of Kansas is preparing for the 2010 Kansas Reads to Preschoolers project. Next year's event will again be the week before Thanksgiving, Nov. 14-20, 2010.*

*Now it's time for your input. Please go to the Wiggle web page on <http://www.kcfb.info> and click on the evaluation form button on the left hand menu column, complete the short survey and submit it electronically. This is how we learn what you did, what we can do to improve the 2010 Kansas Reads to Preschoolers, and how many Kansas kids were read to during Preschooler week! The Kansas Center for the Book has predicted that 50,000 children would be read to in 2009--help us know how close we came. Submit your survey now for the future of reading to very young children in Kansas!*

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This year the Governor's Conference Planning Committee voted to give us our sponsorship fee of \$1,000, a motion made by Linda Frazier. We hope we can again accomplish a successful project in 2010 with "Read to Preschoolers". If you are interested, please let Linda know!

## APHA Annual Meeting Reports



As promised in the last eNews Update, below are the reports from Poster Winners who attended the APHA Annual Conference in November. The first is from President Sonja Armbruster.

As president of the Kansas affiliate of APHA, I attended the Affiliate Day meetings on November 7<sup>th</sup>, with Eldonna Chesnut, Shirley Orr and Elaine Schwartz. This was a meeting of all national affiliate leaders. We learned more about how APHA is organized, heard updates about the grants to affiliates, and discussed ways affiliates could improve membership benefits and participate in advocacy. I had the distinct honor of serving as a proxy voter to the APHA governing council where I learned a bit more about how APHA makes decisions.

The opening session featured Celine Cousteau, granddaughter of Jacques Cousteau. But perhaps more interesting to me were the many greetings from officials. The new Surgeon General and director of the EPA addressed the thousands in attendance. The mayor greeted the participants, but most interesting to me was the Deputy Mayor whose title is the Director of Health and Opportunity. He talked about recently becoming a smoke free city, working toward menu labeling, and a very interesting mural arts program that has an interesting mental health and economic development component.

Sunday morning, Eldonna and I attended advocacy

training. APHA has a number of tools for affiliates to use to participate in advocacy at the federal level. The most interesting part information came from two staffers who work in congressional offices. They provided a number of do's and don't's. These included the importance of relationship building, story-telling, one page fact sheet, and they said that public health is too quiet. Listening to the staffers, I came away with a stronger appreciation for the complexity of advocacy at the federal level as there are a number of procedural steps and timelines that are important to understand that are not at my fingertips now.

I attended a number of sessions including: Advanced QI training (led by Ron Bialek and Jack Moran from PHF), an advocacy focused breakout called Mobilizing a Campaign around a Public Health Issue, a session on NPHPSP, a session on County level data focused on the Wisconsin model that is going to be applied to all states and will be released in February 2010, and a session on Quality Improvement with examples from local efforts. Bethlehem, PA, partnered with a Fortune 500 company to train staff in QI skills and that has led to grants from that partnership. Networking: I attended two receptions, one with other affiliates and one hosted by KU.

I had the opportunity to present our Community Themes and Strengths process, but even better, in my breakout session there were quality presentations on health surveillance data strategies available in New York and New Hampshire.

The Expo Hall had of 700 vendors and I picked up materials from several, including Crisis in the Crib—a DVD about the Office of Minority Health's efforts to address infant mortality reduction.

I just want to thank KPHA for supporting a portion of my travel as an award for being the practitioner poster winner. I think this conference is an excellent way for local public health leaders to learn more about all that is happening in public health across the country. Thanks too to the Kansas Health Foundation for their support of KPHA and this scholarship program.

#### The next report is from Poster Winner Rouba Assi:

It was a great opportunity to attend the 137<sup>th</sup> meeting organized by the American Public Health Association this year at Philadelphia. Hundreds of scientific sessions featuring national and international speakers were arranged in three different locations around the Pennsylvania Convention Center. These sessions were presented by public health professionals, physicians, dentists, researchers and many others.

Sunday November 8 2009, at 12 pm was the opening ceremony for this year's meeting entitled "Water and Public Health: *the 21st Century Challenge*." In addition to the Dr. **Georges C.**

**Benjamin**, APHA executive director and **Cheryl E Easley**, APHA 2009 president, featured speakers were: Mayor Michael Nutter of Philadelphia, Administrator **Lisa P. Jackson** that leads

EPA's efforts to protect the health and environment for all Americans, Doctor Mirta Roses Periago, Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Surgeon General of the United States Vice Admiral Regina M. Benjamin.

The closing ceremony was held on Wednesday November 11, 2009. The speakers in this ceremony were Yvette Roubideaux MD, MPH the director of Indian Health Service, the first woman to carry this position and Mary Wakefield PhD, RN Administrator, Health Resources and services Administration (HRSA), Howard Koh MD MPH the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Public Health and Science US Department of Health and Human Services and APHA president elect Carmen Nevarez.

**Maternal and Child Health** A study that addressed the relationships between residential segregation and adverse perinatal outcomes in Florida, Georgia and Louisiana utilizing an Ecosocial conceptual framework: The data used were multilevel, observational, cross-sectional, secondary data. Participants were white and African American Non Hispanic women. The instrument was the birth certificates. Results showed that African American women are 1.5 more likely to deliver preterm than white woman. In addition segregation increased as low birth weight decreased. There was a lack of association between residential segregation and adverse prenatal outcomes

**Food and Nutrition** Every one dollar spend in water sanitation bring about eight dollars of productivity gain. Trends of numbers of chronically undernourished people in human history showed that there are about 1025 million undernourished people in the world in 2009 (state of food insecurity in the world FAO/WFP) Hunger has been on the rise for the last decade, it hits around 1 billion people. The collapse of Market prices will have serious negative food security consequences. The steep rise in global food price is threatening global food security. Of the causes of this rise are increase food demand due to population growth, biofuel production and high oil prices. The agricultural output needs to grow globally by 70% (by 100% in developed countries) because of a shift in demand. Go veggies to fight global warming. Healthcare professionals should seek to influence debate on funding priorities in health.

#### Injury Control and Emergency Health Services

This session was about trust in the health services during emergency Developing and fielding of the brief public health trust scale in four domains: Competency, Honesty, Fiduciary Responsibility and Confidentiality. Four items scored on a 4-point Likert scale that inquired about each of these domains. Items were then translated into five languages and fielded as part the 2004 Public Health Response to Emergent Threats Survey (PHRETS), a random-digit-dialed telephone survey of the Los Angeles County population. Results showed that most people in LA are confident of the efficiency of emergency health services. Trust varied by race and ethnicity (p<0.001). Also, trust was associated with behaviors. The Brief public

health trust scale is a reliable and valid scale.

**Epidemiology** Water supply affects invasive pneumococcal disease in Alaska, the disease has been found in children younger than five years. The high risk region of pneumococcal disease has the lowest proportion of piped of water, has highest medium number of persons per house by region and the lowest per capita income by region (in thousands of dollars) Villages with HR region with lower water supply (<10% of home piped water) were the most affected. The analysis controlled for crowding, income and village size. So lack of in home piped water is found to be a major risk factor for pneumococcal disease in Alaska. Tap water is also reservoir of risks because pathologic microorganisms from biofilm enter into the health care environment via tap water. The biofilm shedding is an intermittent process In comparing the cost of treatment due to infection per patient 15,275 \$- 38,656\$ comparing to 15,000 \$ per year for disinfection. So disinfecting tap water is a cost effective strategy to save money spent through the health care system.

**Oral Health** As in Kansas, there is a majority of a Hispanic population Texas. This community faces a problem of dental access and lack of dental services. The Building Oral Health Care Access (BOHCA) is an extended service learning program through the Department of Dental Hygiene at the University Of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio that is helping to provide access to dental care. Two-year qualitative data through analysis of reflective journals from BOHCA students revealed a higher awareness of social responsibility and continued service to underserved communities. The BOHCA Educational Training Program helped students acknowledge health disparities. This is a simple service learning process where there was a collaboration and partnership among academic institution, students and the community to provide dental termino-preventive education to the minorities in Texas. Oral health disparities remain an unmet health challenge in the US with an increase in dental workforce shortage. The following recommendations were addressed Identify ways to increase public health awareness on the importance of good health and its link to oral health; recall ways to improve access to oral health care to eliminate oral health disparities; improve public health infrastructure through increase access to oral health care; provide the necessary resources; increase oral health education in medical school and the integration between the medical and dental schools; increase physicians awareness to dental health. Compared to physicians, public dentists are less compensated. There is about 30% vacancy in the bureau of oral health services. Dental benefits under medical insurance plans are typically less comprehensive. Health care treatment should then be evidence based. CMS tools for evaluating outcomes of assessing preventive programs, oral health literacy programs, misdistribution of dentists. Simply increasing the number of dentists is not likely to be effective or cost effective. Building the Science: Oral-Systemic Linkages Improving oral health services utilization in West Virginia through the West Virginia Prenatal partnership (WVPP). In West Virginia the unemployed rate is 4.1 % with a median House Income of 46,560\$ with about 20,000 births annually, a high smoking rate

With 56 babies born preterm weekly, preterm births result in low birth weight lifestyle and environmental risk factors. In addition hospital discharges for preterm birth babies will be increasingly higher than regular discharges of normal birth babies. Good oral health is linked to birth outcomes. Performing dental procedures during early pregnancy has never been reported to raise premature birth but infection was associated with preterm births. The old practices were postponing non emergent dental treatment until first trimester had passed. The new practices pertain to there is no compelling evidence that precludes that dental treatment anytime during pregnancy affect preterm births. The WVPP is a statewide partnership of health care professionals and public and private organizations working to improve prenatal health. WV Medicaid patients are identified as high risk; just 27.7 % of these pregnant women were seen and treated by dentists. The top three barriers to access to oral care are Education voids of who, what, where...Lack of dental professionals who are willing to provide dental treatment to pregnant women Prenatal providers are unsure of the status of the oral health care during pregnancy Periodontal disease rate is found to be higher in HIV positive pregnant women than in HIV positive non pregnant women. The risk of periodontal disease increases in pregnant women due to immunosuppression and also due to the hormonal changes during pregnancy.

**Health Informatics Information Technology** Electronic Health care records (EHRs) offer the potential to serve as an alternative to paper based health records, an option for secure storage, facilitate case management system, proactively plan to determine how many disabled people are in the planning jurisdiction, adapt emergency plans to include strategies that address the needs of people with disabilities. Health Information exchanges, HIEs, ensure access to pertinent health information at the point of care. There are ways to establish policies and protocols for how displaced providers can help augment local medical response capacity via health information exchange access. Special consideration should be given to the people with disabilities.

**Academic Public Health Caucus** Health disparities academy project goals were to create a pipeline engaging and mentoring African American students in Texas and to raise their awareness on health disparities. Pre and post design survey was used to determine health career intentions, literacy and knowledge of Health disparities. The instrument was the express yourself evaluation and science practitioners and parents modules. Other modules such as science practitioners learning sessions, weekly summer practitioner sessions, college info sessions and function family support training modules also were part of the training.

**Alternative and Complementary Health Practices** Yoga was known to be beneficial for reducing symptoms and improving quality of life in breast cancer patients. The study participants were about 300 breast cancer patients who received aromatase inhibitors and complete cancer treatment prior to one month of enrollment in a yoga program. Univariate analysis showed that participation in Yoga was significantly associated with being less

education (high school or less), having low BMI and being of white race. In multivariate association, yoga was found to be independently associated with education or BMI. Effects of therapeutic massage on the quality of life among breast cancer patients during treatment using symptom distress scale. The purpose of the survey was to assess the impact of therapeutic massage in the quality of life (QOL) of patients treated for breast cancer. Positive physical and emotional benefits of massage and quality of life among breast cancer women were found. Participants experienced a reduction in several quality of life symptom concerns such as pain, anxiety and sleep quality after only three weeks of massage therapy.

**Environment** Respiratory infections may result from water washed diseases. For example Hand washing education in Navy recruits resulted in 45% reduction in respiratory illness based on a pre post evaluation. Alaska rates last among US States for in home water services. In home water service sanitization are linked to better health. Lack of data linking water services to health in Alaska has hurt the funding for water infrastructure programs. A state wide survey was conducted in the state of Alaska. Disease data sources were hospital data, respiratory hospitalization and skin infection. Areas in Alaska where home water and sewer services were limited were found to have a high percentage of diseases such as diarrhea, pneumococcal infections, skin infections, Methicillin resistant staph aureus (MRSA), Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Areas with less than 10% of water services were found also to have higher rates per 1,000 births of lower respiratory tract infections, pneumonia, and respiratory syncytial virus compared to US infants. Pneumonia incidence was 11 times higher rates than US infants. Dental caries is water washed disease among Alaska Native Children. Water fluoridation in rural Alaska has been decreasing in the last 15 years; children in no fluoridated areas in Alaska have 3 times more caries than non fluoridated areas. Some recommendations were addressed such as Completion of the water service project; provide adequate supplies of running water; increase fluoride exposure to children; find ways to improve hand washing. Very small water supplies are a problem in rural areas. E coli is present in about 19% of the samples and 32% of the supplies. For example in England if you drink randomly from water supplies there is a 50% chance of getting cryptosporidium and 2% of getting Giardia infections

**Community Health Planning and Policy Development**

Community themes and strengths assessment: Evaluating quality of life using online survey methods Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) created during 1997-2001 by National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and CDC is a strategic approach to community health improvement. Community Themes and Strengths Assessment (CTSA) is one of the four components of the MAPP. The purpose of CTSA is to investigate the community interests, their quality of life and explore assets that could be used to improve community health. Surveys were administered in Spanish and English for people in Sedgwick County, Kansas.

About 76% of the respondents were satisfied with the quality of life within this community. According to the respondents low crime and good jobs/healthy economy were the most important factors for a healthy community and mental health was the most important health problem. Responses varied by race and ethnicity. Sedgwick County Health department is then examining opportunities to reach minority populations through programs that are created based on the feedback of these respondents.

**In addition to the Poster Winner reports, here are comments about APHA from KPHA member Betty Campbell:**

1. Name at least one important item from a Scientific Session or a General Session Speaker that will help you in your job? *I learned that even the Surgeon General can be nervous when speaking to a large crowd*
2. What did you learn from the Expo that will help you in your job? *I gained some good research contacts at the Expo poster sessions*
3. What did you learn from any experience at APHA that would be a suggestion to help improve public health in Kansas? *I learned how to use H-CUP data to access KS health data and potentially use the data for interventions to help Kansans*

**If you are interested in attending the APHA Annual meeting in 2010, contact the KPHA office for more details. [director@kpha.us](mailto:director@kpha.us).**



To see all the pictures from the Philly APHA go to <http://www.kpha.us/images/gallery/photogallery13.htm>

**Kansas Information for Communities from KDHE**

If you haven't checked out the Kansas Information for Communities website, you are missing out on lots of good

information. <http://kic.kdhe.state.ks.us/kic/index2.html> KPHA received an email from KDHE (one of our very special "Institutional Members" on the notes and limitations link: [KIC Notes and Limitations](#) It is worth pursuing! They have updated the [Kansas Information for Communities](#) query tool and they want to share this information with everyone.. In the two modules that use hospital discharge data, [Diagnosis](#) and [Procedure](#), the 2007 provisional data has been replaced with the final 2007 hospital discharge data.

## Kansas Health Foundation looking at Public Health Summer Institute

You may remember in the last KPHA newsletter it was reported that KPHA's Executive Director attended the NWCPHP Summer Institute in Seattle. It is a weeklong Institute and attendees receive CDC Continuing Education Credit when finished. It is a most wonderful learning opportunity. KPHA is delighted to be included into KHF's effort of looking into putting together a Summer Institute in Kansas. So far, here is the team that will be researching the possibility from the Public Health System Group member agencies: Shirley Orr, Sharon Homan, Michael Cates, Tanya Honderick, Suzanne Hawley, Mary Beth Warren, Eldonna Chestnut, and Lindsay Payer. (Only one of these is not a KPHA member!!)

## A Dog Named Faith



This dog was born on Christmas Eve in the year 2002. He was born with 2 legs. He of course could not walk when he was born. Even his mother did not want him. His first owner also did not think that he could survive and he was thinking of 'putting him to sleep'. But then, his present owner, Jude Stringfellow, met him and wanted to take care of him. She became determined to teach and train this little dog to walk by himself. She named him 'Faith'. In the beginning, she put Faith on a surfboard to let him feel the movement. Later she used peanut butter on a spoon as a lure and reward for him for standing up and jumping around. Even the other dog at home encouraged him to walk. Amazingly, only after 6 months, like a miracle, Faith learned to balance on his hind legs and to jump to move forward. After further training in the snow, he could now walk like a human being. **It just goes to show with a little faith and hard work anything is possible!!** At the end of the year, it is always fun to be a little light-hearted and philosophical. For another "dog" show special and appreciation that

we don't have that much snow in Kansas just go to <http://www.youtube.com/user/baileyandfriends>.

## H1N1 Message from CMS

During public health emergencies and economically challenging times, community and faith-based organizations can play a critical role reaching out to those most-in-need, providing essential information and resources. Your help is needed as we work together to ensure **hard-to-reach populations** receive H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccinations in the coming months, and/or access needed human services programs. As such, the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS) invites you, and those you serve, to a regional conference call. The target audience is community and faith-based organizations.

Region 7 Regional Conference Call  
*Serving Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska*  
**H1N1 Flu Response and**

**Economic Recovery through Human Services**  
Thursday, January 7, 2010

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. H1N1 Update with Q & A  
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Accessing HHS services with Q & A  
Conference call number is – 877-917-2512  
Please enter the passcode - 3133111

National and Midwest Federal Officials will highlight ways that faith-based and community organizations can help in the flu prevention and response effort, including outreach to **hard-to-reach populations**. The importance of vaccinations, fears and misinformation will also be addressed. Officials will also highlight human services programs to support families in economic recovery. These programs include:

- Head Start Programs;
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families;
- Children's Health Insurance Program;
- Disability Program;
- Housing Needs;
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

We look forward to partnering with you on this important outreach. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the HHS Region 7 Regional Director's Office at 816-426-2821; or email: [adele.hughey@hhs.gov](mailto:adele.hughey@hhs.gov). Thank you.

## S&R and Bench Book Update

Dr. Kimber Richter once again came to the rescue of KPHA in recruiting a student to help with the updating of the KPHA Statutes and Regulations annual book. The book is being updated for 2010 by med student Charles Coffey and he will have it ready soon. The KPHA Board voted to provide the book to membership as a benefit, so in 2010 the book will be available on the KPHA website. KPHA is looking into having

The S&R book made into a user friendly electronic version for the website for members, rather than a 500 page pdf. This idea came from the work being done on a Bench Book for Judges that is being produced by the Office of Judicial Administration. The Bench Book will also be posted on our website. Here is the Foreword from the book:

*The Kansas Judicial Branch Infectious Disease Bench Book is designed to be a quick and useful tool for Kansas judges and others who may be involved in court cases related to infectious disease. This bench book is based on two flowcharts that describe the steps in two infectious disease scenarios: (1) Infectious Disease (Non-Tuberculosis) and (2) Tuberculosis. Following the flowcharts is text, including definitions, that further describes the scenarios. Last, are suggested forms, including draft order, which may be relevant to specific steps in the cases.*

*In the electronic form of the bench book the flowcharts contain "links" at certain steps which when clicked upon will take bring up relevant information, such as the appropriate forms or statutes.*

*The bench book is a result of the efforts of the Kansas Supreme Court, the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Adjutant General's Department (TAGKS). The Spring 2008, Public Health Law Class of the University of Kansas School of Law, taught by Associate Professor Elizabeth Weeks also made valuable contributions to the process. A committee formed by the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration (OJA), was responsible for the development of the bench book. Members of this committee included: Chief Judge Mike Keeley, Great Bend; District Judge James Vano, Olathe; Elaine Schwartz, KPHA; Daric Smith, KDHE; Randy Meltner, TAGKS; and Doug Cruce, OJA.*



Kansas Judicial Center, Topeka

## TFKC Meeting in January

The Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition Statewide Meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn (Madison Ballroom) in Topeka on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Lunch will be provided. The Ramada Inn is located at 420 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

The meeting will include strategies for achieving a statewide clean indoor air law – this year; local and statewide achievements in tobacco control (local ordinances, youth smoking rates, Synar status, KU and K-State media ads, etc.); review of new information and research on prevention and cessation efforts; and an overview of the 2010-2015 strategic plan for tobacco control in Kansas.

Begin 2010 by meeting with other local prevention and cessation activists on how we are working to reduce tobacco prevalence in Kansas. Please RSVP to Theresa Johnston by Friday, January 15

at (785) 272-8396 or [johnston@tobaccofreekansas.org](mailto:johnston@tobaccofreekansas.org). An agenda will be posted in early January on the TFKC website at [www.tobaccofreekansas.org](http://www.tobaccofreekansas.org). Let's make Kansas a Clean Air State in 2010!!



## Breast Cancer Awareness Video

Emily Somers, created, directed and choreographed this in Portland for her Medline glove division as a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness. When the video gets 1 million hits, Medline will be making a huge contribution to the hospital, as well as offering free mammograms for the community. Please check it out. It's an easy and great way to donate to a wonderful cause, and who hasn't been touched by breast cancer?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OEdVfyt-mLw>

### *In Closing,*

It is that time of year to make those New Year's resolutions. I think the best for me besides more exercise and dieting, are to "savor another year of life , make new friends, and really treasure my family." Many of you may not know me — so I want to share this recent family picture of us and our 4 children and 9 grandchildren .



What a bargain grandchildren are! I give them my loose change, and they give me a million dollars' worth of pleasure. –Gene Perret

Becoming a grandmother is wonderful. One moment you're just a mother. The next you are all-wise and prehistoric. –Pam Brown

You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother. –Proverb

Thanks for another year with KPHA!  
Elaine

Please help KPHA grow in 2010—get involved and volunteer today. Just call 785-233-3103, or email [director@kpha.us](mailto:director@kpha.us).