Keep Fluoride in Salina!

This fall, Salina voters will be asked to stop fluoridating the water. Since 1968, Salinans have enjoyed the health benefits of drinking water with a small amount of fluoride. Learn more about the campaign to keep Salina fluoridated by "liking" the new Keep Fluoride Facebook page.

OHK Awards

Don't forget to submit your nominations for the annual Excellence in Oral Health Awards by Monday, September 29th.
Submit your nominations here. Visit our awards page for more information.

KAMU Hires New Executive Director

The Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU) hired Denise Cyzman as their new Executive Director last Friday. Cathy Harding, the past Executive Director, left KAMU in June to become the new chief executive of the Wyandotte Health Foundation. KAMU is excited to have Cyzman as a part of their team.

Cyzman has an extensive background in healthcare, specifically in diabetes management and kidney disease. She served the past three years as the Vice President of the National Kidney Foundation in Michigan, and she previously served as a senior consultant for the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors for six years.

Cyzman is eager to begin work with the KAMU team. “The rapidly changing landscape of healthcare gives us opportunities and challenges never seen before.” Cyzman begins work at KAMU on October 20th.
space are available. Learn more about the opportunities to participate on the Oral Health Kansas website or by sending an email.

### National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month! Throughout September there will be activities across the country to promote emergency preparedness. More than 3,000 organizations are supporting emergency preparedness efforts and encouraging all Americans to take action.

[![Kansas Cavity Free Kids](image)](image)

**Kansas Cavity Free Kids** has developed dental first aid resources for families to use at home. Especially common are toothaches and injuries to the mouth and teeth.

Check out their dental first aid chart in [English](#) and also in [Spanish](#). The CDC also offers resources to help you and your family plan for any emergency.

### Traveling Sugary Drink Display

Reserve our traveling Sugary Drink Display for your business or event! Reservations are made for one month at a time. Return postage is covered by Oral Health Kansas. [E-mail Sarah here](#) if you would like to make reservation.

### Fall for Smiles Campaign

[![Oral Health America](image)](image)

**Oral Health America** has begun their annual Fall for Smiles Campaign to educate communities about the importance of healthy food choices, regular dental visits, brushing and flossing your teeth, and avoiding tobacco. They offer great resources for dental professionals to use in the office or at home. Check out what they have to offer [here](#)!

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for an Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please contact us at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org).