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Topeka City Council Member, and OHK's IT consultant, Brendan Jensen, has been named Deputy Mayor. The Deputy Mayor will serve in the absence or temporary disability of Topeka Mayor.

Congratulations Brendan!

CHIP Reauthorized for Six Years

On Monday, Congress passed a bill funding the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for 6 years as part of a package that ended the government shutdown. Your persistent efforts advocating for CHIP reauthorization have paid off ensuring over 41,000 children in Kansas will continue to receive medical and dental insurance for the next six years.



Thank you for ALL of your work to keep our Kansas children covered!



Sugary Drink Display

Our sugary drink display's are so popular, we can't keep them on our shelves! Reservations fill up **FAST!**

The sugary drink display has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. We also include some of our [Tips and Tricks](#) fact sheets and brush your teeth mirror clings! The display is free to use for up to a month, and we reimburse postage! Use a sugary drink display in your office, school, health fair, school camps and more!



Send your reservation request ahead of time to ensure you will have one on hold! [Email us!](#)

KanCare 2.0 Halted

This afternoon Governor Brownback and Lt. Governor Colyer announced they would stop the plans to establish [KanCare 2.0](#). For the past several months, state officials have been in the process of renewing the state's Medicaid managed care program known as KanCare, as well as re-procuring the managed care contracts, which are set to expire at the end of 2018.

Stakeholders and state legislators have been raising concerns about the effectiveness of KanCare, and the Senate introduced a bill last week to stop the administration from moving forward with KanCare 2.0. Today, Governor Brownback said he would like to address the concerns about KanCare before moving forward with the new KanCare model.

At this early stage, it is difficult to know what will happen next and how the KanCare contract bidding process will change. Speculations run from keeping the current KanCare managed care contracts in place longer to reverting to a fee-for-service model, which is much less likely.

Throughout the process to renew KanCare and seek bids from managed care organizations to provide services, Oral Health Kansas has been working with our partners to expand the dental services available to adults. We do not know how those conversations will continue, but we do know that we will continue them as soon as we all know more about the next steps for KanCare, its providers, and its beneficiaries.



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2018 Kansas Mission of Mercy

On February 9-10, the Kansas Mission of Mercy will be held in Hutchinson. If you know individuals or families that could take advantage of this free dental clinic, please share with them the information!

Doors open at 4:30 am and is first come first served. They only let in as many patients as they will be able to treat that day (approximately 700) and then close the doors. It is the same process on Saturday- first come, first served. Be prepared to wait in line and be prepared to be there all day. [Here](#) are some frequently asked questions.

Please share the [KMOM flyer](#) and [KMOM flyer in Spanish](#).

Are you interested in volunteering? OHK staff will be conducting exit surveys on both days. If you would like to help out, [email us](#).

For other volunteer opportunities at KMOM, click [here](#).



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