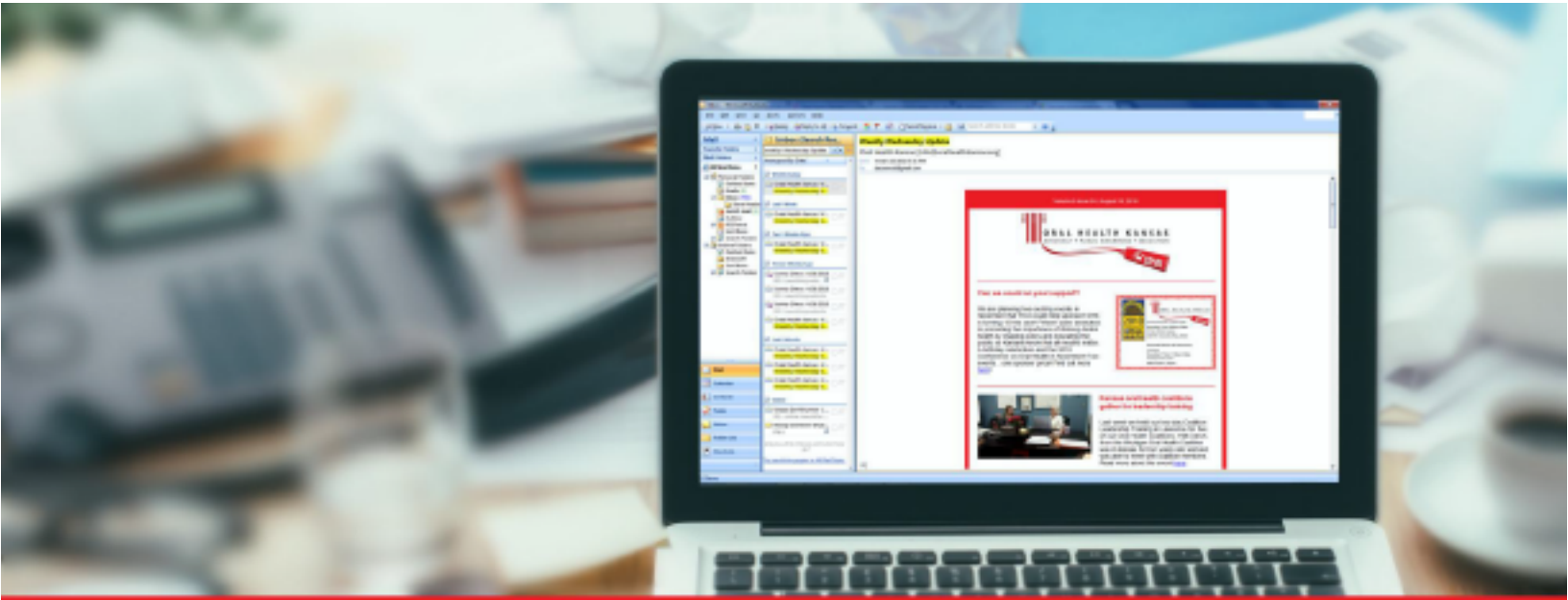




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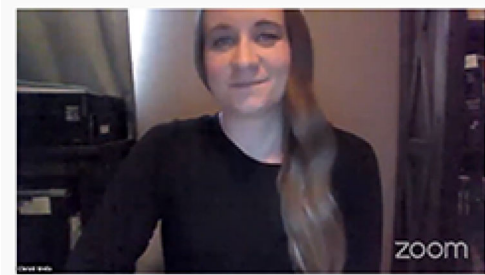
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OHK Testimony At December KanCare Oversight Committee Hearing

Oral Health Kansas Policy Director, Christi Wells, delivered verbal testimony at last week's meeting of the Bob Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight. Our testimony asked for a recommendation from the Committee to hold oral health informational briefings in both the House Health and Human

Services Committee and the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee during the 2021 Legislative Session. The informational briefings would provide us the opportunity to update legislators on the dental reimbursement rate increases as well as new oral health data, including the [recent KHI study](#) on dental insurance rates and unmet dental needs. At last week's hearing, the Committee approved a recommendation for an oral health briefing in both Health Committees in the first 60 days of the Legislative Session. Oral Health Kansas will begin working with Committee chairs to schedule the briefing. View our full testimony [here](#).



New Water Fluoridation System Coming Soon!

A new water fluoridation system, New Wave Fluoridation Feeder and Tablets, was recently announced by DuBois Chemicals and KC Industries. New Wave Fluoridation Feeder and Tablet System is designed for small to medium sized water systems with flow rates of up to 1 million of gallon per day (MGD). The system is designed to be a safe, easy to use, low maintenance, affordable option for municipalities to access the benefits of water fluoridation for their residents. The New Wave Fluoridation System will be available beginning January 1, 2021. We are hopeful this new water fluoridation system will increase the number of Kansas residents who have access to fluoridated water and its benefit to their oral health. Learn more about the benefits of water fluoridation [here](#).



Developmental Disabilities Needs Assessment

The [Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities](#) (KCDD) is conducting a comprehensive needs assessment to inform the Council of the needs of individuals and their families who experience Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). The survey will help narrow down the goals to be focused on in the upcoming five year plan. This is an excellent opportunity to help increase access to dental care for the I/DD population!

The survey takes approximately 20-30 minutes and will ask questions in 12 areas. You do not need to complete all 12 areas to submit the survey. Link to survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KCDD_2020_Survey



Governor Laura Kelly recently announced Adam Proffitt will be returning to work for the state as Director of the Budget. Adam Proffitt left his prior role as State Medicaid Director in June for a finance position at Amazon. As Medicaid Director, we had the opportunity to work alongside Adam on the implementation of two Medicaid dental reimbursement rate increases. We are looking forward to working with Adam in his new role with the State of Kansas!



Sugary Drink Display Sanitation



Out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending use of the Sugary Drink Display until further notice.



During this time, hand washing and social distancing is on everyone's mind. We want everyone to have the comfort of knowing we sanitize our sugary drink displays. They are wiped down and cleaned off after they have been returned.

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