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and education.*

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## Dental Champions Corner

## Navigator Bill Heard in House Health Committee

The House Health and Human Services Committee heard [SB 362](#), also known as the Navigator bill, on Wednesday. The bill claims to institute consumer protections, but conferees noted that SB 362 does not create any new protections than those already in place. Current practice in Kansas, which is consistent with federal law, requires Navigators to undergo criminal background checks, screenings for conflicts of interest, complete 20-30 hours of training, and receive an annual certification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Kansas has 168 Navigators, none of whom get paid for this work. Almost all of them work for health care providers or social service agencies and help people sign up for health insurance through the marketplace as a function of their job or on evenings and weekends.

Concerned about a chilling effect, members of the committee called into question one element of SB 362, which requires the Attorney General's office to investigate complaints against Navigators, and requires Navigators to pay for the investigations, even if they are acquitted of the charges. Opponents also raised the point that Navigator-like assistants have been helping consumers untangle the process of insurance coverage within Medicare Part D and KanCare, without complaint or concern about fraudulent use of personal information.



Dr. Cindy Sherwood, D.D.S. from Independence, KS testified on HB 2611 before the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on March 12. She said changing the 50 percent rule to a 20 percent rule is a "win-win-win for patients, dentist owners and new dentists."



## Traveling Sugary Drink Display



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

## AEGD Director Job Opening at

Oral Health Kansas submitted written testimony in opposition to SB 362, joining the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, Kansas Health Consumer Coalition, the Health Reform Resource Project, REACH Healthcare Foundation and several others. The proponents of the bill are Senators Pilcher-Cook and Shultz.

The committee intends to work the bill on Thursday, March 20. If you feel strongly about this legislation, please contact committee members.

## KDHE Announces New Oral Health Director

Cathy Taylor-Osborne, D.D.S., M.A., has been selected as the next director of the Bureau of Oral Health at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She will begin her post at KDHE on March 21.



Dr. Taylor is currently the dental director of Cabot Westside Medical and Dental Center, a federally qualified health center in Kansas City, Mo. In 2011, she established a dental clinic during an extended mission trip to Bangalore, India. She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from University of Missouri-Kansas City and her Master of Arts in bioethics and health policy from Loyola University.

## Wichita State University Dental Day for High School Students

Wichita State University will host a Dental Day on Friday,

## Wichita State University

Wichita State University is recruiting the next director of their Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program. The director must be a dentist who has completed a GPR or AEGD program and is Kansas license-eligible. The director must have faculty experience in dental education and/or AEGD residency education. Administrative experience with an AEGD program is preferred. The director will create & implement the program curriculum, recruit and hire AEGD faculty and residents, and coordinate all necessary departments, offices and staff.

Apply online at [jobs.wichita.edu](http://jobs.wichita.edu) for an approximate starting date of August 1, 2014. Position will be open until filled. However, initial review of applications will begin March 31. All application materials should be received by then.

A complete copy of the position description is accessible [here \(under In the News\)](#). For more information please contact Dr. Keith Pickus, Interim Dean and Professor, College of Health Professions,



June 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Advanced Education in General

Dentistry Building.

Dental Day is a great opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience in the field of dentistry and dental hygiene. Many exciting events are planned for the day, including hands-on interactive experience in the state of the art dental clinic and academic instruction on dental terminology and the different fields of dentistry by distinguished WSU faculty. This camp is geared towards high school juniors and seniors interested in pursuing an education in the field of dentistry. Lunch will be included for participants. Participating students will:

- Experience what it is like to drill on teeth.
- Create a mold of teeth.
- Use the latest dental instruments.
- Learn what it takes to have a career in the dental field.
- Tour the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Building.

Registration is free and is limited to 30 students. Those interested should contact Clinic Director Natalie Olmsted [by e-mail by clicking here](#) or by phone at 316-978-8349. The registration deadline is June 1, with cancellations required by June 13. For more information, [visit Wichita State's Dental Day page here](#).

## Job Opening at BOH

The Kansas Department of Health & Environment is accepting applications for the position of Public Service Executive II through March 31, 2014. Minimum requirements include: two years of experience in planning, organizing and directing the work of a department, program or agency. Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) or Registered Dental Hygienist may be substituted for the required experience.

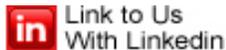
at [Keith.Pickus@wichita.edu](mailto:Keith.Pickus@wichita.edu).

Job duties include: Plan, organize and direct the activities and manage the resources necessary to operate and maintain the water fluoridation program. Develop the water fluoridation program operating policies, procedures, objectives and goals within agency or regulatory guidelines. Make changes to program as laws and requirements for fluoridation program change. Establish contracts with water systems in need of new equipment/technical assistance and use discretion to allocate funds, and account for those and other expenditures related to the program.

For more information about this job and how to apply, [visit this job's posting's page here](#).

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