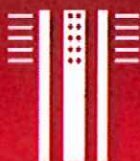


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## OHK Welcomes New Board Members

In 2013, Oral Health Kansas is pleased to welcome three new members to our Board of Directors. Each was involved with OHK before joining the Board, so we appreciate their commitment to serving the organization in this critical role.

**Steve Peppes**, who acquired a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Kansas, has been with Delta Dental since 2006. Located at the Overland Park office, he works closely with insurance professionals and group administrators to implement Delta Dental benefits along with first-class customer service. Steve resides in Prairie Village with his wife Charlena and 2-year-old son J.D. They are expecting a little girl in May of 2013.



**Dr. Brian Smith** is the Superintendent of Schools in Galena, Kansas and an adjunct instructor for Northwest Missouri State



## Join the ECP Facebook Page

A new Facebook page about the Extended Care Permit (ECP) for dental hygienists is available. The page was created by ECP hygienist and Dental Champion Patty Martinette in order to connect ECP Hygienists in Kansas and Missouri. The goal of the new page is to share information about how the permits are being used, as well as to establish community contacts to expand the use of the permits.

Join the [Facebook page](#) and spread the word about this valuable forum to promote the ECP model.

## Dental Champions Corner

REACH Healthcare Foundation CEO Brenda Sharpe, Class I, took part this week in a regional teleconference about the Health Benefits Exchange to be implemented in Kansas in 2014. She discussed the Exchange implementation schedule.

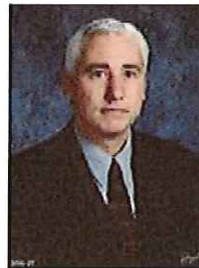
Read more about the teleconference and the

University. He is originally from Columbus, Kansas and received his Bachelor of Science degree in English Education in 1989 from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. He taught English from 1989 to 1994 in LeRoy, Kansas.

In 1994 he received his master's degree in school counseling from Emporia State University and was the K-12 guidance counselor in Cedarvale, Kansas before taking a position at Iola Middle School in Iola, Kansas. After receiving a master's degree in educational leadership in 2000, Brian served as principal at Liberal High School in Liberal, Missouri and then moved to Galena where he accepted the position of high school principal.

In 2005, Brian received his Educational Doctorate from the University of Kansas. He recently presented a paper at the Academy of Educational Studies at Missouri State University on the topic of learning style differences between genders. He has also conducted extensive research in the area of student search and seizure law.

Brian is a Dental Champion and a long-distance runner. He and his wife, Marcia, reside in Galena and have three children, Amber, Taylor, and J.D.



**Terri Jowett** is the Coordinator for Donated Dental Services (DDS) in Kansas, a not-for-profit agency that works with volunteer dentists and laboratories helping disabled, elderly and medically compromised people obtain a once in a lifetime comprehensive dental treatment that they never would have been able to afford.

After graduating from Washburn University with a Social Work Degree she started working as a Foster Care Social Worker in Kansas City. Terri worked as a social worker for the state for several years and then became involved with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in that program's infancy. Terri was a CASA volunteer, member of the board, board chair, and then as an employee for 13 years developing the Kids in Court program and coordinating the "Safe Talk" team charged with joint investigations of child sexual abuse in Shawnee County. Terri has spent many years working in social welfare and as a child advocate specializing with child victims of sexual assault. She is proud to have been one of the founders of the Child Advocacy center in Topeka.



gap in health insurance low-income Kansas are likely to experience if Medicaid is not expanded in this article from the [Kansas Health Institute](#).

## SAVE THE DATE!

Join us in November to celebrate Oral Health Kansas' 10th anniversary at the:

**2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference**  
Johnson County Community College  
November 7-8, 2013



## Did You Know???

Today less than 10% of adults over age 65 have lost teeth.

[StarSmilez](#)

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Terri's husband Ted is a dentist. They have three adult sons and a houseful of pets. She is an avid volunteer, a golfer and is known for her green thumb.



## WSU Dental Day

Come and spend a day in the dental/dental hygiene field. Dental Day is a great opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience in the field of dentistry and dental hygiene. We have many exciting events planned for the day including hands-on interactive experience in our state of the art dental clinic, and academic knowledge of dental terminology and the different fields of dentistry. 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 of the day.

- Program instruction by distinguished WSU faculty.
- Students will experience what it is like to drill on teeth.
- Create a mold of your teeth.
- Get to use the latest dental tools.
- Learn what it takes to have a career in the dental field.
- Tours of the AEGD Building.

[Sign up today, space is limited!](#)



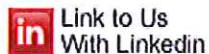
## Traveling Drink Display

Currently the Oral Health Kansas traveling library drink displays are on display at the Garden City Dental Clinic, [GraceMed](#) and the Salina-Saline County Health Department.



If you are interested in having the drink display on display in your area, send an email to [Tanya](#).

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please send an email to [jparnell@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:jparnell@oralhealthkansas.org)



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