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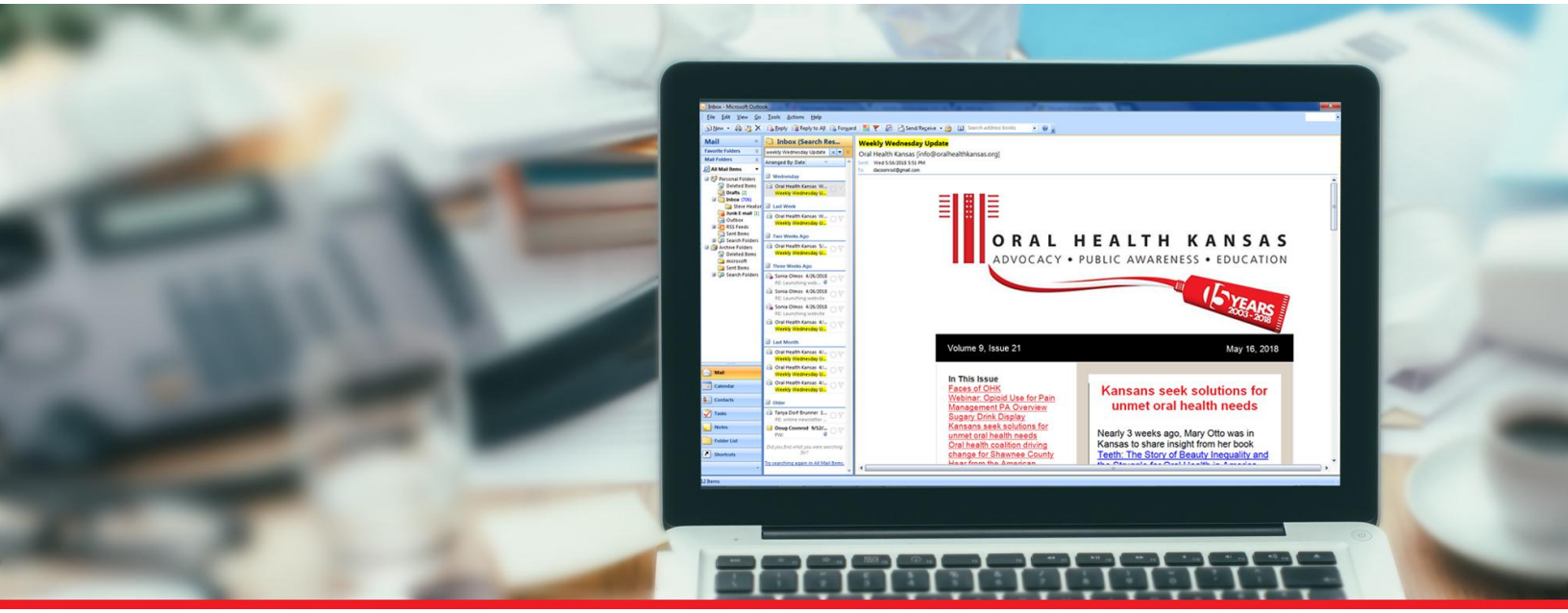

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

To view past issues click here.
Click here to sign up for our **Weekly Wednesday Update**.

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Challenge Accepted!

Krista Hahn, OHK Board Member and Dental Champions Class V, has donated $50 to publish today's issue of the Weekly Wednesday Update. She is challenging all the Dental Champions classes to donate $50 to sponsor an issue of the Weekly Wednesday Update. Are you up for the challenge? Donate to OHK here.

Attend the Shawnee County Candidate Forum

Oral Health Kansas is co-sponsoring a Congressional Candidate Forum on Tuesday, September 25. This event is from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Topeka Shawnee County Library,1515 SW 10th Ave, in Topeka. The co-

sponsors of the event are: Community Resources Council, El Centro Forge, Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce, Heartland Visioning, Interhab, Islamic Center of Topeka, League of Women Voters of Topeka and Shawnee County, Oral Health Kansas, St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church, Topeka Bar Association, Topeka Branch of the NAACP, Topeka Capital-Journal, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library and YWCA Northeast Kansas. Registration is not required, although seating is limited. For more information, contact Doug Bowman at 785-235-6039 or dbowman@oralhealthkansas.org.

Three Managed Care Companies Awarded Medicaid Contracts

Last week, state officials announced that Aetna Better Health of Kansas, Sunflower State Health Plan, and United Healthcare were awarded Medicaid contracts to serve the state of Kansas. The managed care organizations (MCOs) were selected from six candidates who were evaluated by a 17-member review committee consisting of Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services staff members. The state has said that the current adult dental preventive services will continue in the new contracts.

Amerigroup will serve as a KanCare MCO through the duration of the existing contract, which expires on December 31st. They will remain in the state to respond to open claims. Consumers currently enrolled in Amerigroup will have the opportunity to select a new MCO during the open enrollment period, beginning in October.

We are grateful for the services AmeriGroup provided to Kansans and look forward to working with all of the managed care organizations to ensure KanCare beneficiaries have access to the dental care they need. The official press release can be found here.

Christi Nance, OHK's Policy Director, was recently elected to serve as an At-Large Board Member for Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition. Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition works to eliminate tobacco use among Kansans through advocacy, education, and collaboration. Congratulations, Christi!

Health Care Community Forums in Your Area

The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas is on a road trip again! They will be visiting cities all around Kansas to hear your health care concerns including your oral health stories. This week the Alliance and advocates will be in El Dorado and next month El Dorado and Arkansas City. Click here to find a list of events in your area!

Reserve a Sugary Drink Display Today!

What is a Sugary Drink Display? It's our drink display that has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. You can reserve a child drink display or an adult drink display. The reservations are up to a month and you get reimbursed for shipping costs. Our drink displays are constantly on the move so it's important to reserve one as soon as possible. If your requested date is not open, we can work with you to see what day works best! Click here to fill out the reservation form.

Share Your Story to Make a Change!

Sharing your oral health story can help us to improve oral health in Kansas. These stories can help us inform public policy and create change. You can also remain anonymous or if you feel comfortable in providing your information. Your story can be a time that you have struggled getting access to dental care. Or it can be a successful experience that helped you improve your care! Click here for the Share Your Story Form.

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