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Oral Health Kansas annual conference

OHK is continuing to make plans for our [2016 conference](#) in November! This year's theme "Igniting Collective Impact: Inspiring Communities", will provide a conversation about what we can do to tackle social changes and work collectively to achieve impact. You will want to be a part of this!

Save the dates, **November 3-5** at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park.

Stay tuned for details!

DentaQuest Foundation Kansas grassroots representative selected

Oral Health Kansas has chosen Barb Conant as the Kansas grassroots representative for the [DentaQuest Foundation Midwest Regional Oral Health Connection \(ROHC\) Team](#). Grassroots representatives will work with existing representatives from their state and geographic region (ROHC members) to build authentic relationships at the local, state and regional level and connect their community to the larger national Oral Health (OH) 2020 Network. Barb is the Public Policy Coordinator for Kansas Advocates for Better Care.

"Barb was a natural choice for us because she's a long time health advocate with an extensive network to begin going into communities, many of which she already has connections," says OHK Policy Director, Rachel Alexander. " She's also a previous Dental



State Loan Repayment Program

The [State Loan Repayment Program \(SLRP\)](#) is available to primary care, dental and mental health care providers to obtain partial or full repayment of their student loans in exchange for a minimum of two-year service commitment, or one year service commitment for a continuing contract.

Application Period Opens: June 13, 2016

Application Priority Date: July 29, 2016

Applications received on or before the priority date will receive a courtesy review for completeness.

Application Period Closes: August 13, 2016

Visit their [website](#) to find out more!



KanCare expansion advocates launch campaign to educate voters

The [Alliance for a Healthy Kansas](#) is planning community

Champion Class VI. Barb represents elders and we thought it was a great fit because that's a population we struggle to get appropriate dental care."

Barb joined OHK staff and oral health leaders from across the Midwest in Chicago last week for the DentaQuest Foundation's Midwest Regional Oral Health Convening. "I was pleased to join the Kansas delegation as our grassroots representative at the Oral Health 2020 Midwest regional convening in Chicago. OHK has assembled a broad coalition of organizations to work together on all six of the OH 2020 national goals. This partnership allows us to collaborate across states and share best practices among a variety of organizations to maximize our efforts to promote awareness about the importance of oral health. This is an exciting project with the potential to reshape oral health care for Kansans of all ages."



Barb Conant

DentaQuest Foundation President to Receive Albert

events across Kansas to learn about what KanCare expansion would mean to Kansans.

The events are free and open to the public!

June 29, Topeka, 6p-8p
First Congregational UCC
1701 SW Collins Ave.

July 11, Overland Park 6:30p-8p
Jewish Community Center of
Greater Kansas City
5801 W. 115th St.

July 18, Pratt, 6:30p-8p
Pratt Community Center
619 N. Main St.

July 19, Hutchinson, 6:30p-8p
location to be determined

July 20, Independence 6:30p-
8:00p
Memorial Hall and Civic Center
410 N. Penn Ave.

July 25, Lawrence, 6:30p-8:00p
Plymouth Congregational
Church

Read more about the campaign
on the [The Kansas Health
Institute](#).



Sugary Drink Display

Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarian

The DentaQuest Foundation [announced](#) that its president [Ralph Fuccillo](#) will receive the 2016 Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism. Fuccillo will be honored for his work as a servant leader in public health and his lifelong commitment to health equity. A seasoned leader in philanthropy, Mr. Fuccillo has a distinguished career in health and human services, education, and organizational development.

The [Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism](#) recognizes a portfolio of work that has significantly mitigated the social determinants of health in the US and/or abroad, and that embodies a commitment to service that influences and inspires others.

Congratulations to Mr. Fuccillo!



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Medicaid backlog more than just a waiting list

Recently we learned the unprocessed applications for Medicaid was more than what was initially reported. As our eyes widened at the first number of 3,500 unprocessed applications, waiting more than 45 days (the federal approval deadline) only to learn the real number of applications was 15,000. The error in numbers is believed to have come from Accenture, the company that holds the electronic eligibility system. Although Accenture is saying it never provided the state with inaccurate information.

According to the [Topeka Capital Journal](#), Governor Brownback expressed his disappointment and frustration but reiterated that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment was doing what they can to whittle away at the backlog.

We often hear stories about consumers who are on the waiting list. One in particular who waited 77 days but unfortunately passed away before ever finding out if he qualified. An attorney [shared this story](#) about his client who applied for Medicaid in February. He was on the waiting list for 77 days and then in May, passed away. Unfortunately, "whittling away" at the backlog won't help Kansans stay healthy and get the services they need.

The KanCare Advocates Network wrote a [letter](#) to legislators stating, "Waiting lists remain unconscionably long for



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persons desperately in need of home and community based services. The number of persons waiting have actually increased since the implementation of KanCare, and there is still no effectively working plan to address this issue."



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