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**OHK Staff
Welcomes New
Baby!**

State Decides to Re-Submit the KanCare Waiver

In a surprise move yesterday afternoon, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) announced they will withdraw their KanCare 1115 waiver application that had been submitted to CMS on April 26. KanCare is the name for the project to move all Medicaid populations in Kansas to managed care providers. KDHE explained that notification of meetings about KanCare had not been shared with some members of the tribal community, as is required in the Medicaid State Plan.

KDHE said they will re-submit the waiver next month. The change in submission time means the waiver application will be subject to CMS transparency rules that went into effect on April 27, and public meetings will need to be held. Oral Health Kansas will provide details about the public meetings as soon as they are announced.

Public comments on the original waiver application were due this week. Any comments submitted this week will be maintained by CMS, and if the waiver application next month changes from the original application, there will be another opportunity to comment. Oral Health Kansas will post comments on CMS' site this week. Our comments also will be posted on our website.

Read more in an [article](#) from the Kansas Health Institute.



On June 1 at 8:05 pm Julie Parnell welcomed baby Rylan to her family. We congratulate Julie, her husband Mark, and big brother Aydin on the adorable addition to their family.

Community-Based Dental Program Grants

The Bureau of Oral Health is soliciting proposals from dental professionals and other entities interested in receiving funding grants to provide preventive oral health services in Kansas community based settings using dental hygienists that have Extended Care Permits.

These grants are funded through the Bureau's DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration Grant to the States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities (CFDA No. 93.236). The maximum amount for any one award is \$10,000, and applications for smaller amounts will be



John Fales, DDS



Kathy Hunt, RDH



Schaunta James-Boyd

Oral Health Kansas Welcomes New Board Members

John Fales

Dr. Fales earned his B.S. degree in Cellular Biology from the University of Kansas in 1978. He then attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry and obtained his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1982. He completed a residency in Pediatric Dentistry in 1991 at The Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO. Also in 1991, Dr. Fales earned a Master of Science in Oral Biology from UMKC School of Dentistry.

Dr. Fales has presented numerous lectures to pre-school and public school students, as well as to parents, teachers and community organizations. Additionally, he has presented seminars to dental professionals regarding laser dentistry.

He gives back to the community by volunteering with the Danforth Foundation, Kiwanis International, Boy Scouts of America and the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation. His professional affiliations include the American Dental Association, the Kansas Dental Association, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the Southwest Society of Pediatric Dentistry, Fifth District Dental Society, Chicago Dental Society, Kansas Association of Pediatric Dentistry, and the Kansas City Association of Pediatric Dentists.

Dr. Fales and his wife have two children. In his spare time, he enjoys flying, gardening, woodworking, water gardening and spending time with family and friends. He is a member of the Advent Lutheran Church, where he sings in the Chancel Choir.

Kathy Hunt

Kathy Hunt, RDH is the Project Director for a statewide oral health initiative through the Kansas Head Start Association entitled Kansas Cavity Free Kids. KCFK is committed to working with pregnant women and children birth to five with

welcomed. Funding will be awarded through a competitive grant application process administered through the Dental Workforce Cabinet, a work group of Oral Health Kansas and the Bureau of Oral Health.

For more information, please contact Dr. Kathy Weno at 785-296-5116.

2012 Annual Excellence in Oral Health Award Nominations

Oral Health Kansas is accepting nominations for our annual awards.

Nominations in the following category are encouraged:

Organization
Dental Hygienist
Dentist
Community Leader
Policy Maker
Volunteer
Dental Champion

Nominations will be accepted from June 1st through July 30th.

Motivational Interviewing Skill Building Workshop

This FREE workshop will be held on June 9 and on June 29. It will focus on a proven communication strategy - Motivational

the overarching goal of children reaching Kindergarten cavity free and ready to learn. Along with Marcia Manter, she co-author "Teeth for Tots", an oral health curriculum designed for Home Visitors to use with families of infants and toddlers.

A private practice Registered Dental Hygienist for 28 years, Kathy first began working in public health in 2004 when the Kansas Statutes changed to allow dental hygienists with a special permit to provide prevention services in community based settings without a dentist present. She was the first in the state to design a framework for providing these services in schools, Head Start programs, and local health departments, resolving barriers as they emerged. She was also instrumental in creating and implementing a dental clinic in a small safety net clinic located in Wamego, Kansas.

Schaunta James-Boyd

Schaunta James-Boyd is a graduate of Wichita State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Service Organization and Policy, with a Minor in Spanish. Mrs. James-Boyd has over 17 years in the area of health care, beginning while she was in college. Presently, she ably serves as Executive Director of the E.C. Tyree Health & Dental Clinic. She has worked relentlessly for the last eight years to breathe new life to a dying clinic. She runs the clinic with a firm and fearless; but passionate hand; meaning that under her skillful guidance the Tyree Clinic has developed several programs aimed at encouraging healthy lifestyles behaviors. The Clinic serves not only as an access point to health care, but a home where patients are empowered to make life changing decisions through hands on education and skills development regarding adoption of healthy lifestyles and various medical conditions. She and her entire staff modeled the Clinic mission "To Provide Exceptional Healthcare and Exceptional Service through Exceptional People" as they seek to serve the needs of clients.

Further, Mrs. James-Boyd work does not end as Executive Director of the E.C. Tyree Health & Dental Clinic; she is deeply committed to and continuously engaged with her community. Some of her involvements include: past President and member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Board of Directors of the NonProfit Chamber of Service, Business Plan Advisor for the Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas, member of the Sedgwick County Oral Health Coalition, member of the Healthy Congregations Committee of the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, member of The Health & Wellness Committee of the Kansas West Conference, member of Unicare Community Advisory Committee, and Chairperson of NE Community Partners Project (a community effort to encourage and engage residents in northeast Wichita to become self-determiners of their health care and lifestyles).

Interviewing - to encourage and support families of children birth to five to keep them cavity free.

The session will not be an introduction to Motivational Interviewing.

The entire workshop will be devoted to skill-building - demonstrations and coaching from the trainers, as well as practice sessions by participants.

Space is Limited, to register [CLICK HERE](#)

Did You Know???

Wichita, Kansas, is the fourth largest cities in the U.S. that still hasn't taken advantage of the health benefits of fluoridated water.

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Last, but not at all least Mrs. James-Boyd is married to Damany James Boyd and they are the proud parents of three sons: Waladi Akil, Sha'air Bakari, and Jadon Joseph Taalib.

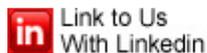
SAVE THE DATE

Make plans to attend the 2012 Oral Health Kansas Annual Conference September 13-14, 2012 at the [Hotel at Old Town](#) in Wichita, KS.

The Conference will feature a special reception with the new Big Mouth exhibit at [Exploration Place](#) sponsored by [Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation](#).



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