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and education.*

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## Dental Champions Corner:

## Kansas Dental Director to Lead CDC Oral Health Division

Today the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced Kansas' state dental director Dr. Kathy Weno will become the agency's new Director of the Oral Health Division.

Dr. Weno has served as the Director of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Oral Health since 2006. During her time at the Bureau of Oral Health she successfully secured CDC and HRSA grants to dramatically enhance the state's oral health infrastructure. Under her leadership, the Bureau of Oral Health launched significant workforce and school screening/sealant projects. Under Dr. Weno's guidance, the Bureau of Oral Health also saw several studies published, including a recent study of the [dental needs of Kansas seniors](#) and a landmark study in 2009 about the [Kansas dental workforce](#).

Prior to joining the Bureau of Oral Health, Dr. Weno was in private practice as a dentist and served in legal aid as an attorney. Dr. Weno is a graduate of the second Dental Champions Leadership Program class.

Dr. Weno will start work at the CDC in Atlanta, Georgia, on October 6. Oral Health Kansas joins with the entire Kansas dental community in thanking her for her

Congratulations to Amber Sellers (Class 4), who is the new Director of Clinic Operations at the Health Partnership Clinic in Johnson County!



## Visit new Kansas Dental Board website

The Kansas Dental Board has debuted a new website with an updated look and a new address.



Visit the new site at [www.dental.ks.gov](http://www.dental.ks.gov) to see all the latest Dental Board news and licensing requirements.

## "Like" the ECP Facebook Page

A new Facebook page about the Extended Care Permit

tremendous service in Kansas and wishing her the best at the CDC.

## Dental Champions Advisory Board Elections

A few weeks ago the Dental Champions Advisory Board held their annual meeting. During the annual meeting, new officers were elected. Greg Hill (Class 2) was elected President, and Sonja Armbruster (Class 5) was elected Vice President.

The Dental Champions Advisory Board is an alumni board that oversees the Dental Champions Leadership Program. The thirteen-member board is responsible for recruiting and selecting new Dental Champions classes. They also are charged with keeping program alumni engaged with each other, Oral Health Kansas, and oral health projects across the state.

## Oral Health Kansas says goodbye to former board member

One of Oral Health Kansas' founding board members, Barry Daneman, passed away on July 4. Barry was a long-time leader at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry. More than that, he was a mentor, a teacher, a dreamer, and a friend. He left an indelible mark on Oral Health Kansas and all those whose lives he touched.

We join Barry's family and friends in [mourning his loss](#).

## Up to 9 Dental CEs to be Offered

Oral Health Kansas will offer a special continuing education session for Extended Care Permit dental hygienists and other dental professionals as a post-conference session on November 8, 2013. The Oral Health Kansas Conference on November 7-8 will present a variety of continuing education opportunities, and this year a special, in-depth session for ECP hygienists will be added to the agenda. ECP hygienists will have the chance to learn more about how to effectively serve people with disabilities during this session featuring Dr. Ray Lyons.

(ECP) for dental hygienists is available.  
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.

## 2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference

Join us in November as we celebrate Oral Health Kansas' 10th anniversary with continuing education and networking opportunities!



Johnson County  
Community College  
November 7-8

## Did You Know?

**Save the date and watch for more details!**

## Safety-net and Public Health Conferences Scheduled in September

The Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU) and Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) have announced the schedules for their September conferences.

KAMU will host a conference for safety-net clinics September 25-27 in Lawrence. The conference agenda and registration details can be found on the [KAMU website](#).

On September 17-19 KPHA members will gather in Wichita for their annual conference. Details about the program and registration are available on the [KPHA website](#).

## Traveling Sugary Beverage Display

Currently the Oral Health Kansas traveling sugary drink displays are on display at the Salina YMCA, ECKAN in Anderson County, and Dodge City Dental Clinic.

According to "Consumer's Report", Dentist's are among the 5 most trusted professionals in the U.S.



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

Drink displays are available for hosting in September!

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