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Congratulations to our Policy Director, Christi Nance, who has graduated from the 2016 class of the [Healthy Communities Leadership Academy](#). The program is through the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City and helps develop a critical mass of change

## Pivotal Week for Healthcare in the Senate

This has been a busy and confusing week for the Senate in Washington D.C. Before Friday, it is projected the healthcare debate will be finished for this year's session. Throughout the next couple days, it is anticipated that several versions of healthcare bills and/or amendments will be voted on. However, it is unclear whether any of them will have enough votes to pass.

Yesterday, Senate voted 51-50 to start debate on the Obamacare repeal, with Vice President Mike Pence casting the tie-breaking vote. Later that evening, the Senate voted on the Better Care Reconciliation Act, a repeal and replace bill, which failed 43 - 57. Senator Jerry Moran (KS) was one of the few Republican senators voting against this bill that would have left an estimated 22 million individuals without health insurance by 2026.

There are three bills that may emerge

agents, local expertise and field capacity to effect policy and community environment changes that result in improved health choices for the underserved.



Click [here](#) for a list of the 2016 participants.

### Open slots still available for exhibitors

OHK still has open slots for exhibitors for our annual conference in November. This year the conference will be held November 2-3 at the KState Olathe Campus in Olathe. Your exhibitor registration will provide the following benefits:

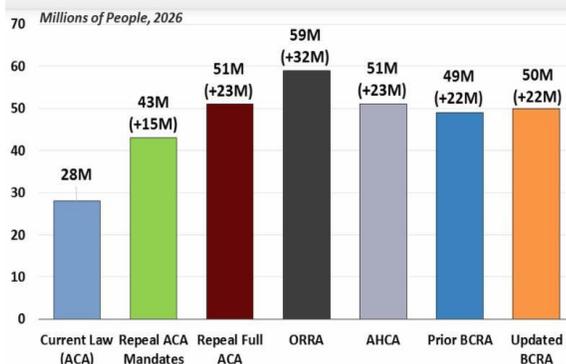
- An 8 foot table with tablecloth and skirting
- Two chairs
- Electricity, upon request
- Complimentary internet access
- Complimentary access to all conference meal functions and speakers

If you have any questions, email us at

before the end of the week:

1. **Repeal and Delay:** The Senate failed to pass the Obamacare Repeal Reconciliation Act, a bill modeled from a 2015 version that would repeal Obamacare but delay its implementation by two years to allow lawmakers additional time to develop a replacement plan. This motion failed this afternoon 48 - 52. Senators Moran and Roberts both voted in support of this full repeal.
2. **Skinny Repeal:** Although specifics have not been released, a skinny repeal would most likely focus on eliminating the individual and employer mandate.
3. **Repeal and Replace:** A vote-a-rama could occur later this week where both Republicans and Democrats offer amendments to health care bills, such as the American Health Care Act, passed earlier this year by the House.

#### Number of Uninsured Under Different Scenarios



Source: Congressional Budget Office.

Note: relative to the March 2016 baseline. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

ACA = Affordable Care Act; ORRA = Obamacare Repeal Reconciliation Act;

AHCA = American Health Care Act; BCRA = Better Care Reconciliation Act.



All of these options are bad for Kansas. If a bill passes through the Senate this week, the effort would move to negotiations with the House in a conference committee. A breakdown of

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To fill out an exhibitor form, click [here](#).

## MEETING the CHALLENGE of CHANGE

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### Community Day: August 12 in Wichita

Wichita community! On August 12, [EC Tyree Health and Dental Clinic](#) will be hosting a Community Day providing medical and dental services, free haircuts for kids, free food and lots of fun!

If interested, [find out](#) more information!



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### Advocate with OHK

Today we delivered letters to Senator Moran and Roberts offices, urging them to #ProtectOurCare. We want our voices to be heard and help Kansans, not hurt them.

Join the forces with OHK and call your legislators, write to them and share your story!

the activities occurring in Senate this week can be found [here](#).

#### Resources

Use these resources as you contact Senators Moran and Roberts this week:

- Oral Health Kansas letters to [Senator Moran](#) and [Senator Roberts](#).
- Download the app 5Calls and take 5 minutes of your day to contact your Senators! This app provides a script for you to follow whether you get through to staff or go straight to voicemail.
- Tweet at @JerryMoran and @SenPatRoberts to express your concerns about the healthcare bill! Use #ProtectOurCare.
- Utilize resources from [Children's Dental Health Project](#) for talking points, call scripts, and more information and material on how these policies could impact oral health care.

Thank you all for your continued calls, emails and letters to Senators Moran and Roberts to stand up for Kansans' healthcare coverage. Your voice is not going unheard!! Keep fighting!

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### We have been busy meeting new faces

Last week we exhibited at three conferences and shared our stories and resources with a numerous amount of people! We were lucky to exhibit at the Kansas School Nurses conference, Kansas Conference on Poverty and Delivering Change Perinatal Education Conference.



## Sugary Drink Display

Our August month of reservations is filling up already! Reserve one for you to use! Use the drink display at schools, for classroom education, health fairs or even at your office!

Our sugary drink display has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. We also include some of our [Tips and Tricks](#) fact sheets and brush your teeth mirror clings! The display is free to use for up to a month, and we reimburse postage!

Reserving yours ahead of time ensures you can get the date(s) you need. [Email us](#) and let us know when you would like to reserve a drink display.



During our networking, we were able to hear from you what issues you see in your communities. We were also able to provide you with resources and how to stay connected.

Here are a few pictures to show how much fun we had!



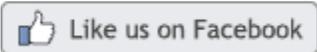


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## Wyandotte County members meet to initiate new oral health community coalition

On July 20, two dozen community leaders convened to discuss oral health in Wyandotte County. We had a variety of participants which included local dentists, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry, faith leaders, foundations, Head Start staff, physicians, hygienists, social service agencies, and the Wyandotte County Health Department. As the discussion continued, there was a consensus to move forward in forming an oral health coalition in the county.

If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, contact Doug Bowman at (75)235-6039 or at [dbowman@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:dbowman@oralhealthkansas.org).

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