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To improve oral health
in Kansas through
advocacy,
public awareness
and education.*

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Dental Champions Corner:

Join members of the
Kansas oral health
community in
recognizing the
accomplishments of our

Award Nominations Open

Oral Health Kansas is seeking nominations for the 2013 Excellence in Oral Health Awards. The awards recognize Kansans who have made significant contributions to the oral health community. Awards are given in several categories:

- Outstanding Organization
- Outstanding Dental Hygienist
- Outstanding Dentist
- Outstanding Community Leader
- Bob Bethell Outstanding Policy Maker
- Outstanding Oral Health Volunteer
- Outstanding Dental Champion



Details about the awards categories, a list of previous award winners, and the on-line nomination forms are available on the Oral Health Kansas website. **Nominations will be accepted through September 27.**

Awards will be presented at a luncheon during the Oral

state Dental Director
at a September
reception.

Dr. Kathy Weno
(Class 2) will say
goodbye as she prepares
to lead the oral health
department at the CDC
in Atlanta.

September 4,
4 to 6 pm
212 SW 8th Ave,
Lower Level
Topeka, Kansas



Exhibits and Sponsorships available for the 2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference

Contact [Oral Health Kansas](#) to learn how to
join in November the
celebration of
Oral Health Kansas'
10th anniversary with
continuing education
and networking
opportunities!

Health Kansas Conference at Johnson County Community
College on November 8.

KAMU Awarded Federal Navigator Grant

Last week the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that they awarded the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU) a Federal Navigator Grant of \$524,846 to be used for training Navigators as part of outreach and enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace. CMS granted a total of \$67 million to 105 entities to serve in the 34 Federally Facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) will create a competitive private health insurance market through the creation of Health Insurance Marketplaces. Kansans will access the federal marketplaces, which launch October 1, 2014, and will provide millions of Americans and small businesses with "one-stop shopping" for affordable coverage.

Navigators are trained volunteers that will assist Americans enrolling in private insurance, as well as Medicaid, through the insurance marketplace.

KAMU will serve as the lead agency and grantee for the Kansas Marketplace Consortium, which also includes the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation, Kansas Insurance Department, Kansas Association of Local Health Departments, Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, and the Kansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities (which operates the volunteer-based Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas - SCHICK). Combined, this Consortium represents 427 safety net clinic, health department, hospital, Community Mental Health Center and Area Agency on Aging locations throughout Kansas.

The Kansas Marketplace Consortium's goals are to recruit, train and retain at least 250 Certified Navigators to be located throughout the state and to provide Navigator assistance to at least 48,000 eligible Kansans. The geographic area served will include the entire state of Kansas.

The project will coincide with a Kansas Insurance



Johnson County
Community College
November 7-8

Conferences scheduled next month

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 their annual conference 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](#).

Did You Know...

Department (KID) education and marketing campaign using mass media, Internet support and brochures/pamphlets available to consortium members. KID will maintain its Consumer Assistance Division which can provide individuals with additional information related to health insurance coverage in Kansas.

Continuing Education Opportunity!

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.

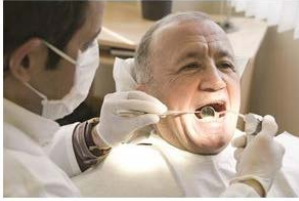
Save the date and watch for more details!

Traveling Sugary Beverage Display

In August, the Oral Health Kansas traveling sugary drink displays will be on display at the Greenwood County Health Department, Haskell Township Library, and Dodge City Public Library.



Tooth Decay is the 2nd most common disease in the U.S. after the common cold.




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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, October, November and December!

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