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

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Dental Champions Corner:

This month we are bidding farewell to a true Dental Champion.

Oral Health 2014 Project Moving Forward

Oral Health Kansas' new Oral Health 2014 project, funded by the DentaQuest Foundation, received statewide press attention this week when a [press release](#) about the project was issued. We are proud to work with our fellow oral health advocates and many other stakeholders interested in improving oral health policies and financing tools for under-served Kansans. Stories about the project were shared by the [Kansas Health Institute News Service](#), [Kansas Public Radio](#) and the Associated Press this week.

Through this project, Oral Health Kansas will develop a stakeholder planning process to strengthen the state's dental care delivery system and address financing models for dental care in Kansas. A diverse, state-level steering committee will select rural/frontier communities in which to set up pilot projects to increase community-based dental care delivery. Stakeholders also will identify barriers to full implementation of the current Kansas dental practice act and explore potential new models of reimbursement.

The [project work plan](#) can be found on our website. Throughout the project's planning process, the work plan will be updated. Questions, ideas and feedback is

Kim Walker (Class 5) has not only worked on oral health issues in her position at the Sedgwick County Health Department, but also has served as an outstanding leader of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Oral Health Coalition. Kim and her family are moving back to her home state of Kentucky. She will be sorely missed here in Kansas.



New York Times: Daily Dental Care Problems for Seniors

[This video interview](#) about the challenge in meeting the daily dental care needs of seniors in nursing homes is not ground-breaking, but it something we all need to remember. Oral Health Kansas and our partners are working to



welcomed at info@oralhealthkansas.org.

This week we also were excited to welcome our new project manager. Megan Foreman will serve as Oral Health Kansas' Policy Director and will manage the stakeholder engagement and plan development process.

Megan is a former senior health policy specialist at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). Through her work at NCSL, Megan worked to engage legislators on health policy matters, manage large state and national projects, and research and write a variety of publications and articles. Megan brings her significant policy, stakeholder engagement, and communications skills to Oral Health Kansas. We are eager to work with her to begin to develop a plan to improve dental care delivery and financing systems in our state.

Excellence in Oral Health Award Nominations Sought

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

educate more Kansans about the importance of taking care of the daily oral health needs of seniors.

The New York Times

"The lack of daily oral care in nursing facilities is 'an epidemic that's almost universally overlooked.'"

2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference

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

Brush with

Greatness


Celebrating a Decade of Advancing
Oral Health in Kansas

Johnson County
Community College
November 7-8

Safety-Net and Public Health



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

AEGD Program Announces New Class

This week the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program at Wichita State University announced the members of the 2013-2014 class have been selected.

- Dr. James Womack (University of Texas San Antonio, School of Dentistry)
- Dr. Anna Grimmelsman (Indiana University, School of Dentistry)
- Dr. Valeriya Geendwood (Howard University, College of Dentistry)
- Dr. Jenelle Silvers (Loma Linda University, School of Dentistry)

Orientation for the new class will begin later this week. The AEGD program was established in 2009 as a one-year postdoctoral education program which offers the dentist an opportunity for advanced comprehensive clinical experience in a variety of clinical settings.



CDHP Welcomes Communications Director

The Children's Dental Health Project (CDHP) has hired

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](#).

Do You Know...

How to keep your
tongue clean?



Matt Jacob has as the organization's Director of Communications and Outreach. This newly created position, based in Washington, D.C., reflects CDHP's commitment to expand its work to create and advance innovative solutions to achieve oral health for all children.

Over his career, Mr. Jacob has helped nonprofits, advocacy organizations and elected officials communicate effectively and raise the profile of their issues. For more than 20 years, his efforts have focused on children's health and educational needs. Most recently, Mr. Jacob worked for the Pew Charitable Trusts, where he managed communications for the Pew Children's Dental Campaign.



"We're pleased to welcome someone with Matt's experience to our staff," explained Patrice Pascual, CDHP's executive director. "In addition to strengthening our communication tools and strategies, he will play a key role in supporting the outreach and technical assistance that we provide to state and local leaders in the dental community."

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.

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

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[Yahoo Daily Shot](#)

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Dodge City Public Library.



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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