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*Weekly Wednesday Update*

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

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### Innovative Ideas Expo

A huge thank you to all who submitted abstracts for the Innovative Ideas

## New Dental Clinic in Dodge City!

Help is now available for area residents who have trouble affording adequate dental care. The United Methodist Mexican American Ministry (UMMAM) Dodge City Dental Clinic opened September 8<sup>th</sup> and is now providing services. "This is a very unique opportunity," Stephanie Waggoner, CEO of UMMAM, said in a recent press release. "We will be able to provide dental care to people that otherwise might not be able to afford it."



The Ford County Oral Health Coalition was initiated in the fall of 2009, led by Bill Hammond, Dr. Richard Stein, Ethel Peterson, Duane Ross and Morris Reeves, who worked with community organizations to develop a business plan and move the project forward. The clinic was made possible with the help of the Kansas Farmers Service Organization who donated unused space for clinic. United Methodist Health Ministry Fund approved a grant to assist in funding the program for the first two years.

The clinic will be staffed by local dental professionals who are volunteering their time until a permanent full-time dentist can be recruited. Ashley Baird, RDH, ECP, is the clinic's full-time dental

Expo to be held at this year's Oral Health Conference on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas. We have a lot of great exhibits and are excited for all to see and learn about!

## 2010 Annual Excellence in Oral Health Awards

To nominate someone for this year's Annual Excellence in Oral Health Awards. Award winners will be honored at this year's Oral Health Conference on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas.

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hygienist and Mary Sandoval is the dental assistant.

The clinic will provide preventative care, emergency service and restorative services to include fillings, extractions, root canals, dentures and crowns. Although the clinic's primary purpose is to provide care for uninsured or underinsured patients, anyone can make an appointment, even if their care is completely paid for by their dental plan.



For more information on the UMMAM dental clinic visit the following sites:

<http://www.dodgeglobe.com/news/local/x861587446/Dental-clinic-opens-today>

<http://www.dodgeglobe.com/features/x2077302432/Filling-a-need-New-dental-clinic-to-open-soon>

<http://www.dodgeglobe.com/news/local/x1920418642/Local-partnership-announces-plans-for-dental-clinic>

<http://www.hutchnews.com/Latestlocalnews/Dental-services-expanded-to-Dodge-City>

## Diane Huntley Scholarship Fund

Diane Huntley, an Associate Professor of Dental Hygiene at Wichita State University, passed away Wednesday, September 8, 2010. Diane was a willing volunteer at numerous local events. She was one of the major educators of dental hygiene in Kansas.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Dr. Huntley.

Information regarding the Diane Huntley Scholarship Fund:

Make checks payable to:  
WSU Foundation  
Diane Huntley Scholarship Fund

Mail to:  
WSU Foundation  
Box 2  
1845 Fairmount St  
Wichita KS 67260-0002

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## KDHE Awarded Oral Health Grants

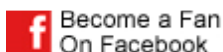
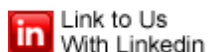
The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) Bureau of Oral Health has recently been awarded more than \$1.2 million in federal grants for this year.

"We're delighted to be able to begin new initiatives in Kansas," said Roderick Bremby, KDHE Secretary. "These resources will give us the opportunity to ensure that our youngest Kansans have excellent oral health."

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