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**Topeka Resident to Serve on Oral Health Kansas Board of Directors**

Topeka, KS – February 19, 2008 – Cathy Harding, has been accepted to serve on the Board of Directors of Oral Health Kansas, a statewide oral health advocacy organization.

Cathy Harding is the current Executive Director of the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, based in Topeka, KS. Harding brings to the Board extensive experience in health center management and administration as well as skills learned through various other positions she has held, including health educator, grant writer, and director of Administrative Services and Program Development at Flint Hills Community Health Center. Harding has a master's degree in communications and bachelor's in business administration, both from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Harding said she is interested in serving on the Oral Health Kansas Board because she is committed to providing access to quality healthcare for underserved Kansans. She said, "The importance of oral health in the overall health equation is indisputable. By focusing on oral health, we can reduce poor health outcomes among people with heart disease and diabetes, and ensure that birth outcomes improve among women who now suffer from poor oral health."

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*Founded in 2003 as the statewide oral health coalition, Oral Health Kansas coordinates state-level policy initiatives focused on oral health prevention, access to dental care, oral health workforce, oral health status and leadership. The coalition's policy efforts focus on the most vulnerable Kansans, including children, pregnant women, individuals with disabilities, the elderly, those living in poverty and those living in rural areas of the state. Oral Health Kansas is a membership organization with over 200 members representing a diverse, multidisciplinary group of individuals and organizations, all working together to improve oral health in Kansas.*

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