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HIGHLIGHTS

MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MPHA) -- Seeking Nominees for Board of Directors

The Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA), the longest-serving voluntary public health organization in the State of MO, is seeking nominees for upcoming vacancies on its Board of Directors. This is an opportunity to serve in a leadership position as the organization celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025. This organization has a long history of collaboration with public health agencies in the state to advocate for effective health policy and to lead efforts in reducing preventable disease and disability. If you wish to serve, please send a brief (2-3 paragraph) bio to Bert Malone, Chair, MPHA Nominating Committee, indicating your interest and why you feel you would be an asset to the organization. Send to: Bert.Malone923@gmail.com and copy to Sandy Boeckman, Exec Director, sboeckman@mopha.org.

THERE'S AN ECHO FOR YOU! -- ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes)

Do you wish you could consult an expert or ask a specialist about something going on in your practice? Are you struggling with access to knowledge resources and solutions to unique community issues? Are you looking to deepen your practice and apply latest research trends? Do you want to provide exceptional care for patients in their home community? Then there is an ECHO for you! ECHO is a knowledge-sharing network that uses videoconferencing technology to create communities of learning where subject matter specialists share expertise with community providers. Participants bring their own cases and experiences for learning and discussion. In this "all teach, all learn" model, everyone benefits from a community committed to cycles of knowledge-sharing, best practices, and positive impact. Show-Me ECHO builds learning collaboratives so professionals can confidently provide exceptional care in their own communities. With over 30 topics (including adult psychology, pediatric sleep, oral health, and even chronic conditions—such as diabetes, hepatitis C, and kidney disease), Show-Me ECHO facilitates efforts to provide equitable access and exceptional care to rural and underserved Missourians. Through these **FREE** interactive sessions, participants are invited to acquire new skills in addition to building professional partnerships and ongoing mentoring. Many ECHOs also offer **FREE** continuing education credits for qualifying professionals. To learn more about the various ECHO topics, visit: SHOWMEECHO.ORG.

WIC UPDATES

WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage at: <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic-portal/updates/>.

- Save the Date—2024 Missouri WIC Conference
- LA HemoCue order update
- HemoCue online trainings
- The 2019 And Justice For All poster available in the warehouse
- Recognizing WIC employees
- LA celebrations of 50th anniversary
- Updated WIC income eligibility guidelines

- [Readiness Assessment Training](#)
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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES OFFER

The Department of Health and Senior Services' Prenatal Substance Use Prevention program is searching for an organization interested in housing life like infant manikins. The set of manikins represent infants with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), prenatal drug exposure, and healthy characteristics. Organizations can utilize the manikins to demonstrate the effects of prenatal substance use to promote healthy pregnancies. The drug-affected manikin will emit the effects of withdrawal. The FAS manikin features some of alcohol's devastating effects. Individuals visualize all three manikins together to compare the effects of prenatal substance use. The manikins are provided at no cost along with educational materials, but does require bi-annually reporting on the usage. If your organization is interested in housing the manikins or if you know of another organization that might be interested, please contact Megan Hammann at: Megan.Hammann@health.mo.gov.

INVEST IN YOUR INFRASTRUCTURE: PHAB Assessment Tools

PHAB has several tools that can be used to gather data related to the delivery of foundational activities including the FPHS Capacity & Cost Assessment, Workforce Calculator, and Readiness Assessment. These tools can be used independently or together to assess the landscape of FPHS in a community, assess capacity (staffing/expertise) and cost associated with the delivery of foundational activities, and establish estimates of future capacity and cost needs. Informed decisions pave the way for impactful change. Leverage PHAB's tools to not only assess but to champion a resilient public health infrastructure that thrives on data-driven strategies. Visit: [Tools for Transformation - Public Health Accreditation Board \(phaboard.org\)](https://phaboard.org) for more information or email: info@phaboard.org.

FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES GAP ANALYSIS PROJECT UPDATE

The FPHS Gap Analysis team will begin trainings for Module 2: Self Assessment & Full Implementation May 21. **Agency points of contact**, if you have not already registered for these trainings please do so by going to our project Canvas site or using the registration links in the emails from the FPHS Project Team. **Friendly Reminder: Module 1: Current Financials are due Wednesday, May 1, 2024.** If you have questions or require more time or assistance to complete Module 1, please notify the FPHS Project Team (FPHSgap@missouri.edu).

CALLING ALL NURSES!

Please consider joining the Section for Public Health Nursing (SPHN).

- Advocate for Public Health Nurse issues in the state
- Network with other Public Health Nurses in Missouri
- Quarterly meetings: 3 Zoom, and 1 in-person annually
- Topic of interest presentation at each meeting
- Recognize Public Health Nurses and Public Health Nurse Leaders with annual awards
- Help create and update resources for Public Health Nurses
- All Public Health Nurses are welcome (including school nurses, nurse educators, students enrolled in a school of nursing)

You must be a member of MPHA to be a member of the SPHN, but there are no additional fees to be a Section member. If you are a nurse or nursing student and are currently a member of MPHA, email Sandra Boeckman at: sboeckman@mopha.org to be added to the Section membership list. For additional questions or information, contact Trina Teacutter, SPHN Secretary at: trina.teacutter@como.gov.

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

For additional DHSS Job Opportunities, please visit the MO Careers website [here](#).

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Upcoming Courses

Please view upcoming courses being offered by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). See [flyer](#) for registration status. This section contains courses that have a target audience that includes Public Health, Medical (Hospital) or Healthcare.

safeTALK and Conversations for Suicide Safer Homes Workshop — Presented by Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services – May 3

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services would like to invite you to safeTALK and Conversations for Safer Homes Workshop. This one-day event combines two programs that will help participants recognize a person who may be having thoughts of suicide and create suicide safe environments when someone is experiencing thoughts of suicide. This FREE training will be held at Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services on Friday, May 3 from 9 am – 3 pm. Lunch will be provided and registration is required. For more information see [flyer](#).

To register, please click here: <https://forms.gle/quDDZaZXYHgK7fd78>.

For more information or issues registering please contact Monica Stokes at: monica.stokes@como.gov.

Department Of Health And Senior Services (DHSS) Senior Resource Fair

Celebrate Older Americans Month by joining the Department of Health and Senior Services and many other exhibitors for an event that highlights numerous resources available to seniors! Join DHSS Tuesday May 7 from 11:00 am - 3 pm inside the Capital Mall, 3600 Country Club Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109. For more information, visit: health.mo.gov/oam.

Missouri Coalition for Oral Health Webinar: The Role of Local Public Health in Community Water Fluoridation – May 3, 12-1:30 pm

The Missouri Coalition for Oral Health, in collaboration with the Office of Dental Health, presents The Role of Local Public Health in Community Water Fluoridation. This webinar will provide local public health agencies with an overview of community water, its prevalence in Missouri, and tips and tricks for supporting water fluoridation efforts.

Please click: [here](#) for registration and more information.

Learning Objectives:

1. Upon completion of the webinar, participants will have an increased knowledge of community water fluoridation practices in Missouri.
2. Upon completion of the webinar, participants will increase awareness of fluoridation activities across Missouri.
3. Upon completion of the webinar, participants will be equipped with tools and tactics for discussing community water fluoridation with community members.

Missouri Regional Public Health Nurses Meetings

The Missouri Public Health Association's (MPHA) Section for Public Health Nursing (SPHN) is planning regional public health nurse meetings as part of the development of a statewide community of public health nursing practice (MO-CPHNP). These will be in-person meetings held regionally with topics of interest to public health nurses and will include the opportunity for networking and knowledge sharing. The SPHN is seeking the input of all public health nurses in the state via survey to assist with planning these meetings. The survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. The deadline for completing the survey is Wednesday, May 8. The survey link can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3PSV6DB>.

Readiness Assessment Training for Missouri Local Public Health Agencies

Join PHAB to learn more about the PHAB Readiness Assessment process, including an overview of the assessment, approaches to completing the assessment, and its benefits. To register go to: <https://phaboard.org/accrreditation-recognition/getting-started/>.

Current dates available include:

- June 25 from 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
- August 28 from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Please contact: educationservices@phaboard.org with any questions. MO LPHAs can receive incentive credit by attending PHAB Readiness Assessment training. To receive credit please forward the PHAB Training Follow-up email received after the training to: incentivefundingsubmissions@health.mo.gov.

2024 MO Healthcare Workforce Summit: Building Bridges, Shaping Futures: Healthcare Collaboration & Innovation in Missouri

The Summit will be held June 11 at Courtyard Marriott, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City MO 65101. Missouri healthcare leaders face unrelenting challenges every day! This all-day workshop provides the tools and strategies needed to navigate challenges and emerge stronger than ever. This is an interactive experience you want to be part of featuring keynotes, expert panels, and collaborative sessions. You will gain insights into the most pressing issues such as affordability, miscommunication across teams, and improving access to care. Come and learn best practices for workforce development, innovation, and navigating global issues. This event offers the opportunity to network with colleagues and share experiences. Plus, you will leave with a tangible and actionable plan to lead your organization and community towards a healthier future! For more information or to register see [flyer](#).

LPHA New Administrator Orientation — July 10-July 11

We are gearing up for our New Administrator Orientation and we hope you can join us for the big event in Jefferson City at the Courtyard by Marriott on July 10 and July 11! As always you don't have to be new to join us! We love having our seasoned LPHA's join us as well! Seasoned LPHAs, your knowledge, stories, and expertise are vital to what makes this training successful. It is a great way to get to know and welcome your new colleagues!

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS: Like our orientations in the past, we **WILL** pay for your hotel room cost on July 9 and 10.

MEALS: We will provide lunch on July 10 **AND** breakfast and lunch on July 11.

PLEASE NOTE: We do **NOT** provide dinner at the conclusion of day one, July 10, but we do like to get everyone together as a group to go out to dinner and visit. This is our networking time and other staff from DHSS join us for dinner. It is always a great time with lots of laughs and we encourage you to come!

DAY 1 – Wednesday, July 10 - This day starts early with an **OPTIONAL** tour of the Missouri State Public Health Lab at 10:00 am, but please arrive no later than 9:45 am for check-in as there is a special security procedure you will need to go through. If you have never been on a tour of the lab, I highly recommend it as our SPHL is truly something special! If you opt out of the SPHL tour, the day will start at the hotel at 12:30 pm. Reminder...you don't have to worry about lunch, we promise we will feed you when you arrive at the hotel!

DAY 2 – Thursday, July 11- On this day, breakfast will be served starting at 7:30 am and the first session will start at 8:00 am and ending time is tentatively set for 2:30 pm.

Please register using the following link: https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Nq7RRiKLQURQDI.

Registration will close on May 31. As soon as registration closes, we will send out a confirmation email on June 3 and you will have 3 days to respond to confirm your attendance. The agenda and additional information will be sent out soon! If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jennifer Harrison at: jennifer.harrison@health.mo.gov.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

FULL-TIME WIC CERTIFIER—Clay County Public Health Center

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), has an opening for a full-time WIC Certifier. WIC Certifiers are paraprofessionals who work in the Women, Infants & Children food and nutrition program and assist in collecting and entering data needed for the certification process in the Missouri WIC Information Network System (MOWINS). The Nutrition Coordinator shall oversee the WIC Certifier's work in nutrition education, issuing food prescriptions and risk factors assignment. The Nutrition Coordinator may delegate supervision of the WIC Certifier to the Competent Professional Authority (CPA) regarding program standard eligibility duties and activities. For more information, visit: clayhealth.com.

HR SPECIALIST VOLUNTEER & INTERN – Clay County Public Health Center

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has an opening for a full-time HR Specialist Volunteer and Intern. The Human Resources Specialist is responsible for performing administrative duties within the Operations Team, including but not limited to assisting with human resources processes and general agency-related activities as assigned. This position oversees the volunteer and intern program. Visit: clayhealth.com.

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CONTRACTED ACCOUNTS SPECIALIST -- Christian County Health Department (Full-time)

A High school diploma or equivalent is required with a degree in accounting or similar area preferred. Two years medical billing and accounting experience required; five years preferred. A working knowledge of medical billing coding and contract reimbursement practices needed. Must have a proven ability to work successfully with billing programs, general ledger applications and reimbursement applications. The ideal candidate will have a comprehensive knowledge of medical billing methods with a meticulous level of accuracy in all billing and accounting functions. Knowledge and use of generally acceptable contract billing accounting principles with proficient computer skills including Microsoft Office, specifically Excel, and QuickBooks software. Responsible for the overall maintenance of contracted accounts; maintenance includes duties such as billing Medicaid, Medicare, and other contracted accounts; ensures reimbursement documentation for contracted accounts is available and accurate per contract specifications; performs accounts payable functions; and computing, classifying, and recording financial transactions to ensure the financial records of the Department's contracted accounts are accurate per contract specifications; engages with external financial consultants on billing or financial matters and accurately maintains and updates general ledger and backup documentation; works with auditor preparing needed documentation ensuring contract financial deliverables are met and ready for audit; may reconcile or assist with reconciliation of all health department bank accounts timely; develops and maintains a system to timely pay all routine bills; May prepare or assist with preparing monthly financial statements, annual audits, and any ad hoc reports; Complies with federal, state, and company policies, procedures and regulations; serves as a back-up to front desk staff, including fingerprinting identification service; performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned. Salary range is \$39,000-\$47,940.00, depending on experience. Resumes should be emailed to Dr. Karen Peak at: karen.peak@lpha.mo.gov or faxed to 417-581-6130 Attn: Dr. Karen Peak.

PIKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Pike County Health Department Home Health & Hospice is currently seeking to fill the following full time positions. Learn more and apply online at: <https://pikecountyhealth.org/about-us/career-opportunities/>.

- Home Health and Hospice Social Worker
- RN Case Manager
- Certified Nursing Assistant - CNA

FULL-TIME NURSING PROGRAM ASSISTANT/WIC CERTIFIER—St Charles County Department of Public Health

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health has an opening for a full-time Nursing Program Assistant/WIC Certifier. WIC Certifiers are paraprofessionals who work in the Women, Infants & Children Food and Nutrition Program (WIC) and assist in collecting and entering data needed for the certification process in the Missouri WIC Information Network System (MOWINS). The Nutrition Coordinator shall oversee the WIC Certifier's work in nutrition education, issuing food prescriptions, and risk factors assignment. More information can be found: [here](#).

FULL-TIME LEAD BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR—City of St. Joseph Health Department.

The City of St. Joseph Health Department has an opening for the Lead Breastfeeding Peer Counselor. This full-time position is a paraprofessional who gives basic and more advanced breastfeeding information, support and encouragement to pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers, and serves as a role model for breastfeeding women and the Breastfeeding Peer Counselors. No budgetary expectations. For more information on the position's duties and responsibilities, or to apply, please click: [here](#).

FULL-TIME WIC NUTRITIONIST — City of St. Joseph Health Department

The City of St. Joseph Health Department has an opening for a full-time nutritionist in the WIC program. The nutritionist will assist with administering the WIC program while following the policies and procedures established by the Federal and State government, and participate in the development and implementation of nutritional counseling and education for the local Women/Infant/Children (WIC) Nutrition Program. No supervisory responsibilities. Limited budgetary responsibilities. Helps coordinate nutrition and breast-feeding services provided to participants in the WIC Program. For more information, and to apply, please click: [here](#).

FULL-TIME REGISTERED DIETITIANS — St. Louis County Department of Public Health

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health has an opening for a WIC Health Education Supervisor (Registered Dietitian). This is a full time, grant funded, Registered Dietitian position working out of the North Central Community Health Center at 4000 Jennings Station Road. The WIC Supervisor position requires a minimum of one year of Registered Dietitian experience. The Department of Public Health also has two additional Registered Dietitian positions that would work in the Health Center medical clinics at the John C. Murphy Health Center at 6121 N. Hanley Road and the North Central Community Health Center at 4000 Jennings Station Rd. doing a mixture of Medical Nutrition Therapy and WIC. For additional information or to apply online visit: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stlouis> and search for WIC Health Education Supervisor and/or Registered Dietitian.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE II -- St. Charles County Department

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health is hiring a full-time Public Health Nurse II. The purpose of this position is to perform communicable disease nursing including food borne illness, infection control with hospitals, tuberculosis case management, and clinic staff nursing. The work is performed under the direction of the Epidemiologist. Requirements include a minimum associate degree, current Missouri Registered Nurse License with three to five years Registered Nursing experience. This 40 hour per week position includes a full range of benefits. For more information and to apply visit: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>.

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ACCOUNTING MANAGER -- Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) will be accepting resumes for a full-time, 40 hours a week, exempt Accounting Manager. Duties include management of daily fiscal operations including accounts payable, accounts receivable, reconciliation, policies, and procedure. Other duties include budget development and monitoring, oversight of medical billing, leads annual audit, and grant reporting. The Taney County Health Department is a thriving Local Public Health Department located in Branson and Forsyth Missouri. TCHD is committed to the community and to its employees. The TCHD leadership team is committed to provide a work environment that provides staff with communication, transparency, collaboration, forward thinking, staff development, trust, and fun. Deadline-May 3. For requirements, essential functions and how to apply visit: <https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST — Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) will be accepting resumes for a full time, 40 hours a week, non-exempt Environmental Public Health Specialist. Duties include administering and enforcement of Federal, State and local statutes, ordinances and regulations related to public health and sanitation; to encourage sound sanitary and environmental health practices; and to protect the environment and the public. The Taney County Health Department is a thriving Local Public Health Department located in Branson and Forsyth Missouri. TCHD is committed to the community and to its employees. The TCHD leadership team is committed to provide a work environment that provides staff with communication, transparency, collaboration, forward thinking, staff development, trust, and fun. Deadline-Open until Filled. For more information, qualifications, benefit details and how to apply visit: <https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN -- St. Charles County Department of Public Health Pet Adoption Center

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health Pet Adoption Center is hiring a full-time Veterinary Technician. The purpose of this position is to examine and evaluate the health of the shelter animals; consult with county's contracted veterinarian; and perform necessary treatments, procedures and administering of medications as allowed by the State. Requirements include an Associate degree in animal health/veterinary technology program and registration as a veterinary technician by the state of Missouri. Two years of successful experience in a veterinary clinic, animal shelter or research setting which involved assisting a veterinarian with the treatment of dogs and cats. This 40 hour per week position includes a full range of benefits. For more information and to apply visit: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>.

TEMPORARY SUPPORT STAFF -- St. Charles County Department of Public Health

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health is in need of part-time, temporary staffing support with the Vital Records program. Duties include answering incoming calls, assisting public with vital record inquires, and processing vital records applications. May be assigned according to department needs to support other programs such as Immunizations, Health Services, or WIC. For more information and to apply visit: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>.

Paula Nickelson, DHSS Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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