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HIGHLIGHTS

FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES GAP ANALYSIS PROJECT UPDATE

The FPHS Gap Analysis team concluded trainings for Module 1: Current Financials this week. In total, 110 LPHAs attended these training sessions where they received detailed instructions for completing the Current Financials (Tabs 4-7) of the gap analysis tool. So far, 20 LPHAs have turned in their completed Module 1, these tools are currently undergoing data validation. **Agency points of contact:** To review recordings of the Module 1 trainings, login to your Canvas account and go to: [Panopto Video](#). If you have questions regarding the gap analysis please contact the FPHS Project Team at: FPHSgap@missouri.edu.

Elevating Public Health Excellence: PHAB Accreditation

Accreditation provides health departments with a framework that creates performance improvement opportunities, fosters credibility, and enhances community collaboration and relationships. This journey not only ensures accountability and transparency, but also serves as a pivotal step toward transforming public health practices. For information on getting started with accreditation, visit: [Getting Started - Public Health Accreditation Board lphaboard.org](http://lphaboard.org).

JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT — MERCEDES SPRINTER VAN FOR SALE

The Jefferson County Health Department has a 2020 Mercedes 3500 Sprinter medical van for sale. See [flyer](#). Equipped with a 3.8 Liter 188 HP, diesel engine. Upfitted by Matthews Specialty Vehicles. Includes: 4.5 Kw, 120 volt, 60 hz Mobile Electric Power Solutions generator, 30 AMP shore line power, WFCO Ultra power converter, Coleman – Mach Rooftop Air Conditioner, Marley electric toe space heater, sink supplied by Pentair SurfFlow Water pump, 2 - 2.5 gallon portable fresh water and waste-water containers, EverGreen UV Disinfection system, Fiamma powered canopy, NeoFlex monitor lifts, Trip-Lite Power strips, Big Foot Auto Leveling system & vehicle jacks, one Accu-Cold Vaccine Cooler, equipped with an external Television mount with external power and HDMI port, Walk-up Service Window, Back up Camera and Touch-Free thermometer. Current mileage is 3960 and has a clean Missouri Title. For more information contact, Steve Crawford, Operations Manager by email at: steve.crawford@jeffcohealth.org or (636) 797-3737 ext. 121.

WIC UPDATES

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

- MWA committee request
- Virtual technology training events
- Discontinuing MICR printer supplies
- WIC 50th yearbook
- Nutrition Management Evaluation (ME) training
- Nutrition resource update
- Updated notification of ineligibility or termination (WIC-19)

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- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
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- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
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- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
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CELEBRATE OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN MAY

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) would like to collaborate with your organization in celebrating Older Americans Month in May and raise awareness for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15) by purchasing merchandise for both events! DHSS has an [online store](#) available to purchase merchandise with the Older Americans Month (OAM), World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) and a combined "Support Our Seniors" logo that promotes both events. Items in the store include: Long, short, and three-quarter sleeved T-Shirts, sweatshirts (hoodies too), tote bags, hats, tumblers and blankets!

Things to note when ordering merchandise:

- You can purchase merchandise using a credit or debit card.
- Items will be shipped directly to your home via USPS.
- We are bundling this year! Order 3 or more items of any of the merchandise and receive 10% off your order!
- All shirts are adult/unisex sizes, and the baseball caps are adult sizes/one size fits most.
- The shirts and tote bag are screen printed, and the baseball caps are embroidered.
- **For the OAM and the Support Our Seniors (OAM/WEAAD combined logo) items, the final day to purchase is APRIL 19!**
- **For WEAAD logo items, the final day to purchase is MAY 22 at noon!**

Any extra proceeds from this order will go to the Department of Health and Senior Services' MO State Employee Charitable Campaign fund!

Wear your gear during the months of May and June to Support our Seniors and raise awareness of OAM and WEAAD. Snap a selfie and share on your social media platforms with the hashtags #OlderAmericansMonth, #SupportOurSeniors or #WEAAD. You may also submit photos of your friends, family and coworkers sporting their new gear to: dsdsofficeofconstituentservices@health.mo.gov and we'll feature them on the DHSS webpage at: <https://health.mo.gov/>.

For more information on Older Americans Month and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, click on these links: [May is Older Americans Month \(OAM\)](#) and: [World Elder Abuse Awareness Day \(WEAAD\)](#).

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 click: [here](#) to view upcoming courses being offered by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) along with their registration status. This section contains courses that have a target audience that includes Public Health, Medical (Hospital) or Healthcare.

Missouri Veterans Commission -- Addressing Social Drivers of Health

The DHSS Office of Minority Health and Health Equity is partnering with the Missouri Veterans Commission to offer a [free webinar](#) on Wednesday, April 3rd from 12 – 1 pm. Join us to learn how the Missouri Veterans Commission addresses social drivers of health by helping veterans apply for benefits and resources that could improve their health. Click above for registration, or see: [Flyer](#).

Save The Date for the 2024 New Administrator Orientation (NAO) – July 10-July 11

Please [save the date](#) to attend our 2024 NAO located at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jefferson City, MO for the following dates: July 10 — July 11. More information to follow. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Harrison at: jennifer.harrison@health.mo.gov.

Certified Environmental Health Specialist (CEHS) Credentials

The Missouri Board of Certification will be offering the exam for the CEHS credentials this spring the day before the MEHA (Missouri Environmental Health Association) annual educational conference. The test will be administered on Tuesday April 2, 1:30 pm at the Oasis Hotel & Conference Center 2546 N Glenstone Ave Springfield, MO 65803. To register for the exam email the application to the email below. The payment for the test can be cash or check and can be brought to the test. There is an exam scholarship available. The applications for the exam and the scholarship along with the qualifications to take the exam can be found on our website at: <https://mehamo.org/certificationboardresources>. The application can be emailed to our treasurer, Lisa Brenneman at our new email address: mehaboardofcert@gmail.com. For questions please email: LAURA.JAHN@LPHA.MO.GOV or: mehaboardofcert@gmail.com.

Mail fee by check or bring checks to the test.

Checks can be mailed to:

Missouri Board of Certification

Attn: Lisa Brenneman

320 E. Central

Springfield, MO 65802

Naloxone in Public Housing: Success in St. Louis

April 4, 2:00-3:30pm Eastern Time (11:00am-12:30pm PT)

In 2022, over a 36-hour period, St. Louis experienced the deadliest mass drug overdose event in the city's history, leading to 11 overdoses and 7 deaths. These overdoses occurred at Parkview Apartments, public housing run by the St. Louis Public Housing Authority. They were the result of accidental fentanyl consumption, a synthetic drug that hit Missouri's drug supply in 2016 and has left a devastating imprint. This webinar will discuss the responsive cross-sector partnership that arose from this tragic event, which is focused on increasing outreach efforts to public housing facilities in St. Louis and lowering barriers for people to access life-saving naloxone and other health resources. The webinar will feature community health workers' and residents' perspectives on the program's benefits. There will be time for Q&A after the panel presentation. [Register for the Webinar](#)

Tobacco Free Schools Webinar — April 4, 2024 10:00 am

Join us for the Show-Me Tobacco Free Schools Webinar. Dr. Pham, MD, is a professor and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP), and Christy Inskip, Youth Tobacco Use Prevention Specialist with Missouri DHSS, will share how to implement strategies to prevent youth tobacco use, including vaping, in the school environment. Topics will include motivational interviewing, cessation, supportive discipline, and tobacco and vape-free school policy implementation. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. The full flyer can be viewed: [HERE](#). Email Laura.Turner@lung.org to register or for more information. [Click to register](#).

MAPP 2.0 Training: April 11 - April 12 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm -- Clay County Public Health Center

Facilitated by NACCHO, the MAPP 2.0 training is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills to use the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) framework effectively. It guides communities in assessing key public health issues and coordinating resources across various sectors for strategic action. The process results in information needed for a community health [needs] assessment (CH[N]A) and a community health improvement plan (CHIP). For more info, email: accreditation@mocphe.org. [\[Register Here\]](#).

Show Me Summit On Aging & Health -- Call For Presentations and Sponsorship/Exhibit Opportunities Open

Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging (ma4) will be holding the 19th Show Me Summit on Aging & Health, September 9 – 11 in Springfield, MO. Please join ma4 this fall to create a stimulating Show Me Summit on Aging & Health by sharing your expertise and knowledge in the field of aging services. Deadline for proposals is April 15. For more information please click: [here](#).

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/accreditation-recognition/getting-started/>.

Current dates available include:

- April 17 from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm
- 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.

Missouri COVID-19 Lessons Learned & Public Health Strategies Conference — April 16-18

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services presents The Missouri COVID-19 Lessons Learned & Public Health Strategies Conference scheduled for April 16-18. This conference will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Jefferson City. We anticipate approximately 300 attendees and hope you can join us during this important event. For additional details and to register, please click on the following link: [Conference Registration](#). If you have any questions please e-mail Eric Hueste at: Eric.Hueste@Health.mo.gov.

ATTENTION: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the room block for the April conference will end on March 19. We will still accept registrations after that date, but no additional rooms will be available. This is reflected in the new [flyer](#).

Becoming Trauma-Responsive: Regional Round Table Institute

We would like to extend an invitation to a forthcoming training which Christin Simpson, FNP-C, our Director of Training and Technical Assistance, is leading in collaboration with the Missouri Hospital Association see [flyer](#). The training is tailored to provide a comprehensive half-day workshop on trauma-informed approaches, with a specific focus on maternal child health. The workshop is designed to equip attendees with the knowledge and skills required to address the diverse needs of maternal child health populations, particularly those affected by trauma. The workshop will begin at 9 am and end at 3 pm. I kindly encourage you to share this invitation with other interested individuals or organizations. Registration is required. Please [click here](#) to register in a region near you.

Virtual LGBTQAI+ and Tobacco Use Listening Session

The Missouri Tobacco Prevention and Control Strategic Plan Workgroup is hosting an LGBTQAI+ and Tobacco Use Listening Session for members and allies of this community to share their experiences. The results of the listening session will inform organizations working in this topic area and help them gain insight, better understand challenges, and discuss solutions together. The intended audience is Missouri individuals identifying with the LGBTQAI+ community, organizations representing this community, and individuals working directly with or providing services in this community. Please share this opportunity with interested parties. There will be two sessions available:

[Register for April 23 @ 6:00 pm](#)

[Register for April 24 @ 12:00 pm](#) .

Strategic National Stockpile: Point of Dispensing Training, Train-the-Trainer – State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) – April 29

This four-hour course is designed to train individuals that will be training others interested in volunteering for a Point of Dispensing (POD) during an activation of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) for a pandemic, bioterrorist attack, natural disaster, or other large-scale incidents. This course will cover what the Strategic National Stockpile is and what it does, legislation governing the operation of PODs, how to conduct a medical dispensing operation, and how to relay that information to other potential trainers. Completion of this course will give volunteers the knowledge and certification to teach others to dispense medication at a POD. This course will be held at the State Emergency Management Agency from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. For more information: <https://sematraining.com/courses/2088/offerings/9019>.

In-Person Regional Lead Case Management Training

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is hosting an in-person training for lead case management. The training will be held on Thursday, May 9 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Wildwood Complex in Jefferson City, MO. The training will cover the basics of lead poisoning, testing requirements, case management, and more. There will NOT be a virtual option for this date. If you would like to sign up for this training, please contact Maggie Burns at maggie.burns@health.mo.gov for more information.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

HEALTH EDUCATOR — Adair County Health Department

The Adair County Health Department (ACHD) is seeking a full time Certified Health Educator to provide public health education and public health communication between the Adair County Health Department and the public. Preferred qualifications are a Bachelor of Science with Certification as a Health Education Specialist (CHES). Candidates must have excellent computer and internet skills. Interested candidates should email their personal information on a "contact" form found on our website homepage at: [HTTP://adair.lphamo.org](http://adair.lphamo.org), -or- submit their information to: Adair County Health Department 1001 S. Jamison Kirksville, Mo. 63501(660-665-8491).

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE — Christian County Health Department

The Christian County Health Department is hiring a full-time registered nurse. The candidate must have a current license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Missouri. Starting salary is \$24.76/hr. This position is responsible for a variety of duties of Public Health Nursing. Job duties may include: assisting with disease investigation, case management, assisting with maternal/child health activities, providing community education, administering Immunizations, assisting with emergency response activities, assisting with community presentations and health fairs, assisting in clinics and other public health duties as assigned. Resumes may be emailed to Dr. Karen Peak at: karen.peak@lpha.mo.gov or faxed to 417-581-6130 Attn: Dr. Karen Peak.

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.

WIC NUTRITIONIST -- City of Joplin Health Department

The WIC Nutritionist conducts nutrition assessments, assigns risk factors, and provides appropriate nutrition and breastfeeding education to all participants according to the State of Missouri Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program policies and procedures. For qualifications, benefits, and salary, please visit: [Jobs • Nutritionist I \(joplinmo.org\)](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT -- Pettis County Health Center

The Pettis County Health Center is seeking to hire an Administrative Financial Support person who is detail oriented. A solid understanding of basic accounting/bookkeeping principles and experience in accounts receivable, accounts payable, bank reconciliation, board financial reports and payroll is required as well as competency in the use of QuickBooks and Microsoft tools including formulas in Excel. Computer and organizational skills are necessary. There are time sensitive duties necessary to this position. Submit resumes to: robin.bartlett@lpha.mo.gov or to: Pettis County Health Center 911 E. 16th Street, Sedalia, MO 65301.

****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

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 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. Visit: <https://hr.sccmo.org/mss/EmploymentOpportunities/>.

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.

PART-TIME WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR – Stone County Health Department

16 hours a week, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor position within the WIC Program. The selected candidate will provide basic breastfeeding information and give support and encouragement to pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. In addition, other responsibilities are to help a mother achieve their breastfeeding goals and serve as a role model for breastfeeding women. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must have personal breastfeeding experience. The ideal applicant would need to be a team player and have excellent communication skills. Clinics will mostly be in the Branson West location, but travel to Galena will be required a few days per month. Resumes can be submitted electronically to: Maria.Wells@lpha.mo.gov. Stone County Health Department is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

WIC NUTRITIONIST -- Taney County Health Department

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) will be accepting resumes for a full-time, 40 hours a week, non-exempt WIC Nutritionist. Duties include providing nutrition and breastfeeding education to WIC eligible participants, assess participants nutritional needs for certification eligibility, help to determine eligibility of WIC participants by performing income assessment and obtaining and entering participant information, grant management, and provide excellent customer service. TCHD is a thriving Local Public Health Department located in Branson and Forsyth Missouri, and 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 requirements, essential functions and how to apply visit: <https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

FULL TIME NUTRITIONIST/DIETITIAN — Affinia Healthcare

Affinia Healthcare has an immediate opening for a full time Nutritionist/Dietitian in the WIC program. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health Nutrition, Dietetics, Home Economic, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least fifteen semester hours in food and nutrition including diet therapy and community nutrition. The selected candidate will provide nutrition education to WIC eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. Resumes will be accepted by email only to: kgore@affiniahealthcare.org.

PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR — Affinia Healthcare

Affinia Healthcare has an immediate opening for a part time (24 hours per week) Breastfeeding Peer Counselor position within the WIC Program. The selected candidate will give basic breastfeeding information, support and encouragement to new mothers and help mothers achieve their own breastfeeding goals. Candidate must be willing to accept after hour phone calls and make home and hospital visits. Personal breastfeeding experience is a must. Selected candidate must work a minimum of 24 hours per week but up to 40 hours per week. Resumes will be accepted by email only to: kgore@affiniahealthcare.org. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

VOLUNTEERS — Missouri Board of Certification

The Missouri Board of Certification has open positions available for volunteers for the board. To qualify for serving, you must be CEHS certified with the Missouri Board of Certification and have a minimum of 5 years experience. If you are interested in serving on the board please reach out to Laura Jahn at: LAURA.JAHN@LPHA.MO.GOV.

Paula Nickelson, DHSS Director, DHSS Staff
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