

Mini Grants Now Available

Just as we have done in the past several years, mini-grants are available. This year, ten grants of \$4,722.80 each are available to Members in Good Standing. Grant applications are online at: <https://www.kshcc.com/nckhcc-documents.html>.

Some of the items that have been purchased via the grants in the past include: Salina Senior Fair gifts of weather radios and first aid kits, 800MHz Radios including State Template installed for all hospitals in NCK, PortaCount Machines, PPE for the HCC Cache, etc.

Deadline for grant applications is **December 15th!** If you have any questions or need help with the application, please contact Beth at nc@hcckansas.com.



Ellsworth County in Focus



Kerianne Ehrlich, Public Health Dept. Director
Andrew Bair, Ellsworth County Medical Center CEO and **Teresa McHenry**, HCC Representative

Keith Haberer, Ellsworth & Russell County Emergency Manager

Jeremiah Brown, Ellsworth County EMS Director

Lee Arnet, Wilson Care & Rehab

Jeff Florian, Ellsworth Correctional Facility

Thanks so much for your faithful service to the community and to the NCKHCC!

January Member Meeting

The January 8th meeting will include a Table Top Exercise provided by the Collaborative Healthcare Urgency Group (CHUG). The exercise will either be a Mass Dispensing Exercise or an Earthquake Exercise. With all the reports and set-up done by CHUG, this promises to be a helpful exercise that will not require members to spend much time in developing After Action Reviews.

Depending on time constraints, we may also have the Healthcare Coalition 101 Class. Spread the word to others who may need an exercise. Register on KS.Train today: https://www.train.org/ks/course/1092953/live_event

Trivia Quiz:

A group of penguins in the water is called a _____, but on land they are called a _____. Be one of the first five to give Beth (785-472-1247 or nc@hccpkansas.com) the correct answers for a fun gift.

Thank you to all the members who offered condolences to my family and I on the passing of my mother. My mother was another victim of the consequences of the COVID 19 virus. The care she received in the hospital, nursing home and through hospice was outstanding. The care provided made me proud to be a part of NCK HCC - Beth Vallier, RRC



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Upcoming Workplan Deadlines:

- The revised NCK HCC Response Plan is due on December 15th. (The revised plan integrates the Pediatric Surge Annex and the Infectious Disease Annex into the plan. Additionally, an updated NCK HCC Inventory is listed along with our members.) Please review the documents noting any changes to Beth by 12/14/20. If no changes are given, the plan will be considered as approved.
- The Budget Period 3 Training Plan, Budget and Workplan are due by January 1, 2021. Please note any changes to Beth by 12/27/20. If no changes are given, the documents will be considered as approved.

--- Your NCKHCC Executive Committee has reviewed and approved all of the above documents. ---

Walk like a penguin!

When things get cold and icy,
And your path looks kind of dicey.

Waddle on!

Keep your toes all pointed out-y,
Keep your knees all loosey-goosey,

Waddle on!

Keep your hands outside your pockets,
Take short steps so you won't rocket,

Waddle on!

Take it slowly. Moley-moley,
So you won't fall down and roll-y

Waddle on!



Welcome New Members:

- Lee Arnet, Wilson Care & Rehab Administrator is the newest member of the HCC.

- Jeff Florian, Health & Safety Officer at Ellsworth Correctional Facility.

There are many, many resources on our website with more being added. If you have not become a member on the website, please do so today at kshcc.com.

In the News:

- COVID 19 Testing in hospitals is being expanded and funded by KDHE. Please see recent email, Sunday on 12/6/20 for more details.
- The Mission Control App is up and running. Mission Control continues to reach out to hospitals in order to onboard them directly. At this time, it appears they will have all hospitals up and running by the end of December. Tertiary facilities are contacted twice a day and the intent is to have all hospitals contacted daily.

PPE Available to Members in Good Standing:

The NCK HCC Regional Cache has many items that your organization might need if your normal suppliers are unable to provide PPE. Please notify Beth at 785-472-1247 or nc@hccpkansas.com if in need of N95 Masks, 3 ply masks, shoe covers, hand sanitizer, etc. Need a SteraMist Cleaning? Please connect with Beth on this reimbursable service. Need a PortaCount Machine? Use the online calendar to reserve a unit.

PPE Available for Post Acute Care:

In addition to the above cache, post acute care organizations can obtain PPE via the following online ordering portal: www.kdads.ks.gov/order.

