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Work Plan Activities

Currently, Healthcare Coalitions in each region throughout Kansas are working diligently on several workplan items.

Due to the COVID-19 response efforts, ASPR has cancelled Budget Period 1 (BP1) workplan items.

Nonetheless, I am still working on a few items that will benefit and strengthen our coalition.

Response Plans. I am reviewing and updating our coalition response plan. "The HCC, in collaboration with the ESF-8 lead agency, should have a collective response plan that is informed by its members' individual plans" ([ASPR, 2016](#)). Please send me your response plans as part of this ongoing project. It will be something we need to update during the next budget period, and many

changes will likely be made to our individual plans as we adapt and respond to the current pandemic.

Healthcare Volunteer Management. A current and on-going project is developing a resource of volunteer opportunities for individuals during an emergency event. If your organization has volunteer opportunities during an emergency event, please inform your Coordinator (RRC).

Mini Grant Awards. Award announcements have been distributed. If you received your award announcement, please make your purchases as soon as possible and submit your reimbursement to Skye. I am aware of a backorder issue with many of the equipment or supplies for which you applied to use the grant. Continue with

your purchase and the grant funds will be considered "spent" even though your purchases will not arrive until after the end of the budget period (BP).

Coalition Surge Test. The CST has been cancelled per ASPR for this BP.

KS Full-Scale Exercise. The FSE has been cancelled per ASPR for this BP.

Statewide Coalition Website. The KSHCC website is now live. The website provides information about the coalition and the community we serve as well as regularly updated information, resources, tools, and library on COVID-19. Members are invited to register online for access to meeting information, agendas, and documents. Register now: www.kshcc.com!

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We're online!
www.kshcc.com

Member Spotlight

I would like to welcome a new member to the KS Metro HCC:

Founded by local owner Neil Barnett in 2005, Care Haven Homes are six residential houses catering to different levels of cognitive & physical ability, allowing a unique

alternative to a large, impersonal nursing institution.

Courtney Goin has been with the company for eight years and is the Director of Operations and Marketing. Her goals for Care Haven Homes is to continue to expand to 8 care homes and

continue this unique model of care for all they can serve. Courtney hopes for the KSMHCC is to be able to expand the services to the older adults population 65 and plus as she feels they are underserved compared to younger adults and children.



Tornado preparedness: 3 ways to safeguard healthcare facilities against disaster

Hospitals are in a unique position when disaster strikes. Predominately regarded as safe havens, hospitals are expected to continuously provide quality patient care and protection to patients, associates and visitors during a disaster, as well as prepare to receive victims from the disaster.

Each year, weather-related calamities lead to approximately 500 deaths and \$15 billion in damages. As a crucial asset in the response and recovery of a community following a disaster, hospitals must ensure the safety of

the physical environment to maintain focus on treating patients.

For much of the United States, tornado season is an annual and terrifying occurrence that healthcare facilities must protect against. Learn the three steps hospitals should take now to ensure staff can act quickly at a time when every second counts.

Implement a comprehensive emergency management plan
In 2017, the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) updated

emergency management requirements for 17 providers and suppliers of healthcare including hospitals, long term care, home health, and outpatient services. These requirements mandate that all Medicare and Medicaid providers must have comprehensive emergency management plans in place that account for their patients, associates, and communities for all natural, man-made, and technological disasters.

[Read More >](#)

COVID-19 Updates & Resources

Kansas Healthcare Coalitions works hard to be a valuable and first go-to for resources and information for COVID-19. Many resources and current data, including direct links to reference sites, can be found on a dedicated page on our website: <https://www.kshcc.com/covid-19-resources.html>. Most following links require registration/login on the KSHCC website.

Another great resource is the [UW Medicine Resource](#) website.

Individuals' as well as nonprofit organizations' needs will grow as the pandemic continues in the region. Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund:

CDC's [Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE and Equipment](#).

Dr. Vandivier's "[COVID-19 Critical Care and Pulmonary Management Updates from the Frontlines](#)" slides from the presentation on April 13th. (Library > COVID-19 > Vandivier)

KDHE "COVID-19 Update for Local Partners" [presentation slides](#) (Library > COVID-19 > KDHE COVID-19 Update) and [webinar recording](#). Register [here](#) for the next webinar to be held April 16 at 10am.

Medical Reserve Corp of Kansas City will have drive-through testing in Wyandotte County April 13-24. RN's, sample handlers, and traffic controllers are needed. Sign up [here](#) (access code: MRCKC).

The NEKRTC Chairman called a special meeting April 3 to discuss a regional plan when hospital resources are stretched due to COVID-19. [See summary](#) (NEKSHCC Meetings > Lunch & Learn)

IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief and Economic Impact Payments. Information and

recipients can also update direct deposit or mailing address [here](#).

[COVID-19 Airway Resource Management](#) presentation by Dr. Lillian Lockwood. (NEKSHCC Meetings > Lunch & Learn)

[PPE Decontamination: A Look at Current COVID-19 Strategies](#) presentation by Dr. Lillian Lockwood. (NEKSHCC Meetings > Lunch & Learn)

[N95 Filtering Facemask Respirator Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation Process for Decontamination and Reuse](#), research conducted by Lowe et al. (2020).

[Vortran Vents](#). Information and training.

[UW Medicine COVID-19 Resource Site](#): policies and protocols developed by UW Medicine System clinical and administrative teams in response to the outbreak in Western Washington.

[Kansas Crisis Standards of Care Guidelines](#).

Society of Critical Care Medicine's (SCCM) [complimentary online training](#), Critical Care for Non-ICU Clinicians

[KDHE Provider Resources](#)

[KHA Resources & Updates](#)

KDHE Provider Calls
Thursdays 10am

COVID-19 CDC Guidance Update

New COVID-19 Guidance and Resources

- New [Guidance for the Identification of Healthcare Workers and Inpatients with Suspected COVID-19 in non-US Healthcare Settings](#)
- New [COVID-19 PSA webpage](#)
- New [Decontamination and Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators using Contingency and Crisis Capacity Strategies](#)
- New [Coronavirus and Travel in the United States](#)
- New [Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- New [Supplemental Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open](#)
- New [Screening clients for respiratory infection symptoms at entry to homeless shelters](#)

- New [FAQs for administrators, staff, people who are incarcerated, families](#)
- New [Discontinuation of Home Isolation for Persons with COVID-19 \(Interim Guidance\)](#) Includes strategy to discontinue home isolation without testing
- New [Public Health Recommendations for People in U.S. Communities Exposed to a Person with Known or Suspected COVID-19, other than Health Workers or other Critical Infrastructure Workers](#)
- New [Phone Advice Line Guidelines for Children \(2-17 years\) or Adults \(≥ 18 years\) with Possible COVID-19](#)

Updated COVID-19 Guidance

- Updated [Guidance Documents](#)
- Updated [Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19](#)
- Updated [How Coronavirus Spreads](#)
- Updated [Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE](#)
- Updated [Prevent Getting Sick](#)
- Updated [Groups at Higher Risk for Severe Illness](#)
- Updated [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)
- Updated [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Home](#)
- Updated [Alternate Care Sites and Isolation Sites](#)

Online Training & Resources

Our Clinical Advisor, Dr. Lillian Lockwood is featured in the Spring issue of the [Topeka Magazine](#) (p.37).

Chemical Event Shipping Supply Locations (CESSL) Program. [Updated information](#) as of December 2019.

[Patient Care: Strategies for Scarce Resources](#), Minnesota Department of Health.

National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) COVID-19 Webinar Series

- [Care of Labor and Delivery Patients](#): Thursday, April 16, 2020 | 3:00 PM
- [Healthcare Workers and Masks](#): Friday, April 17, 2020 | 11:00 AM

Climate Change, Extreme Weather, Natural Disaster & Human Health and

Integrating Climate and Public Health Data into the Hazard Vulnerability Analysis Process. [KS Train 1063656](#)

TEEX [Disaster Recovery Awareness](#).

TEEX [Cyber Incident Analysis and Response](#).

KSMHCC Meeting

April 22, 2020 2pm-3pm

Zoom Meeting

Our next meeting will take place via Zoom in order to maintain social distancing. This meeting is scheduled for no more than an hour to be respectful of your time during these very busy days.

During this hour, we will focus on your individual reports: activities and projects you have going on, challenges you are facing and anything else you would like to share. Please share good news as well.

Please also share information or resources your facility or employees need or would like to have or know about.

My good news: I adopted a puppy from the shelter on March 28 and am training him to be a service dog; at 3 months, he is already weighing in at a little over 30lbs. [See Puppy Photos!](#)

Register online: [KS Train 1087380](#)

Agenda: Login to see Agenda [here](#).

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/355261439>

4 Members in Action

Johnson County Emergency Management

The Johnson County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been operating in a virtual or remote capacity since March 27th. While this has been an adjustment for everyone, the JoCo EOC has been able to facilitate resource requests, coordinate with public health, and maintain situation awareness

through scheduled conference calls and meetings throughout each day.

Johnson County Sheriff's Office has been asked to share the following message: Any Johnson County law enforcement agency can make contact with businesses who may

be operating during this time and their essential status in under question and/or they are not adhering to CDC recommended guidelines.

Others are recommended to contact KEFF@ks.gov for non-essential businesses.

The University of Kansas Hospital System

TUKHS converted their ambulance bay into a patient screening & assessment rooms to prevent potential positive patients from walking through the hospital to get to the emergency department and potentially affecting other patients and staff.

They are working with a company to come in and utilize vapor hydrogen

peroxide to disinfect the N95 respirators for reuse. This process will extend the use of each of the impacted N95s respirators and help to extend our supplies as well.

They established drive-through testing at one of their off-site locations. This has been very beneficial, as it reduces the number of positive/potential patients that walk into the hospital.

Lastly, they are evaluating their shell floor spaces to set up as patient rooms, etc. to help provide additional bed space in the anticipation of a surge of patients (if needed) during the pandemic.

KC Hospice

This past week, KC Hospice held new employee onboarding for 11 new employees who started with their organization. New employee onboarding is Kelli's gig. It was a crazy week. They started Monday with shuffling new employees in and out in groups of 3-4 so the new employees

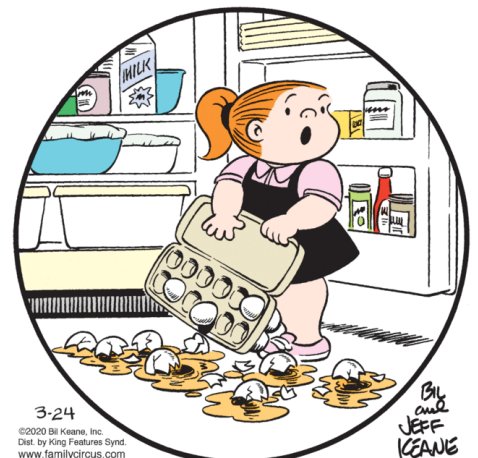
could complete HR paperwork, obtain equipment and get IT access and meet briefly with Kelli. They then conducted onboarding virtually the rest of the week via Google Meet. It is the first time they have done it this way and surprisingly enough it worked, and it

worked well!! One new employee wrote: *"I would like to tell you that I feel the staff has done an exceptional job at online orientation this week. I'm very excited to be working at KCHH!!"*

"We hit a homerun!!!!" ~Kelli

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

- Jimmy Dean



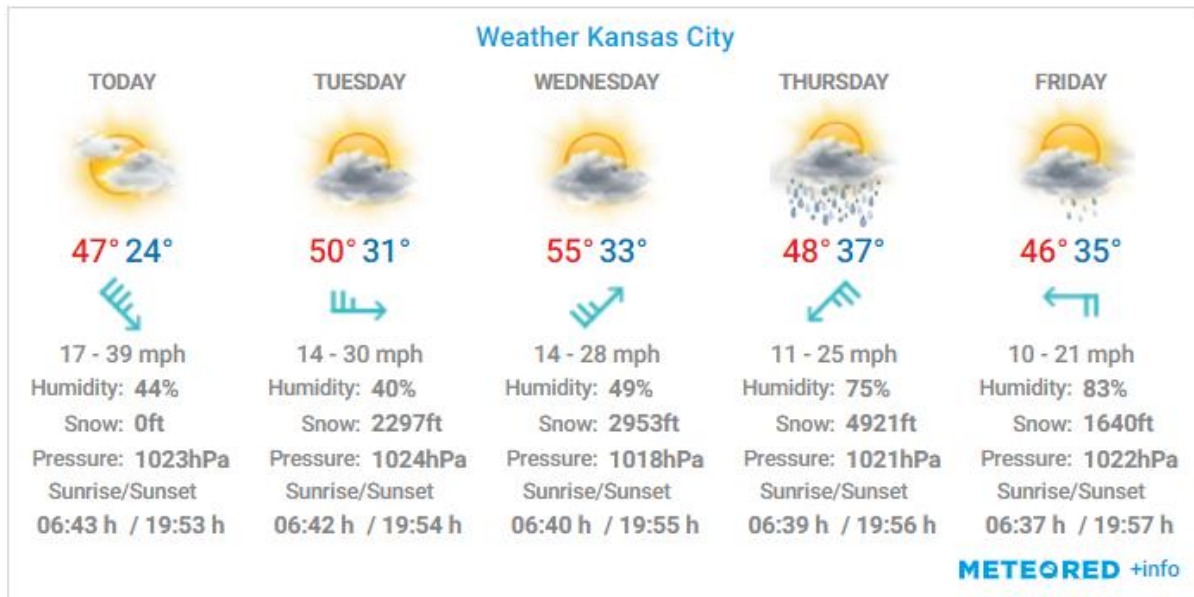
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"Mommy, were you gonna be needin' any eggs opened today?"

Brain Teaser

New York Times: [Tiles](#)

Weather



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