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Topeka, KS



# CPH Session 2

After months of anticipation, the participants of the Kansas Core Public Health program were finally able to meet their classmates in person. Session Two took place at KDHE in Topeka on March 18-19, 2010. Day One's activities were centered on surveillance and epidemiology. The class heard from a surveillance panel with representatives from KDHE, Kansas schools, and Kansas hospitals. Later that day, the group also heard from an epidemiology panel. Moderated by Cheryl Bañez

Ocfemia, KDHE, the panel explained how epidemiologists keep outbreaks from spreading. The panel included epidemiologists that specialize in infectious disease, maternal and child health, environmental health, and chronic disease. Each epidemiologist walked a group of 3-5 participants through a real-life case scenario. The groups discussed how to best handle the scenarios and presented their case to their classmates.



KDHE Epidemiologist Jamie Kim discusses a maternal health case-scenario with members of the CPH class who had to think like an epidemiologist to find a solution.



Dan Kahl, K-State University tells the class about programs run by K-State to help improve quality of life and community health in rural Kansas.

Day Two focused on community partnerships. With examples like H1N1, the 2006 ice storms, floods, and the Greensburg tornado, the group heard how KDHE partners with communities during disasters to provide assistance and resources.

CPH participants also gave presentations of their own. The students took virtual tours of a KDHE bureau and shared their findings with the class. They were encouraged to be as creative as possible. From the Newsroom of the Bureau of Environmental Health to the Web of Knowledge from the Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention to Public Health Informatics Jeopardy, the participants did not disappoint!

Later that afternoon, the class also learned a few practical steps to creating budgets and developing grants from KUSM-W's Judy Johnston. Session Two was wrapped up with rural community engagement information from the presentations of Dan Kahl and Dr. John Leatherman, both from K-State. They shared how K-State University is partnering with rural communities to improve cultural, human, social, political, and financial capital.



CPH participants Lisa Williams (left) and Julia Hulsey perform a skit from KDHE's "Bureau of Environmental Health Newsroom." This presentation informed their classmates of the bureau's function and mission.

Session Three will take place on May 20-21st. It will be held in both Wichita and Topeka. The sites will be connected through ITV.