

May 20-21, 2010  
Wichita and Topeka



Session three of the Kansas Core Public Health Program was a dual-site session that took place in both Wichita and Topeka. The two sites were connected through ITV technology. This allows the audience to see both the speakers and their Power-Point presentations.



CPH participants in Wichita listen as Dr. Marvin Stottlemire explains emotional intelligence.

To begin Day One, Dr. Marvin Stottlemire presented information for becoming an effective leader in public health. Mixed with his own stories of successes and failures, Dr. Stottlemire gave practical advice for effective leadership. He emphasized the importance of possessing a desire to lead, the courage to act, character, and emotional intelligence in leadership. Dr. Susan Kang, KDHE, then gave a legislative update on public health issues being discussed on the floor of the Kansas Legislature. These bills included the recently passed Text Messaging Law, which bans cell phone texting or emailing while driving, as well as the proposed

sugar-sweetened beverage tax, an increased tobacco tax, and establishing nutritional guidelines for school vending machines.



Commissioner Tim Norton and his wife, Dr. Susan Norton, present information about educating and advising elected officials about public health issues.

CPH participants also heard from Sedgwick County Commissioner Tim Norton and his wife, Dr. Susan Norton. The two teamed-up to present the class with tips and tricks concerning how to approach elected officials about public health issues. Together, they facilitated group activities and discussions that allowed the audience to apply their newly acquired skills to a hypothetical scenario. To finish the day, Dennis Highberger, Kathy Walker, and Bob and Amy Swan shared their story of how they created the breastfeeding bill, which was passed into Kansas State law in 2006. This law declares a woman's right to breastfeed in public.



Bob Parnacott explains the statutes in the Kansas Bench book that give certain governing bodies authority during public health interventions.

Day Two of the session focused on Public Health Law and Advocacy. Elaine Schwartz, KPHA, moderated a panel of representatives from organizations that participate in public health legislative advocacy. Organizations that were represented included: the Kansas Public Health Association, the Kansas Health Policy Authority, the Kansas Health Institute, the Office of Judicial Administration, and the Kansas Legislature. The panel was followed by speaker Bob Parnacott, Sedgwick County Courthouse, who presented information regarding which organizations are granted authority during public health interventions. CPH co-director Suzanne Hawley wrapped up Session Three with a discussion of the final public health projects due at the graduation session in November. The class discussed their topics and planned activities.

CPH Session Four will take place on July 15-16th in Wichita, KS, and will feature One Health Kansas speakers, as well as an Environment Health Tour.

