

April 19-20, 2011
Wichita, KS



CPH participants joined other public health workers to attend 2011 Governor's Public Health Conference.

After participating in a webinar for Session 1, Session 2 allowed CPH participants to attend their first live training session of the program on April 19-20. The session was held in conjunction with the Governor's Public Health Conference in Wichita, KS. The participants were asked to attend keynote speakers and specified breakout sessions. The keynote speaker for the conference was Dr. Larry Cohen from the Prevention Institute. Dr. Cohen shared various approaches and strategies to help achieve health equity within our communities. He shared tools that can be used for outreach and collaborative development. Dr. Ruth (Toni) Pickard, Wichita State University discussed the need to adapt health services for immigrants. Immigrants often have unique needs and expectations that need to be addressed in order to provide them with adequate service. CPH students were then asked to attend a Meet and Greet Session, where they were introduced to and given a chance to get to know their classmates. They were also encouraged to start brainstorming topics for their



CPH Co-executive director Suzanne Hawley talks with CPH participant Lori Francis, Reno County Health Department, during the CPH Meet and Greet Session.

final projects as Deborah Fromer, Sedgwick County Health Department, showed them tips for making scientific posters. Once they gathered these pointers, they attended a poster session highlighting CPH and Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute graduates that made posters for their capstone projects. Conference attendees were then invited to attend an evening of dinner and entertainment at the All-American Indian Center in Wichita, KS. Participants were served Indian tacos and enjoyed traditional Indian dancing performed by local tribe members. They were even invited to join in on the "Friendship Dance" at the end of the evening.



Misty Slater, KDHE (center) and Sharon Sharon (right) participate in the "Dance of Partnerships" to close the conference.

Pam Shaw, University of Kansas Medical Center, began Day Two by discussing how pediatricians are performing mental health screenings at early ages. These screenings allow for earlier and more successful interventions, which often lead to better outcomes for the child. Greg Crawford, KDHE, and Gianfranco Pezzino, Kansas Health Institute, led a breakout session discuss the and practical steps that were taken to perform a statewide health assessment. They shared the significance of the findings and where Kansas stands in meeting Healthy People 2010 objectives. Sharon Homan and Tatiana Lin, Kansas Health Institute, explained the ways that we can include children's health in all policies to achieve the health goals set for our state. Partnering with several agencies has proven affective in many cases across the country. To close the session, Aiko Allen, KDHE, instructed the group through the "Dance of Partnerships," which illustrated the importance of collaboration.

Session 3 will be held July 28-29, 2011, in Wichita, KS. The session will be held in conjunction with the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute session. CPH students will join KPHLI scholars from Cycles VIII and IX. They will observe the Cycle VIII scholars' capstone presentations and join Cycle IX scholars in a day learning about One Health Kansas. One Health Kansas is an organization that educates the public regarding the interaction between environment and animal and human health.

