#### **Field Experience Presentation**





#### KPHA

# **UMHMF KPHA Breastfeeding Grant**

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# Overview



- □ Kansas Public Health Association
  - Background/Organizational Structure
- United Methodist Health Ministry Fund
  - Background
- □ My Field Experience
  - Objectives
  - Accomplishments





# Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA)

□ Founded in 1920 by Dr. Samuel J. Crumbine

Largest and oldest organization of public health professionals in Kansas

Mission

"To serve as the primary, unifying organization promoting improvement in the health of Kansans and in public health practice"

#### Many Collaborative Activities

- Relationships with Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations
- □ Working with leading health organizations like KDHE
- Grants from APHA, UMHMF, KDHE, KHF etc.
- Participant in "health in Kansas" activities e.g. Annual Health Day
- Promotes health in Kansas through Health Policy
- □ Accreditation efforts to help state and counties

## **KPHA** Organizational Structure



Shirley Orr, President

# **Organizational Chart**

- □ KPHA Board of Directors and Officers
  - President
  - President-Elect
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Past President
- □ At Large Directors
- □ APHA Representative
- Section chairs
- Committee Chairs
- □ Staff
  - Executive Director



#### **KPHA** Membership Sections

- □ Administrative
- **Community Health**
- Research and Evaluation
- Elder Issues
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Health
- Infectious Disease
- Oral Health
- **Students**
- Tobacco, Substance Abuse and Mental Health
- □ Health Policy

### **KPHA** Executive Director



Elaine Schwartz, Executive Director

### United Methodist Health Ministry Fund (UMHMF)

- Established in 1986 by Kansas West Conference of United Methodist Church
- Grants to non profit organizations to improve health in Kansas
- □ Made over \$50 million grants
- Mission

"Healthy Kansans through cooperative and strategic philanthropy guided by Christian principles"

# My Field Experience

#### Objectives

- Prepare an half-yearly report describing the successful implementation of UMHMF KPHA Breastfeeding Grant in 23 counties of Kansas
- Interact with representatives from grantee counties and officials from State Health department
- Organize a workshop and a breakout session at KPHA Annual Fall Conference 2012

#### UMHMF KPHA Breastfeeding Grant

#### □ Purpose, Background, and Scope

- Support improvements in breastfeeding duration and initiation rates in targeted communities
- Grant of \$10,000 by UMHMF to each eligible county for a period of one year (2012)
- Eligible Applicants
  - County Public Health Departments of 23 counties
  - Collaborations encouraged
  - Counties with successful implementation of grant in 2011
- Reporting Requirements
  - Quarterly report by grantees to KPHA
  - Half-yearly report by KPHA to UMHMF
- □ Continuation of funding in future
  - 30 counties given grant during 2 years
  - Collaboration with KDHE to develop new breastfeeding projects

#### Interaction with County Health Departments and State Health Department Officials

- □ Mode of Communication : Skype and email
- Weekly Audio/Video Skype sessions with Elaine Schwartz
- Email blasts: communication with county health departments and State Health Department officials
  - Uniformity of information
  - Reach out large number of officials simultaneously







#### KPHA Annual Fall Conference 2012

Workshop : Building Effective Collaborations: Sharing Innovations to Promote Breastfeeding in Kansas

Goals met:

- Prepared agenda
- Sent invitation email blasts
- Prepared Pre- & Post-test
- Prepared Evaluation worksheet
- Presented half-yearly report of UMHMF KPHA Grant
- Hosted Pop-up Quiz
- Breakout session: Interventions to Promote Breastfeeding in Kansas Goals met:
  - Prepared Agenda
  - Sent invitation email blasts

# KPHA Annual Fall Conference 2012: In Pictures







# What Did I Learn?

- □ Insight into the organization and work of a nongovernment public health organization
- Grant Implementation and report writing
- Skills required in Public Health Field: Organization, Collaboration, and Communication
- □ International work experience

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