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 non-government 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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