

# Friday Facts

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MPHA) -- Seeking Nominees for Board of Directors

The Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA), the longest-serving voluntary public health organization in the State of MO, is seeking nominees for upcoming vacancies on its Board of Directors. This is an opportunity to serve in a leadership position as the organization celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025. This organization has a long history of collaboration with public health agencies in the state to advocate for effective health policy and to lead efforts in reducing preventable disease and disability. If you wish to serve, please send a brief (2-3 paragraph) bio to Bert Malone, Chair, MPHA Nominating Committee, indicating your interest and why you feel you would be an asset to the organization. Send to: [Bert.Malone923@gmail.com](mailto:Bert.Malone923@gmail.com) and copy to Sandy Boeckman, Exec Director, [sboeckman@mopha.org](mailto:sboeckman@mopha.org).

### THERE'S AN ECHO FOR YOU! -- ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes)

Do you wish you could consult an expert or ask a specialist about something going on in your practice? Are you struggling with access to knowledge resources and solutions to unique community issues? Are you looking to deepen your practice and apply latest research trends? Do you want to provide exceptional care for patients in their home community? Then there is an ECHO for you! ECHO is a knowledge-sharing network that uses videoconferencing technology to create communities of learning where subject matter specialists share expertise with community providers. Participants bring their own cases and experiences for learning and discussion. In this "all teach, all learn" model, everyone benefits from a community committed to cycles of knowledge-sharing, best practices, and positive impact. Show-Me ECHO builds learning collaboratives so professionals can confidently provide exceptional care in their own communities. With over 30 topics (including adult psychology, pediatric sleep, oral health, and even chronic conditions—such as diabetes, hepatitis C, and kidney disease), Show-Me ECHO facilitates efforts to provide equitable access and exceptional care to rural and underserved Missourians. Through these **FREE** interactive sessions, participants are invited to acquire new skills in addition to building professional partnerships and ongoing mentoring. Many ECHOs also offer **FREE** continuing education credits for qualifying professionals. To learn more about the various ECHO topics, visit: [SHOWMEECHO.ORG](http://SHOWMEECHO.ORG).

### WIC UPDATES

WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage at: <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic-portal/updates/>.

- LA HemoCue order update
- Save the Date—2024 Missouri WIC Conference
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## UPDATE ON THE WEBSURV, EPITRAX, AND ENVSURV REPLACEMENT PROJECT

ShowMe WorldCare will replace WebSurv, EpiTrax, and EnvSurv at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). Implementation is currently scheduled for June 10. However, due to scheduling of the CSTE conference as well as the level of customization being requested, DHSS and the vendor are reviewing timelines to determine if the implementation date should be moved. Any change to the implementation date will be communicated as soon as it is finalized. Currently, DHSS programs are documenting specifications for reportable conditions. DHSS staff along with LPHA representatives are exploring a TEST version of ShowMe WorldCare by entering test records, reviewing draft condition screens, and examining geographic boundaries. Regular updates on project progress and opportunities to assist (by reviewing design plans, testing, etc.) will be shared with LPHAs via the *Friday Facts* and other mechanisms. Questions about the project may be sent to Becca Mickels at: [Becca.Mickels@health.mo.gov](mailto:Becca.Mickels@health.mo.gov).

## DHSS CORNER

### DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

For additional DHSS Job Opportunities, please visit the MO Careers website [here](#).

## MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

### State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Upcoming Courses

Please view upcoming courses being offered by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). See [flyer](#) for registration status. This section contains courses that have a target audience that includes Public Health, Medical (Hospital) or Healthcare.

### Heartland Center at Saint Louis University -- Population Health Management Webinar

The Heartland Center at Saint Louis University is proud to present Population Health Management. The Why. How. What. Strategies for High Quality Patient Care. Angela Herman-Nestor will host the webinar April 24 from 12:00-1:00 pm.

As a result of attending, participants will:

- Understand the importance of addressing social drivers/determinants of health (SDOH) to improve comprehensive equitable health care and learn tactics to improve staff awareness with SDOH work.
- Define population health and explain different conceptualizations of population health and health equity.
- Describe strategies for how the six components of population health support high quality patient centered care and achievement of the Quintuple Aim.

Please see [flyer](#) for more information.

Up to 1 CPH Recertification Credit may be earned by attending this event.

Zoom Registration:

[https://slu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_olwM557OTKaZEa0\\_LP37AA](https://slu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_olwM557OTKaZEa0_LP37AA).

### safeTALK and Conversations for Suicide Safer Homes Workshop — Presented by Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services – May 3

Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services would like to invite you to safeTALK and Conversations for Safer Homes Workshop. This one-day event combines two programs that will help participants recognize a person who may be having thoughts of suicide and create suicide safe environments when someone is experiencing thoughts of suicide. This FREE training will be held at Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services on Friday, May 3 from 9 am – 3 pm. Lunch will be provided and registration is required. For more information see [flyer](#).

To register, please click here: <https://forms.gle/quDDZaZXYHgK7fd78>.

For more information or issues registering please contact Monica Stokes at: [monica.stokes@como.gov](mailto:monica.stokes@como.gov).

### **Missouri Coalition for Oral Health Webinar: The Role of Local Public Health in Community Water Fluoridation – May 3, 12-1:30 pm**

The Missouri Coalition for Oral Health, in collaboration with the Office of Dental Health, presents The Role of Local Public Health in Community Water Fluoridation. This webinar will provide local public health agencies with an overview of community water, its prevalence in Missouri, and tips and tricks for supporting water fluoridation efforts.

Please click: [here](#) for registration and more information.

Learning Objectives:

1. Upon completion of the webinar, participants will have an increased knowledge of community water fluoridation practices in Missouri.
2. Upon completion of the webinar, participants will increase awareness of fluoridation activities across Missouri.
3. Upon completion of the webinar, participants will be equipped with tools and tactics for discussing community water fluoridation with community members.

### **A Beginner's Guide to CHA/CHIP/Strategic Planning: May 13 | 10:00 - 11:30 AM CT | Virtual**

Perfect for newcomers or those seeking a refresher, you'll learn the essentials of these interconnected plans through interactive discussions and practical exercises. This session is your guide to crafting a sustainable community health improvement strategy and kickstarting your accreditation journey. Email: [accreditation@mocphe.org](mailto:accreditation@mocphe.org) with questions. [\[Register Here\]](#).

### **Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training — June 2-5 – In Person – Columbia, MO**

The application deadline is April 15. People from many disciplines can benefit from this training, including nurses, doctors, respiratory therapists, and other clinical professionals; pharmacists; dental professionals; community health workers; staff from community-based organizations; substance use disorder and behavioral health counselors; and others. The training is fully accredited by The Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs (CTTTP). It provides a comprehensive approach for individuals to learn the core competencies necessary to apply for the National Certificate in Tobacco Treatment Practice (NCTTP). Each training is limited to 20 attendees.

Visit: <https://tobaccofree.missouri.edu/tts-training/> to complete an application and find additional information, or see the [flyer](#) for additional information. Please email: [quitnow@health.missouri.edu](mailto:quitnow@health.missouri.edu) with any questions.

### **Readiness Assessment Training for Missouri Local Public Health Agencies**

Join PHAB to learn more about the PHAB Readiness Assessment process, including an overview of the assessment, approaches to completing the assessment, and its benefits. To register go to: <https://phaboard.org/accreditation-recognition/getting-started/>.

Current dates available include:

- June 25 from 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
- August 28 from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Please contact: [educationservices@phaboard.org](mailto:educationservices@phaboard.org) with any questions. MO LPHAs can receive incentive credit by attending PHAB Readiness Assessment training. To receive credit please forward the PHAB Training Follow-up email received after the training to: [incentivefundingsubmissions@health.mo.gov](mailto:incentivefundingsubmissions@health.mo.gov).

### **In-Person Regional Lead Case Management Training**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is hosting an in-person training for lead case management. The training will be held on Thursday, May 9 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Wildwood Complex in Jefferson City, MO. The training will cover the basics of lead poisoning, testing requirements, case management, and more. There will NOT be a virtual option for this date. If you would like to sign up for this training, please contact Maggie Burns at [maggie.burns@health.mo.gov](mailto:maggie.burns@health.mo.gov) for more information.

### **MOCPE Accreditation Cohorts | Beginning May & June | Virtual**

We're excited to announce three new accreditation cohorts starting in May and June this year. Whether you're new to accreditation or seeking reaccreditation, there's a cohort for you. The CHA/CHIP Cohort will focus on developing or updating CHA/CHIP documents. The Strategic Planning Cohort will help LPHAs craft effective strategic plans. For those seeking PHAB Reaccreditation, this cohort will dive into the specifics. View the [flyer](#) to sign up by April 12 to help shape the meeting times. Don't miss the chance to elevate your organization's accreditation journey! For more information, email: [accreditation@mocphe.org](mailto:accreditation@mocphe.org).

## **LPHA New Administrator Orientation — July 10-July 11**

We are gearing up for our New Administrator Orientation and we hope you can join us for the big event in Jefferson City at the Courtyard by Marriott on July 10 and July 11! As always you don't have to be new to join us! We love having our seasoned LPHA's join us as well! Seasoned LPHAs, your knowledge, stories, and expertise are vital to what makes this training successful. It is a great way to get to know and welcome your new colleagues!

**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:** Like our orientations in the past, we **WILL** pay for your hotel room cost on July 9 and 10.

**MEALS:** We will provide lunch on July 10 **AND** breakfast and lunch on July 11.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We do **NOT** provide dinner at the conclusion of day one, July 10, but we do like to get everyone together as a group to go out to dinner and visit. This is our networking time and other staff from DHSS join us for dinner. It is always a great time with lots of laughs and we encourage you to come!

**DAY 1 – Wednesday, July 10 -** This day starts early with an **OPTIONAL** tour of the Missouri State Public Health Lab at 10:00 am, but please arrive no later than 9:45 am for check-in as there is a special security procedure you will need to go through. If you have never been on a tour of the lab, I highly recommend it as our SPHL is truly something special! If you opt out of the SPHL tour, the day will start at the hotel at 12:30 pm. Reminder...you don't have to worry about lunch, we promise we will feed you when you arrive at the hotel!

**DAY 2 – Thursday, July 11-** On this day, breakfast will be served starting at 7:30 am and the first session will start at 8:00 am and ending time is tentatively set for 2:30 pm.

Please register using the following link: [https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4Nq7RRiKLQURQDI](https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Nq7RRiKLQURQDI).

**Registration will close on May 31.** As soon as registration closes, we will send out a confirmation email on June 3 and you will have 3 days to respond to confirm your attendance. The agenda and additional information will be sent out soon! If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jennifer Harrison at: [jennifer.harrison@health.mo.gov](mailto:jennifer.harrison@health.mo.gov).

## **LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY HEALTH -- Adair County Health Department**

The Adair County Health Department is seeking a highly qualified and dynamic individual for the position of Director of Community Health. This pivotal role involves spearheading the development and establishment of a new department focused on community health initiatives. The Director will be responsible for creating and implementing programs, overseeing services, and evaluating the impact of these initiatives to ensure the well-being of the community. Interested candidates should email their personal information on a "contact" form found at: [HTTP://adair.lphamo.org](http://adair.lphamo.org) on our website homepage or submit their information to the Adair County Health Department, 1001 S. Jamison, Kirksville, Mo. 63501 or call: 660-665-8491.

### **FULL-TIME NUTRITIONIST/DIETITIAN—Camden County Health Department**

Camden County Health Department has an immediate opening for a full time (35 hours/week) Nutritionist/Dietitian in the WIC program. The candidate must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health Nutrition, Dietetics, Home Economic, or closely related field; including or supplemented by at least fifteen (15) semester hours in food and nutrition including diet therapy and community nutrition. The selected candidate will provide nutrition education to WIC eligible participants and assess their nutritional needs for certification eligibility. Resumes will be accepted by email at: [jennifer.finley@lpha.mo.gov](mailto:jennifer.finley@lpha.mo.gov) or mail: PO Box 816 Camdenton, MO 65020. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

### **HR SPECIALIST VOLUNTEER & INTERN – Clay County Public Health Center**

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has an opening for a full-time HR Specialist Volunteer and Intern. The Human Resources Specialist is responsible for performing administrative duties within the Operations Team, including but not limited to assisting with human resources processes and general agency-related activities as assigned. This position oversees the volunteer and intern program. Visit: [clayhealth.com](http://clayhealth.com).

### **PIKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

Pike County Health Department Home Health & Hospice is currently seeking to fill the following full time positions. Learn more and apply online at: <https://pikecountyhealth.org/about-us/career-opportunities/>.

- Home Health and Hospice Social Worker
- RN Case Manager
- Certified Nursing Assistant - CNA



### **CONTRACTED ACCOUNTS SPECIALIST -- Christian County Health Department (Full-time)**

A High school diploma or equivalent is required with a degree in accounting or similar area preferred. Two years medical billing and accounting experience required; five years preferred. A working knowledge of medical billing coding and contract reimbursement practices needed. Must have a proven ability to work successfully with billing programs, general ledger applications and reimbursement applications. The ideal candidate will have a comprehensive knowledge of medical billing methods with a meticulous level of accuracy in all billing and accounting functions. Knowledge and use of generally acceptable contract billing accounting principles with proficient computer skills including Microsoft Office, specifically Excel, and QuickBooks software. Responsible for the overall maintenance of contracted accounts; maintenance includes duties such as billing Medicaid, Medicare, and other contracted accounts; ensures reimbursement documentation for contracted accounts is available and accurate per contract specifications; performs accounts payable functions; and computing, classifying, and recording financial transactions to ensure the financial records of the Department's contracted accounts are accurate per contract specifications; engages with external financial consultants on billing or financial matters and accurately maintains and updates general ledger and backup documentation; works with auditor preparing needed documentation ensuring contract financial deliverables are met and ready for audit; may reconcile or assist with reconciliation of all health department bank accounts timely; develops and maintains a system to timely pay all routine bills; May prepare or assist with preparing monthly financial statements, annual audits, and any ad hoc reports; Complies with federal, state, and company policies, procedures and regulations; serves as a back-up to front desk staff, including fingerprinting identification service; performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned. Salary range is \$39,000-\$47,940.00, depending on experience. Resumes should be emailed to Dr. Karen Peak at: [karen.peak@lpha.mo.gov](mailto:karen.peak@lpha.mo.gov) or faxed to 417-581-6130 Attn: Dr. Karen Peak.

### **FULL-TIME WIC CERTIFIER—Clay County Public Health Center**

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), has an opening for a full-time WIC Certifier. WIC Certifiers are paraprofessionals who work in the Women, Infants & Children food and nutrition program and assist in collecting and entering data needed for the certification process in the Missouri WIC Information Network System (MOWINS). The Nutrition Coordinator shall oversee the WIC Certifier's work in nutrition education, issuing food prescriptions and risk factors assignment. The Nutrition Coordinator may delegate supervision of the WIC Certifier to the Competent Professional Authority (CPA) regarding program standard eligibility duties and activities. For more information, visit: [clayhealth.com](http://clayhealth.com).

### **SECTION CHIEF OF OPERATIONS & DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES – Clay County Public Health Center**

The Clay County Public Health Center, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has an opening for a full-time Section Chief of Operations/Director of Human Resources. With guidance from the Deputy Director, the Section Chief of Operations/Director of Human Resources is responsible for carrying out section objectives, including managing all human resource functions as well as evaluating program services and ensuring compliance with local, state, and federal laws, contract requirements and Section policies and procedures. The Section Chief also supervises and coordinates activities of personnel engaged in carrying out program goals. Visit: [clayhealth.com](http://clayhealth.com).

### **REGISTERED NURSE -- Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services**

The Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services is accepting applications for a Public Health Nurse to join the department's Community Health Nursing Unit. The full-time position reports to the Nursing Supervisor and includes the following: general public health nursing services, health education activities, communicable disease surveillance and investigation, TB testing and treatment, immunizations, and lab specimen collection. Applicants should have at least one year of relevant nursing experience and a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. An Associate degree in Nursing plus additional experience will also be considered. Applicants must be licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. A complete job description, salary information and an online application are available at: <https://www.gocomojobs.com/postings/31041>

### **FULL-TIME NURSING PROGRAM ASSISTANT/WIC CERTIFIER—St Charles County Department of Public Health**

The St. Charles County Department of Public Health has an opening for a full-time Nursing Program Assistant/WIC Certifier. WIC Certifiers are paraprofessionals who work in the Women, Infants & Children Food and Nutrition Program (WIC) and assist in collecting and entering data needed for the certification process in the Missouri WIC Information Network System (MOWINS). The Nutrition Coordinator shall oversee the WIC Certifier's work in nutrition education, issuing food prescriptions, and risk factors assignment. More information can be found: [here](#).

**FULL-TIME LEAD BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR—City of St. Joseph Health Department.**

The City of St. Joseph Health Department has an opening for the Lead Breastfeeding Peer Counselor. This full-time position is a paraprofessional who gives basic and more advanced breastfeeding information, support and encouragement to pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers, and serves as a role model for breastfeeding women and the Breastfeeding Peer Counselors. No budgetary expectations. For more information on the position's duties and responsibilities, or to apply, please click: [here](#).

**FULL-TIME WIC NUTRITIONIST — City of St. Joseph Health Department**

The City of St. Joseph Health Department has an opening for a full-time nutritionist in the WIC program. The nutritionist will assist with administering the WIC program while following the policies and procedures established by the Federal and State government, and participate in the development and implementation of nutritional counseling and education for the local Women/Infant/Children (WIC) Nutrition Program. No supervisory responsibilities. Limited budgetary responsibilities. Helps coordinate nutrition and breast-feeding services provided to participants in the WIC Program. For more information, and to apply, please click: [here](#).

**FULL-TIME REGISTERED DIETITIANS — St. Louis County Department of Public Health**

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health has an opening for a WIC Health Education Supervisor (Registered Dietitian). This is a full time, grant funded, Registered Dietitian position working out of the North Central Community Health Center at 4000 Jennings Station Road. The WIC Supervisor position requires a minimum of one year of Registered Dietitian experience. The Department of Public Health also has two additional Registered Dietitian positions that would work in the Health Center medical clinics at the John C. Murphy Health Center at 6121 N. Hanley Road and the North Central Community Health Center at 4000 Jennings Station Rd. doing a mixture of Medical Nutrition Therapy and WIC. For additional information or to apply online visit: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stlouis> and search for WIC Health Education Supervisor and/or Registered Dietitian.

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**ACCOUNTING MANAGER -- Taney County Health Department**

The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) will be accepting resumes for a full-time, 40 hours a week, exempt Accounting Manager. Duties include management of daily fiscal operations including accounts payable, accounts receivable, reconciliation, policies, and procedure. Other duties include budget development and monitoring, oversight of medical billing, leads annual audit, and grant reporting. The Taney County Health Department is a thriving Local Public Health Department located in Branson and Forsyth Missouri. TCHD is committed to the community and to its employees. The TCHD leadership team is committed to provide a work environment that provides staff with communication, transparency, collaboration, forward thinking, staff development, trust, and fun. Deadline-May 3. For requirements, essential functions and how to apply visit: <https://www.taneycohealth.org/>.

Paula Nickelson, DHSS Director, DHSS Staff  
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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