

Immunizations for Healthy Aging – *Ad Astra ECHO Series on Immunizations in Kansas*

AGENDA

December 15, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. **Welcome & Introduction**
Sheena L. Schmidt, MPP, Senior Analyst, Kansas Health Institute
- 10:05 a.m. **Aging, Immunity and Recommended Adult Immunization**
Joan Duwve, MD, MPH, State Health Officer, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Krissi O'Dell, BSN, Immunization Nurse Educator, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- 10:30 a.m. **Panel Discussion: *Other Voices in Immunizations for Healthy Aging***
Moderator: *Cynthia Snyder, MA*, Analyst, Kansas Health Institute
Amanda Applegate, PharmD, BCACP, Director of Practice Development, Kansas Pharmacists Association
Annette Graham, LSCSW, Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging
Lacey Hunter, Commissioner of Survey, Certification & Credentialing, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
Brenda Rhoads-Groves, LPN, CADDCT, Community Quality Improvement Consultant, KFMC Health Improvement Partners
Patricia Torres, Community Health Specialist, Immunize Kansas Coalition
- 11:00 a.m. **Case Discussion**
- 11:15 a.m. **Q & A**
- 11:20 a.m. **Closing Remarks**
Rep. John Eplee, MD, Kansas State Representative and family physician
- 11:30 a.m. **Adjourn**



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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

AGING, IMMUNITY AND RECOMMENDED ADULT IMMUNIZATION

Listed in alphabetical order by last name



Joan Duwve, MD, MPH, is the State Health Officer at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Dr. Duwve joined KDHE in Nov. 2020 to lead the COVID-19 Unified Testing Strategy before moving into the Deputy State Health Officer position in July 2021. Prior to her roles at KDHE, Dr. Duwve spent 12 years in various public health leadership roles in South Carolina and Indiana. While at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environment Control, Dr. Duwve worked to elevate the health equity program and hire a director of diversity, equity and inclusion. She also spent 11 years practicing as a family medicine physician.



Krissi O'Dell, BSN, is the Immunization Nurse Educator for the Infectious Disease Management Section under the Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She works within the bureau to strengthen the immunization program by providing educational support to vaccine providers within the state of Kansas. O'Dell is a Registered Nurse with more than 20 years of primary care experience as well as five years in public health. She completed her BSN at Pittsburg State University in 1998. During her years in primary care, she served as both the VFC Vaccine Coordinator and Back-up Coordinator. The last five years she has served in public health at both the local health department level and with KDHE. During her time at the health department, she worked with multiple programs to provide nutrition/health education, vaccinations, disease investigations, and emergency preparedness. She also was the coordinator for the COVID-19 team that provided case management, vaccinations and testing for Crawford County. O'Dell is a

Kansas native and is very passionate about vaccines, education, and empowering others through knowledge.

PANEL DISCUSSION: OTHER VOICES IN IMMUNIZATIONS FOR HEALTHY AGING

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Amanda Applegate, PharmD, BCACP, is the Director of Practice Development at the Kansas Pharmacists Association (KPhA), working to find the intersections between public health and pharmacy practice. Prior to this position, she spent more than 10 years as a Clinical Services Coordinator at Balls Foods Stores, leading their immunization program and COVID-19 Response Team. Applegate is passionate about preventive care and immunizations and loves to share that with other pharmacies, helping them implement critical clinical services to care for their communities. Applegate graduated from and completed a community practice residency with University of Kansas.



Annette Graham, LCSW, is Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging. Her forty-plus year career in public service began when she was in college as a direct support worker. Upon graduation from Wichita State University she worked for the state as an Adult Protective Services (APS) social worker and a supervisor for APS and Child Protective Services (CPS). After completing her graduate degree she worked as a therapist at COMCARE of Sedgwick County and completed requirements for clinical-level licensure.

In 1999 she accepted the position of Executive Director of the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging/Sedgwick County Department on Aging. In her current role she is responsible for managing the agency with a mission to assist older adults and individuals with physical and developmental disabilities remain in the community. The agency employees 95 staff and manages a budget of over \$16 million dollars. Graham has a bachelor's degree in social work and gerontology from Wichita

State University, and a master's degree in social work administration from the University of Kansas. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Graham serves on the USAging board, the American Society on Aging Mental Health and Aging Network, the Wichita State University School of Social Work Advisory Board, the United Way Emergency Food and Shelter Advisory Committee, the Wichita Community Health Foundation and is a member of Interhab.



Lacey Hunter is Commissioner of Survey, Certification & Credentialing at the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). She began working for KDADS as the Licensure and Certification Enforcement Manager in 2017 during which time she also became the state's PEAK liaison and Sunflower Connect coordinator. Prior to her work at KDADS, Hunter was a licensed operator in the State of Kansas and the Executive Director of an assisted living community. Hunter has 13 years of customer service experience and eight years of management and leadership experience, as well as five years in the public health sector. She has served as a leader inside and outside of her professional career through serving for and with various organizations.

Hunter earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Kansas State University in 2010 with a major in marketing and minor in management. Hunter reports to Deputy Secretary of Hospitals and Facilities Scott Brunner and serves on the KDADS leadership team, as well as various committees. Hunter works closely with her team to create and enforce regulatory compliance for various licensure categories overseen by the commission and has a dedication for creating systems and process to better serve the people of Kansas.



Brenda Rhoads-Groves, LPN, CADDCT, serves as the Kansas Quality Improvement Consultant for KFMC Health Improvement Partners, and brings expertise in health care quality, long-term care and patient and family engagement to the state and the QIN-QIO region. Rhoads-Groves has provided operational management and leadership to large scale quality improvement initiatives for long-term care including designing, supporting and leading the development of projects and initiatives to facilitate measurable improvement across the state.

Rhoads-Groves' current role is to lead Kansas nursing home teams in development and implementation of strategies to achieve the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' vision of transformational change, empowering them with the tools and resources needed to improve quality of care and quality of life for those they serve. Rhoads-Groves was an integral part of Project ECHO's

National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network and provided quality improvement support to over 250 nursing homes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rhoads-Groves holds national certifications as an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Trainer and was awarded Educator of the Year in 2019 by the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners.



Patricia Torres is the Community Health Specialist for the Immunize Kansas Coalition. She covers part of Southwest Kansas - Seward, Meade, and Stevens counties. In this role, her main goal is to educate and promote the importance of immunizations for vaccine-preventable diseases. Torres works with all age categories and visits industrial factories, school districts and senior centers. She has a passion to serve and enjoys interacting with the public.

CLOSING REMARKS



Representative John Eplee, MD, is a dedicated fourth-generation Kansan with a lifelong commitment to serving his state and community. After graduating summa cum laude in pre-medical science from Kansas State University, Rep. Eplee pursued a career in medicine. He completed his medical studies at the University of Kansas Medical School in Kansas City, developing a passion for family medicine and earning recognition as an outstanding resident. For over four decades, Rep. Eplee has been a devoted family physician, founding the Troy Clinic and actively contributing to the Atchison Hospital. He's delivered over 1,600 babies during his career and has played pivotal roles in health care leadership, serving as the Kansas Academy of Family Physician's President and Chairman of the National Committee on Rural Health. Beyond his medical practice, Rep. Eplee is a proud parent, grandparent, and active member of the Atchison community as a former school board member and through his participation in the Atchison Rotary Club. Rep. Eplee has represented District 63 in

the Kansas House of Representatives since 2016.



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