



KHA's Capitol Comments
January 12, 2024

Plan to Attend Advocacy Day – Jan. 16

The Kansas Hospital Association is excited to invite you to join us at our annual [KHA Advocacy Day](#), Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Beacon, 420 SW 9th St., Topeka. This is a great opportunity for members to get up to speed on all the issues anticipated in 2024. Attendees will hear from statewide elected officials about the latest developments. And, again this year, we will tour the statehouse so you can see the beauty of our state capitol and visit with your policymakers directly about the issues important to your hospital.

The lunch with legislators will be a come-and-go opportunity to connect, so we highly encourage you to reach out to them to set meetings for the afternoon of Jan 16. You can use the [KHA Advocacy Tool](#) to find and contact your state legislators in the House and Senate before you arrive in Topeka. If you need assistance accessing the tool, please contact the KHA office.

We are also excited to honor the graduates of our first-ever KHA Advocacy All-Stars program. These individuals are ready to put their skills to work, advocating for the needs of Kansas hospitals.

- Casey Cockrum, managing director, FORVIS
- Linsey Coster, vice president of operations, Ascension Via Christi Hospitals
- Sara Davison, quality and care management, Lindsborg Community Hospital
- Sandy Dickerson, administrator and chief executive officer, Greenwood County Hospital
- Emersen Frazier, director of health equity and policy, Stormont Vail Health
- Charles Griffith, clinic director, Smith County Memorial Hospital
- Brian Howells, administrator, Wamego Health Center
- Jalin Johnson, director of operations, Minneola Healthcare
- Angie Johnson, chief nursing officer, Memorial Health System
- Allison Koonce, community outreach and engagement supervisor, LMH Health
- Marissa Murphy, critical care unit, NMC Health
- Monica Natzke, vice president, chief nursing officer, AdventHealth South Overland Park
- Jennifer Newton, chief nursing officer, Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center
- Courtney Schmelzle, community relations coordinator, Nemaha Valley Community Hospital
- Curt Sudbeck, director of ancillary services, Nemaha Valley Community Hospital

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See you there!

Next Week's Schedule

Next week, committee work will pick up as hearings get started.

Monday, Jan. 15

No Session

Tuesday, Jan. 16

Senate Public Health and Welfare – 8:30 a.m. – Room 142S

Presentation: The Community Support Waiver for Intellectual / Developmental Disability, Michele Heydon, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Senate Assessment and Taxation – 9:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Hearing: (proponents) [House Bill 2036](#) – Creating a property tax exemption for retired and disabled veterans

Senate Commerce – 10:30 a.m. – Room 546S

Briefing: Results of the CEO poll on the top concerns for Kansas business owners, Alan Cobb, CEO, Kansas Chamber of Commerce

House Corrections and Juvenile Justice – 1:30 p.m. – Room 546S

Informational briefing: Status of Kansas Law Enforcement Overview and Update: Sheriff Jeff Easter, Sedgwick County Sheriff, chair of the Kansas Sheriffs' Association Legislative Committee
Status of Kansas Law Enforcement Overview and Update - Chief Darrell Atteberry, Bel Aire Police Department, chair of the Kansas Association of Police Legislative Committee
Status of Kansas Law Enforcement Overview and Update: Chief Braden Moore, Benton Police Department, Kansas Peace Officers Association
Status of Kansas Law Enforcement Overview and Update: Kansas Highway Patrol Status of Kansas Law Enforcement
Overview and Update: Kansas Bureau of Investigation

House Welfare Reform – 1:30 p.m. – Room 152

Briefing by staff on: Review organization of K.S.A 39-709 and proposed bill draft Jessie Pringle, assistant revisor of statutes, Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes Interim Committee Report of Special Committee on Homelessness, Iraida Orr, principal research analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department

House Social Services Budget – 3:30 p.m. – Room 152S

Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Enhancement requests

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Senate Public Health and Welfare – 8:30 a.m. – Room 142S

Presentation: 2024 Palliative Care Legislative Priorities, Dr. Porter-Williamson and Donna Yadrich

Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance – 9:30 a.m. – Room 546S

Presentation: Overview and Update, Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt

Senate Assessment and Taxation – 9:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Hearing: (opponents) [House Bill 2036](#) – Creating a property tax exemption for retired and disabled veterans

House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development – 1:30 p.m. – Room 346S

Presentation: Poll and Workforce Study Alan Cobb, president and CEO, Kansas Chamber

House Health and Human Services – 1:30 p.m. – Room 112N

Presentation: Emergency Medical Services Association
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House Social Services Budget – 3:30 p.m. – Room 152S

Kansas Department for Children and Families – Enhancement request

House Insurance – 3:30 p.m. – Room 218N

Presentation: State of Insurance, Vicki Schmidt, insurance commissioner

House Judiciary – 3:30 p.m. – Room 582N

Hearing: [House Bill 2345](#) – Enacting the supported decision-making agreements act to provide a statutory framework for adults who want decision-making assistance

Thursday, Jan. 18

House Health and Human Services – 1:30 p.m. – Room 112N

Presentation: State of cancer in Kansas

House Social Services Budget – 3:30 p.m. – Room 152S

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services – Enhancement requests

Friday, Jan. 19**KHA Bill Tracker**

The [Kansas Hospital Association Bill Tracker](#) is designed to keep you up-to-date on current legislation. KHA will update and share this document on a weekly basis while the legislators are in session.