

## Tuesday, March 6, 2012 - Legislative Day in Topeka

### *A Colloquium: Promoting the Mission and Making a Difference*


#### Tuesday, March 6, 2012 10:00 - 3:00

Legislators will receive an e-mail announcing March 6, is the day KSHA Members will be in Topeka. Please contact your Senator and Representative to invite them to join you and other KSHA members for lunch across the street, just north of the Capitol. The luncheon will be held in the second floor meeting room of Capitol Strategies, located at 212 SW Eighth Ave, Topeka, KS.

If you cannot attend the Legislative Day, you may want to consider following up with a phone call or a visit at the local level. For assistance in contacting your state legislator go to <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/> > Find Your Legislator. KSHA's 2012 Legislative Brochure will be available for download at [www.ksha.org](http://www.ksha.org) > Legislative. Please consider downloading and mailing or e-mailing to the brochure to your legislator(s).

Check out ASHA's 10 Steps to Effective Meetings with Legislators located at <http://kasa.memberclicks.net/legislative>  
RSVP by February 23 to [ksha@ksha.org](mailto:ksha@ksha.org) to reserve your and your legislator(s) complimentary lunch(es).

#### Continuing Education:

	<p>The Kansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.</p>
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This course is offered for .2 ASHA CEU (intermediate level; related area).

#### Agenda

Please plan to be flexible with times and locations as legislators have very busy schedules.

#### 10:00 - 10:15

Review KSHA's legislative issues and talking points for each issue. Group Discussion.

#### 10:15 – 11:00

Ed Schulte, PhD, CCC-SLP - Update - Medicaid and Medicare  
Ed is Executive Director, Caregivers Home Health in Topeka.

He is a Past President, an Honors Recipient, and has served as the KSHA/ASHA State Medicare Administrative Contractor (SMAC) Network for many years.

#### 11:00 – 11:30

Senator Allen Schmidt, Hays – The Legislative Process - Importance of Engaging with Your Legislators – Update on Key Issues in State

Senator Allen Schmidt serves on the Senate Education and Financial Institutions Committees. For additional information and photo, please go to [http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2011\\_12/members/sen\\_schmidt\\_allen\\_1/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2011_12/members/sen_schmidt_allen_1/)

#### 11:45 – 12:45 Lunch

Please invite your Senator and your Representative to lunch. The menu will include a sandwich, relishes, fruit, chips, cookies and drink. If your legislator(s) is/are not available, please schedule a time to meet with them while in Topeka. One question to work into your conversation is, "What is the best

way to contact you and if by phone, what time are you most likely to be available?"

Please access the contact information for your House and Senate legislators at [http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2011\\_12/members/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2011_12/members/)

#### 1:00 – 1:30

Senator Vicki Schmidt, Topeka – Chair of Public Health and Welfare Committee

Overview of 2012 legislative session – status of children's programs i.e. Tiny K. Time and location may vary and will be determined by her schedule on March 6.

Senator Vicki Schmidt is a pharmacist and is married to a physician. For additional information and photo please go [http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2011\\_12/members/sen\\_schmidt\\_vicki\\_1/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2011_12/members/sen_schmidt_vicki_1/)

#### 1:30 – 3:00

Choose one committee meeting to attend:

- House Committee on Health and Human Services – Rep. Brenda Landwehr, Chair  
Location: 784 DSOB (Docking State Office Building) - Located across the street, west of the Capitol
- Senate Public Health and Welfare – Senator Vicki Schmidt, Chair  
Location: 546-S (Capitol Building)
- Senate Education Committee – Senator Jean Schodorf, Chair, (Wichita SLP)  
Location: 152-S (Capitol Building)

#### Anticipated Learner Outcomes:

The learner will be able to:

- 1) Discuss one issue regarding Medicaid coverage and its impact on Kansas residents with his/her legislator.
- 2) Recognize the complexity of education finance in Kansas.
- 3) Summarize the importance of being an active constituent.
- 4) Recognize the proposed reorganization of services for individuals with disabilities in Kansas.
- 5) Discover how the committee structure of government works and the power of one consumer.

#### Location:

State Capitol and 212 SW Eighth Ave, Topeka, KS

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Bring your camera or phone to photograph your legislator and you. Share the photo with KSHA, KSHA Facebook, and your local paper! Legislators appreciate the publicity.

