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Brownback and Moran Announce \$300,000 Federal Appropriation for Meth Project

At a news conference on March 4, Senator Sam Brownback and Congressman Jerry Moran joined Project Coordinator Cristi Cain to announce a \$300,000 federal appropriation for the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project (KMPP). Portions of the funding will be made available to Kansas communities to fund meth prevention initiatives. KMPP anticipates receiving the funding early in the summer of 2005.

Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Attorney General Phill Kline, Kansas Bureau of Investigation Director Larry Welch and Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Roderick Bremby also spoke at the press conference, providing an update on meth prevention efforts in Kansas. Thank you to Senator Brownback and Congressman Moran for their critical support of the appropriation!

In other funding news, through



Project Coordinator Cristi Cain presents Governor Kathleen Sebelius with a certificate in recognition of her support of meth prevention efforts in Kansas.

a partnership with Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Kansas Department of Health and Environment, KMPP received a portion of a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant in the

amount of \$100,000. The grant will fund training costs and mini-grants for methamphetamine prevention initiatives in Kansas communities.

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Kansas Regional Prevention Center System

Regional Prevention Centers provide drug and alcohol prevention education and technical assistance to communities across the state of Kansas.

South Central	Newton, KS	316-283-6743
Wichita/Sedgwick	Wichita	316-262-2421
Flint Hills	Emporia Office	620-343-2211
Flint Hills	El Dorado Office	316-321-6628
Southeast KS	Girard	620-724-6281
North Central KS	Salina	785-825-6224
Northwest	Hays	785-625-5521
Northwest	Colby	785-462-8152
Northwest	Goodland	785-899-3848
Southwest Kansas	Garden City	620-276-9624
East Central	Lawrence Office	785-830-8238
Johnson/Leavenworth/Miami	Olathe	913-715-7880
Wyandotte County	Kansas City	913-288-7685
Northeast KS	Manhattan	785-587-4372
Shawnee County	Topeka	785-266-8666

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www.ksmethpreventionproject.org
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President Bush's FY 2006 Budget Released

The fiscal year 2006 budget released by President George Bush on February 7, 2005 carries serious implications for efforts to address meth and other drugs in Kansas.

President Bush's budget recommends abolishing the State Grants portion of the Safe and Drug Free School and Communities (SDFSC) program, which would effectively eliminate prevention education efforts for 37 million youth across the nation.

Additionally, the President has proposed slashing funding for Midwest HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) by more than 50 percent and relocating the program to the Department of Justice. These changes would signal substantial reductions or elimination of assistance to task forces and Midwest law enforcement agencies. Midwest HIDTA is a valued KMPP partner agency, providing the Project with prevention videos and brochures at no cost.

Under the President's proposed budget, funding supporting law

enforcement efforts, including the Edward J. Byrne Memorial and Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grants, would also be significantly reduced. Through a partnership with Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI),

KMPP currently uses COPS funding to dispense minigrants to communities across Kansas.

Please e-mail or call your representatives and encourage them to make the restoration of these funding cuts one of their top priorities.

2005 KANSAS CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Senator Sam Brownback	(202) 228-1265 http://brownback.senate.gov/
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Kansas Lawmakers Consider Meth Law

On March 25, the Kansas House unanimously approved Senate Bill 27.

The bill would make medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine schedule V controlled substances. As a schedule V substance, those medications would be kept behind a pharmacy counter

and could be sold only by pharmacists or pharmacy technicians.

Customers purchasing the product would be required to show identification and sign a log. No more than three packages of the products could be sold to a customer at one time.

Similar legislation took effect in Okla-

homa in April 2004. Since that time, law enforcement officials in Oklahoma have reported nearly an 80% drop in meth labs.

If it becomes law, the bill would be named the Matt Samuels Chemical Control Act, in honor of the Greenwood County Sheriff who was shot to death in January 2005 while

attempting to serve a warrant at a home that contained a meth lab.

The Kansas Senate passed the bill on February 17. After receiving approval in a Senate conference committee, the bill has advanced to Governor Kathleen Sebelius. Sebelius is expected to sign the bill into law.

Shawnee County Pilots Tank Lock Program

With the support of KMPP, K-State Research and Extension has developed a pilot program in Shawnee County, to be replicated across the state if successful.

In Spring 2005, the program will provide tank locks for all anhydrous ammonia storage and nurse tanks in Shawnee County. Kansas agriculture depends on anhydrous ammonia as a low-cost form of nitrogen fertilizer.

Unfortunately, anhydrous ammonia is also an ingredient in the most common method of meth manufacture in Kansas, the Nazi method, leading meth cooks to steal anhy-

drous ammonia from tanks, potentially resulting in chemical burns and the release of dangerous chemicals into the community.

The locks, which are manufactured by Castell Interlocks, Inc., are made of hardened steel and permanently mounted on the nurse tank withdrawal valve. Operation of the valve to release anhydrous ammonia is only permitted by inserting the correct coded key tool.

In February 2005, K-State Research and Extension staff began holding informational meetings to educate Shawnee County farmers about the dangers of meth and pro-



Tank locks, such as the one pictured, will be installed on all anhydrous ammonia tanks in Shawnee County in 2005.

vide information about the tank locks. Installation of the tank locks is ongoing and K-State Research and Extension staff hope to have all locks in place by August 2005.

A big “thank you” to the Shawnee County Sheriff’s Office, the Topeka Community Foundation and the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Grant for contributing funds for this project!

Drug Endangered Children Efforts Continue

The Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project continues to support Drug Endangered Children (DEC) efforts on the local, state and national level.

Drug endangered children are children residing in homes where drugs are manufactured, distributed or abused. According to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), 80 children were found in methamphetamine manufacturing environments in Kansas in 2004.

In Shawnee County, DEC efforts include creating systems changes that will reduce the number of substance-exposed newborns in the community. KMPP staff is participating on a subcommittee that is developing community protocols for children found in drug environments.

The Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children began as a statewide partnership of federal, state and community-based organizations in 2003. The Alliance



provides training, technical assistance and oversight to DEC programs in the state.

A subcommittee of the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children is planning a statewide

conference to be held in September 2005. This conference will provide training and networking opportunities for Kansas communities implementing or sustaining DEC programs. Please visit the KMPP website at www.ksmethpreventionproject.org for conference announcements.

KMPP is also working with the Kansas Alliance to develop a medical protocol training video that will educate medical personnel in the recommended protocols for testing and treating children removed from meth environments.

Cristi Cain, Project Coordinator, is serving on a committee formed to establish national DEC standards.

Border County Initiative Efforts Underway

With funding from Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA), and in partnership with Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Regional Prevention Centers serving border counties, KMPP has developed and implemented the Border County Initiative.

The Border County Initiative was created in response to the significant meth problem in counties bordering Oklahoma, due in part to the Oklahoma law which requires pseudoephedrine products, the main ingredient in methamphetamine manufacture, to be removed from the shelves

and sold only by licensed pharmacists.

Since the law took effect in April 2004, numerous law enforcement agencies in counties near the Oklahoma border have reported a significant increase in Oklahoma residents coming to Kansas to purchase or steal the products.

In 2004, 583 lab seizures were reported in Kansas. Four counties targeted in the Border County Initiative—Allen, Crawford, Cherokee and Cowley—accounted for 43 percent of the reported seizures.

A town hall meeting has been held in each of the targeted counties to increase awareness

about methamphetamine. Three one-day Community Methamphetamine Prevention Trainings will be held in the border county region to provide communities with training and resources to implement methamphetamine prevention initiatives, including Meth Watch.

Training participants will be eligible to apply for minigrant funding for their efforts. An average of \$1800 will be awarded to each targeted county. For training locations and registration information, please visit www.ksmethpreventionproject.org.

COUNTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE BORDER COUNTY INITIATIVE:

<i>Allen</i>	<i>Labette</i>
<i>Barber</i>	<i>Meade</i>
<i>Chautauqua</i>	<i>Morton</i>
<i>Cherokee</i>	<i>Montgomery</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Sedgwick</i>
<i>Commanche</i>	<i>Seward</i>
<i>Cowley</i>	<i>Stevens</i>
<i>Crawford</i>	<i>Sumner</i>
<i>Harper</i>	

Meth Watch Street Signs Now Available



Meth Watch street signs are now available for your community! These 12x20 metal signs have multiple uses and are offered at no cost to Kansas communities. To place an order, contact T.J. Ciafone at (785)368-7301 or tciafone@kdhe.state.ks.us.

The street signs are also available to communities outside of Kansas for \$9.00, plus shipping and handling. Contact Loretta Wyrick at (785)266-8666 or lwyrick@parstopeka.com to place an order.