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Our Mission: To protect and improve the health and environment of all Kansans.
The objectives for this presentation are to:

- Define comprehensive cancer control
- Provide overview of Kansas Cancer Partnership
- Highlight burden of cancer priorities
- Identify opportunities for collaboration:
  - State level priorities
  - Regional cancer coalitions
  - Public Policy Objectives
Comprehensive cancer control has been defined as

Bringing together key partners and organizations to form coalitions dedicated to preventing and controlling cancer.
What Kansas Cancer Partnership does:

Forge connections and foster partnerships among members and facilitate ways that members and their organizations can work together to accomplish what one organization or individuals could not accomplish alone (“Value-added”)

Strengthen population-based data sources for cancer surveillance and long-term evaluation, and use these data for strategic planning. To ensure success, identify a limited number of priorities to improve the health of the population. The state cancer prevention and control documents the results of these strategic planning activities.

Leverage resources to support coalition work, build and sustain the partnership.

Educate decision-makers, facilitate systems change, develop linkages between clinical systems and community-based structures. And provide technical assistance for these activities.

Assure accountability through assessment to identify needs and evaluation of interventions and other coalition work

**KCP provides an opportunity for the member – individuals and organizations and coalitions to identify and work on public policy issues together to have a great impact.**
Kansas Cancer Partnership recently completed strategic planning and identified 5 priority areas:

- Reduce tobacco use – tobacco legislation around increasing the tobacco tax and Tobacco 21
- Increase HPV immunizations
- Increase colorectal cancer screening
- Increase health equity – Expand Medicaid
- Increase cancer survivor quality of life
Another priority is to increase HPV immunizations. Kansas Cancer Partnership works closely with the Immunize Kansas Coalition to promote this vaccine which prevents multiple cancers in men and women.

This slide shows that the number of HPV vaccine doses ordered in Kansas in 2017 steadily increased throughout the year, indicating success with many activities across the state that promoted use of this vaccination.
KCP is also working to ensure that coalition activities help increase health equity. The state cancer plan has a table that shows, at a glance, populations that experience disparities in cancer screening, cancer incidence, late-stage cancer incidence and cancer mortality.

Expanding Medicaid has been a top public policy issue for KCP for 4 years.
Why Regional Cancer Coalitions?

- Regional priorities, including local public policy issues – city and county.
- Opportunity to engage regional policy makers
- Connect local and state-level activities
  - KCP shares regional data with the regions
  - Regional coalitions help KCP understand regional issues
- Support for the *Kansas Cancer Prevention & Control Plan*
- ‘Champions’ for KCP and regional coalitions
- Additional options for KCP involvement
- Regional representation on KCP Steering Committee

Why a Regional Coalition?
- Impact selected priorities in specific regions of the state.
- Connects state and regional data to local and state-level efforts
  - KCP shares data for the regions and regional coalition helps KCP understand what the data means for the region.
- Provides opportunities to develop support for the state Comprehensive Cancer Plan.
- Opportunity to develop partnerships with other cancer advocacy groups to engage regional policy makers and move them to become ‘champions’ for KCP and the regional coalition.
- Provide additional options for KCP involvement
  - Including regional representation at the state level on the KCP Steering Committee
Kansas Cancer Partnership supports regional cancer coalitions in 4 areas of the state:

South Central (based in Wichita)
South East (based in Pittsburg)
North Central (based in Wichita)
And starting a new regional cancer coalition in Garden City.
Opportunities for Involvement

- Attend statewide meetings – One is always in January or February to facilitate meetings with Legislators, located within walking distance from our State Capital
- Join a KCP Work Group
  - Early Detection & Diagnosis
  - Financial Burden
  - Health Equity
  - Policy
- Join a regional cancer coalition – Opportunity for county and city policy work.
- Participate in affiliated coalitions

Through our KCP members we have had some significant policy wins, both big P and little p wins.
- 2005 we successfully advocated for oral parity in our state. One of the first states to do so.
- 2006, help of our Susan G Komen Affiliate, we were successful in obtaining additional state funds for our breast and cervical program after it ran out of CDC screening funds.
- The same year we negotiated with our State Insurance Commissioner to have routine health care costs associated with starting a cancer clinical trial. Later, the ACA included this in its coverage.
- Successful in passing mandatory radon testing in all new construction for residences.
- 2008 established the Coalition for Healthy Kansans to support a 21 point venture to increase policy decisions which affected the health of Kansans. - 11 coalition member organizations worked together to provide testimony and personal support for the proposed changes. KCP was the lead organization.
- 2010 Kansas passed the Clean Indoor Air Act.
- 2016 Tanning bed act restricting minors, those under 18, can not use tanning beds without parent permission.
- KCP has held a number of Advocacy Days in the state Capitol
Thank you. Questions.