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UPDATES

The Grants Transformation Team will now be managing the ELC-EDE contract amendment and associated processes, including contract oversight, monitoring, pre-approvals and invoicing. They sent out an email on Oct 15th with the following details:

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to manage the ELC-EDE contract amendment and the associated processes. This update offers some reminders and additional information:

Contract Management & Support

- The Grants Transformation Team led by Laura Kliethermes will serve as the point of contact for you and your jurisdiction effective October 16, 2024.
- Darcee Espinales will continue to support the contracts as a member of the GTT effective October 16, 2024.
- All outstanding communications and approvals will be transitioned to GTT for response.
- Please direct all communications to GTT at elc-covid@health.mo.gov related to this contract going forward.

ELC-EDE Contract Amendment

- If you believe your jurisdiction's amendment approval process will take longer than 30 days and you will not be able to meet the deadline, please notify Darcee by October 21, 2024.
- If we do not hear from your jurisdiction by October 21, 2024, we will move forward with canceling your contract.

Pre-Approval Requests

- Requests are reviewed every day. You may be contacted by the Grants Transformation Team for additional information to make a determination on allowability, allocability, necessity and reasonableness. When denials are communicated, jurisdictions can expect to receive specific reasons for the why the requests could not be supported.

DHSS remains committed to get every dollar possible to your jurisdiction, that meets contract deliverables and CDC goals, to support your local community.

- Grants Management Team, elc-covid@health.mo.gov

CHIP H.S.I. net expenditure reports for Quarter ending 9/24 (covering July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024) are due by November 12. Visit the [Contracts page](#) on the LPHA Hub at MO-LPHA.com for submission links and details.

October is “**Let’s Talk Month**” and promotes open and honest conversation with youth. Adolescent school health program is promoting the “Connect with Me” conversation cards and newly launched mobile app. You can request sets of cards on their website and can download the app: <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/connectwithme/>

DHSS Bureau of Immunizations will be hosting Office Hours twice a month. [Learn more](#) and add office hours to your calendar.

- Second Thursday, 7:30 am, call 1-650-479-3207 26311581227##
- Third Wednesday, 12:30 pm, call 1-650-479-3207 26321138699##

The **Maternal Health Access Project** (MHAP) is a statewide perinatal psychiatry access program. MHAP is designed to increase the capacity of perinatal care providers throughout Missouri to diagnose and treat their pregnant and postpartum patients’ mild to moderate mental and behavioral health conditions. Staff will be on the LPHA Update call Oct 22 to share more information about this program.

This week (10/16/2024), **DHSS transferred \$5,459,172 in funds** generated by Missouri’s adult use marijuana program to agencies as outlined in Article XIV, Section 2, of the Missouri Constitution. [Press release](#)

NEWS

10/16/2024: FDA pauses Novavax’s COVID-influenza and its standalone flu vaccines trial after a participant who took the combination shot reported nerve damage. <https://tinyurl.com/yxnfhfyz>

10/16/2024: An immunotherapy approach to treating advanced Hodgkin lymphoma may drastically increase patients’ chances of survival, including those as young as 12, according to a new clinical trial. <https://tinyurl.com/ccah5bat>

10/16/2024: People with HIV can safely receive donated kidneys from deceased donors with the virus, according to a large study published this week in the New England Journal of Medicine. This could shorten the wait for organs for all, regardless of HIV status. <https://tinyurl.com/mu4e5cda>

10/15/2024: CDC issues interim recommendations to prevent the spread of sexual oropouche virus. <https://tinyurl.com/bde8x5a8>

10/15/2024: The FDA signaled new flexibility in their approach to evaluating new therapies to help people quit smoking, saying it is a top priority and that they are willing to consider broader endpoints on clinical trials of smoking cessation products. <https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/ANNALS-24-02318>

RESOURCES

Get Out the Vote: Customizable [social media graphics](#) from the Public Health Communications Collaborative to connect voting and public health in your community and increase voter participation in the upcoming election.

Hidden Heroes: The Vital Role of County Officials in Public Health, blog post from de Beaumont. <https://tinyurl.com/5n9yh66r>

OPPORTUNITIES

Workforce Advisory Council: de Beaumont invites all state and local public health employees to apply to serve on a Workforce Advisory Council they will be convening to help shape current and future projects to support the public health workforce. In monthly meetings, Council members will advise on initiatives to improve recruitment, retention, training, and advocacy in health departments nationwide.

Participation in the Council:

- The Council will meet monthly beginning in January 2025. The day and time of each meeting will be determined based on the schedules of selected members.
- Each member will receive an annual stipend of \$500 in exchange for their participation.
- Members applying during this cycle commit to participating in the Council until at least December 2025.
- Applications are open through Nov. 11 at: <https://bit.ly/4gVQytj>

Diverse Executives Leading in Public Health: ASTHO and the Satcher Health Leadership Institute (SHLI) at Morehouse School of Medicine, with support from CDC, invites qualified professionals to apply to Cohort 5 of the Diverse Executives Leading in Public Health (DELPH) program. Qualified public health professionals must be currently employed at a local, island/territory, tribal, or state public health department. This is a 10-month program with two in-person events. [Applications](#) are due October 31, 2024.

WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

NEW! Oct 23: 1:00 – 2:00 pm, **Navigating the Rulemaking Process, Part 2.** Hosted by ASTHO and Washington State Health Department. Learn more about equitable rulemaking, strategies for strengthening regulations, and using equitable rulemaking to help engage communities. [Register](#)

NEW! Oct 25, 1:30 pm, **Communicating the Connection Between Civic Engagement and Public Health.** Hosted by Public Health Communications Coalition. Learn practices and tools to increase civic engagement year-round and help ensure people safely get to the polls for public health—all while remaining non-partisan. [Register](#)

Oct 27 – 30, **APHA Annual Meeting and Expo**, Minneapolis. [Register](#)

NEW! Oct 29, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, **Elevating Tools and Resources for Transforming Performance Management.** Hosted by Public Health Foundation (PHF), who will launch a new web page focused on the performance management needs of PHIG recipients and updated resources in the Performance Management Toolkit. [Register](#)

Oct 29 – 30, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (29th) and 8:00 am – 11:30 am (30th), **Fall Preparedness Summit**, Mill Bottom, 400 W Main Street, Jefferson City. Agenda attached. Register by October 14 at: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/975cd9442cf54229bbee73a7f610a580>

Nov 7, 10:00 – 12:00 pm, **Transforming Narratives around Health Equity, Workshop 2**, hosted by MOCPE and OPHI. 3-part virtual series of workshops focused on creating transformative narratives – ways of communicating that engage people to consider their own understanding of the world around them and imagine solutions to a more equitable world. [Register](#)

NEW! Nov 19, 2:00 pm, **Creating Communities to Support Healthy Aging.** Hosted by County Health Rankings and Roadmaps. Older adults often face difficult choices — like deciding to pay for food or medicine — because of the economic, social and environmental conditions that surround them. Learn how public health can help create age-friendly communities and support the policies and systems that encourage healthy aging environments. [Register](#)

Dec 5, 10:00 – 12:00 pm, **Transforming Narratives around Health Equity, Workshop 3**, hosted by MOCPE and OPHI. 3-part virtual series of workshops focused on creating transformative narratives – ways of communicating that engage people to consider their own understanding of the world around them and imagine solutions to a more equitable world. [Register](#)

January 2025, **Inspector Boot Camp** and **Advanced Inspector Boot Camp**, hosted by Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO). The course is free and is only offered once each year. It is virtual, four hours per day, one day per week, for three weeks. [Register](#)

January 27 – 31, 2025, **Basic Inspections and Investigations Course for New Manufactured and Retail Regulators.** \$350 fee and class size limited to 18 people. [Register](#)

May 5 - 9, 2025, **Basic Inspections and Investigations Course for New Manufactured and Retail Regulators.** \$350 fee and class size limited to 18 people. [Register](#)