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UPDATES

Governor Mike Kehoe was sworn in on Monday, January 13, 2025. His State of the State address is scheduled for January 29, 2025. On Tuesday, the [Governor named Sarah Willson as Director of DHSS](#) effective February 14, 2025. She awaits Missouri Senate Confirmation.

Director Paula Nickelson will retire March 1, 2025 after serving for 25 years in various positions at DHSS, including health care management, emergency planning and response, chronic disease prevention, and maternal-child health. Her recent achievements as Director included completing the COVID pandemic response, reestablishing the State Board of Health and Senior Services, achieving PHAB reaccreditation, hiring new positions to advance the future of public health, and working to rebuild trust.

Data opt out: Email [Daniel Bogle](#) and [Tiffany Bayer](#) by **Thursday, January 16th** to opt out if you do not wish to have your FPHS Costing Assessment data shared with PHAB and the University of Minnesota.

Contract due dates:

- PHEP FY26 workplan due January 20
- PHEP FY26 budget due January 24
- [VFC 2025-2026 Flu Vaccine Pre-book](#) due January 31

Survey request: LPHAs are invited to complete the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) survey to inform HIDTA's annual threat assessment. The survey will be open through Friday, January 31. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWHORSPH2025survey>. For more details, contact Brenda Schell at bschell@midwest-hidta.gov.

LPHA Update Call time change: PLEASE NOTE: The Feb 4th LPHA Update call will take place from 3:30 – 4:30 due to a scheduling conflict. All other LPHA Update calls in 2025 will be from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

CLPHS Website Update: As part of the DHSS website refresh project, the CLPHS will be moving all content from their current webpages to the LPHA Information Hub at MO-LPHA.com by February 1st. The LPHA-Hub is intended to be used only by LPHAs, not the general public, so it is not searchable on Google or other search engines. Please make a note of the URL so that you can easily find the website in the future. LPHA call recordings, contract documents, news, funding opportunities, DHSS contact information, social media content you can use, and many other resources are available to you on the LPHA Hub. The Hub is updated Monday and Thursday, and when urgent news or messages need to be communicated.

FPHS Costing Assessment FY24: MU will soon be starting their training sessions for the FY24 FPHS Costing Assessment. To register now for the upcoming sessions, please visit the links below.

1. [Tab 04. DH-37 Tab Instructions](#)

2. [Tabs 05. & 06. Current Labor and Background Tab Instructions](#)
3. [Tab 07. Current Spending Tab Instructions](#)

NEWS

1/16/2025: FDA also issues its proposed rule to limit the amount of nicotine in cigarettes. The change would not affect e-cigarettes and certain other products. <https://tinyurl.com/ycy5a4c8>

1/15/2025: FDA bans the use of red dye No. 3 in food and drugs that are ingested. <https://tinyurl.com/3ztuws2c>

1/15/2025: Healthcare providers who have had an in-person visit with a person are now permitted to prescribe opioid use disorder treatment through telehealth. <https://tinyurl.com/2zfsu5h2>

1/15/2025: New NIH research on COVID suggests 1 in 20 COVID survivors may have a condition characterized by chronic fatigue. Symptoms may include brain fog, impaired memory, dizziness, and muscle or joint pain. <https://tinyurl.com/yn79m5ty>

1/15/2025: NIH Director Bertagonolli resigns after 1 year of service due to political pressure over COVID response. <https://tinyurl.com/3f7pnex9>

OPPORTUNITIES

The Regional Arthritis Program offers RFA 2505. The funding cycle will be May 1, 2025 through March 30, 2025. Competitive applications are due by February 19, 2025. See the [attached flyer](#) for details.

WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

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](#)