

Medical reform forums held

More than 400 people joined Kansas Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer, M.D. at the first of three Medicaid Reform Forums recently at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka.

Aging Secretary Shawn Sullivan, SRS Secretary Rob Siedlecki, KDHE Secretary Dr. Robert Moser, and KHPA Director Dr. Andy Allison as well as state lawmakers and representatives from the Kansas Insurance Commission also took part.

The Medicaid Reform Forums are designed for government leaders and the general public to exchange ideas and brainstorm solutions for reforming Medicaid.

"The situation we find ourselves in is serious and we have no choice but to take action now before Medicaid is completely insolvent. I'm extremely happy with the level of participation from Kansans who want to make sure their voices are heard during this challenging process. We had a lot of good discussions and I look forward to working with Kansans

across the state to turn these discussions into real policy," said Lt. Governor Colyer.

In his State of the State address to the Kansas Legislature in January, Governor Brownback announced Lt. Governor Colyer would lead a collaborative effort to remake the state's Medicaid program and improve health care.

The Lieutenant Governor's working group includes Secretary Sullivan, Secretary Siedlecki, Secretary Moser, Budget Director Steve Anderson and Director Dr. Allison.

Part of the collaborative effort is to give Kansans the opportunity to voice their concerns about possible changes to Medicaid services.

"This is our opportunity to remake the program—make it better, more effective for the patient, providers and health care systems while improving quality and outcomes. Being able to bring together stakeholders representing the varied Medicaid populations

like we did today will certainly help move us in the direction of those improvements," said Dr. Moser.

After remarks by the Lt. Governor and Health and Environment Secretary Dr. Robert Moser, the attendees were separated into discussion groups by table, where they shared ideas and concerns prior to sending their recommendations to the Lt. Governor's working group.

"I am encouraged to see so many stakeholders, advocates and members of the public participate in today's forum. It is integral for them to be part of the Medicaid reform process," said Secretary Sullivan.

Kansas, like most other states, faces an enormous shortfall in state Medicaid funding. The focus for the working group is to produce an affordable, sustainable program that improves health outcomes for Kansans in need.

The public meetings have been designed to facilitate discussion and cultivate ideas.

"I was very encouraged by the great turnout and the thought that went into trying to find workable solutions to reform our Medicaid system. I look forward to working with the stakeholders and the attendees to move this process forward," Secretary Siedlecki said.

Two additional public input forums on Medicaid will take place around the state in the coming weeks.

Wichita: Thursday, July 7; 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn Wichita, 549 South Rock Road

Dodge City: Friday, July 8; 9:00 a.m. - noon

United Wireless Arena, Magouirk Conference Center
Space is limited for each meeting and registration will be given on a first-come first-serve basis. In addition, all public input meetings are being held in locations accessible to people with disabilities. Please contact Alisha Kirby in the Office of the Lt. Governor at (785) 296-2213 to RSVP.

Market wheat show at the Norton County Fair

With the wheat harvest underway, producers are encouraged to enter the Market Wheat Show at the Norton County Fair this year. The entries will be collected at the fair and sent to the State Grain Inspection Service the next week to determine the physical properties such as test weight, protein and dockage. Scores will be tallied after the official grading is done. Results of final scores will be sent out to the participants after the fair. All that is needed is a bin run sample of about five pounds. Submit this in a container or a large baggy style freezer bag that is sealable. A large coffee can is about the right amount to submit.

Samples do not need to be sifted or cleaned.

A data entry form must be filled out as well. Your score also depends upon some of the information filled out on the card, such as variety type, growing conditions and cultural practices used with growing the wheat.

The entry cards can be picked up at the Twin Creeks Extension Office (785-877-5755) or contact Dwight Heikes who is superintendent of Crops and Wheat. Producers may leave their samples at the Twin Creeks Extension Office before the fair or can take them to the 4-H Building on Entry Day, Tuesday, July 26 by 1 p.m.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

PERFORMANCE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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PERFORMANCE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Norton County will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 11, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courthouse, 105 S. Kansas, Norton, Kansas, for the purpose of evaluating the performance of Grant Agreement Number 08-PF-823 which was for the purpose of the construction of a new EMS facility located at 11822 Road W1, Norton, Kansas. The facility has 4,520 square feet on the ground floor which includes four bays, a meeting/training room, office space, storage areas, decontamination facilities, restrooms, dorm area, and kitchenette. The basement has 2,028 square feet and is used for storage and contains the mechanical room. The facility is ADA compliant and includes both a stairway and an elevator to access either floor. The project also included construction of the parking lot. This project was funded, all or in part, from the Kansas Department of Commerce, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds. All aspects of the grant will be discussed and oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of Norton County's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.

Reasonable accommodations are available for persons needing assistance. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to Robert Wyatt, County Clerk, by Friday, July 8, 2011.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARYL A. OLSON

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of DARYL A. OLSON, Deceased.
Case No. 2011-PR-15
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on June 13, 2011, a petition was filed in this Court by David E. Olson, an heir, devisee and legatee and a named co-executor of the Last Will and Testament of Daryl A. Olson, dated March 23, 1994, praying that the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record, that he be appointed as a co-executor along with Steven D. Olson and Alan B. Olson, and that they be granted Letters Testamentary without bond.

You are required to file your written

defenses thereto on or before July 6, 2011, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., with this Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the later of four months from the date of first publication of this notice, or if the identify of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, thirty days after actual notice was given as provided by law and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

David E. Olson, Petitioner

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Curt Archibald, Adjutant

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Secretary, Ron Miller

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First Mon. of each Month
Curt Archibald, Commander
Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster

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First and Third Thursday
Each Month at 7:30 p.m.
Geneva Tier, Noble Grand
Randy Knoll, Secretary

The American Legion Riders Post 63
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website: www.alr63.org

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

*The Telegram Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, July 4*

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