

Health Day at the Capitol a Success on March 5th!

Thanks to many KPHA members, Health Day at the Capitol is a success!



Zach McGill, a KPHA member and KSU intern with the Kansas Health Institute lead the charge for a very exciting day for Public Health at the Capitol, on March 6th. As an intern on loan to KPHA, we didn't have to hire a Facilitator! The event included meeting with Legislators one on one in their offices. Zach recruited about 35 members to do this. (Just think what an additional impact it would have made if we had had 165 members--one for each Legislator from their District!).

The event started the day before with stuffing 165 bags with health information and giveaways (pens, bookmarks, measuring cups, sun-wise wristbands, walking whistles from KPHA and KDHE, and a coffee mug from Dykes Medical Library). The most significant health information in the bag was the Orientation Manual for Public Health in Kansas. This book's creation was originally funded by the Kansas Health Foundation, but for the Health Day at the Capitol, KPHA received a \$1,000 grant from the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund for Health Day and the grant was used to pay for the printing of 165 books—one for each Legislator, and additional pages with the KPHA Board information and our Legislative Priorities.

Advocates were trained at a workshop the morning of Health Day by Legislative Action and Issues Committee Chair, Marvin Stottlemire on how to go over the book and health bills with Legislators in their meetings.

Marvin lead the workshop by telling everyone that they need to feel comfortable talking to Legislators. He even did a role play with KPHA staff.

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