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Governor Announces Appointments to Commissions and Boards

Topeka – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced today numerous appointments to boards and commissions.

“I appreciate the willingness of these Kansans to give of their time, energy, and talent. With their help, we will make our great state even better,” Governor Brownback said.

Kansans interested in serving on a state commission or board can learn more at <https://governor.ks.gov/serving-kansans/office-of-appointments/gubernatorial-appointments>.

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

The Kansas Board of Healing Arts consists of 15 members appointed by the governor from a list of nominees. Five shall be practicing medical doctors; three shall be practicing osteopathic doctors; three shall be licensed chiropractors; one shall be a licensed podiatrist and three shall be members of the general public. The board oversees licensing and regulatory functions in accordance with all applicable statutes, rules, and regulations in an open, courteous, and efficient manner.

- Matthew M. Leinwetter, D.O. Rossville, is the Medical Director for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. His more than 27 years of medical practice experience includes as a physician with the Dodge City Medical Center, Stormont-Vail HealthCare, the Marian Clinic and the Shawnee County Health Agency. *Re-appointment, four-year term, expiring June 30, 2015*
- Rick Macias, Wichita, is an attorney in private practice, focused on family and adoption law. He also is the director of the Adoption Centre of Kansas, Inc. and is a judge in the Sedgwick County Court. *Four-year term, expiring June 30, 2014.*

Kansas Water Authority

The Kansas Water Authority consists of appointments made by the Governor and Legislative leadership as well as agency directors who serve because of their positions and is within and a part of the Kansas Water Office. It is responsible for advising the Governor, the Legislature, and the Director of the Kansas Water Office on water policy issues and for approving the Kansas Water Plan and revisions thereto, federal contracts, administration regulations, and legislation proposed by the Kansas Water Office.

- Karma Mason, Wichita, is president and owner of ISI Environmental Services. She is a registered environmental geologist with expertise in soil, groundwater, hydrological, geological data interpretation and hazardous materials clean up services. *Re-appointment, four-year term, expiring January 15, 2015.*

Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KCDHH) is a state agency authorized to develop and implement a program of information and referral; advocacy; public education; and direct services. Based in Topeka, KCDHH works with other organizations throughout Kansas to assure coordination and availability of services for people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

- Jack Cooper, Gardner, has been very involved with the Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf; the Kansas Association of the Deaf and the National Association of the Deaf and served in various leadership roles in these organizations. He retired in 2008 after a 40 year career with Mid America Coca-Cola Bottling Company. *Re-appointment, three-year term, expiring April 29, 2014.*

Kansas State Board of Nursing

The Kansas State Board of Nursing establishes and implements the standards for the practice of nursing and mental health technology; oversees the licensing of nurses and mental health technicians and approves related education programs. The 11 member board is appointed by the governor. Six members must be registered professional nurses; two must be licensed practical nurses, and three, members of the general public.

- Kimberly K. Hensley, LPN-IV; RAC-CT, Manhattan, is a Licensed Practical Nurse, currently with the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care. Her more than 28 years of experience as a LPN includes long-term care, acute care and long-term acute care settings. Four-year term, expiring June 30, 2015.
- Robert W. Harvey, Wichita, is the Division Chair of the Graduate School and Program Director for the Master of health Care Leadership at Friends University. Four-year term, expiring June 30, 2015.

Kansas Board of Examiners in Optometry

The Kansas Board of Examiners in Optometry administers and enforces the provisions of Kansas Optometry Law so that the highest quality of eye care is provided to the citizens of Kansas. The five member board is appointed by the governor and consists of four Doctors of Optometry and one member of the general public.

- Gilan Cockrell, O.D., F.A.A.O., Emporia, is a licensed Optometrist in private practice since 1980. Three-year term, expiring June 30, 2014.

Washburn University Board of Regents

Washburn University is governed by a nine member Board of Regents. The Governor and the Topeka Mayor each appoint three members. One is the Mayor or a member of the city's governing body. The Shawnee County Commission and the Kansas Board of Regents each appoint one member. The Kansas Regents' appointee serves a one year term; all other members serve staggered four year terms.

- William "Bill" Sneed, Auburn, is an attorney in private practice focused on insurance business and regulatory law; telecommunications and public policy. A 1980 graduate of Washburn University Law School, Sneed appears before numerous administrative and legislative bodies on behalf of his diverse clients. *Four-year term, expiring June 30, 2015.*

Wichita State University Board of Trustees

The Wichita State University Board of Trustees was established in 1963 by the legislation which brought the University of Wichita into the Regents System as a state university. The Board of Trustees currently receives and allocates monies from the one and one-half mill tax levy provided for in 76-3a07, as amended. The nine-member board is appointed by the governor.

- Joe L. Norton, Wichita, is shareholder, director and vice-president of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., one of the leading public finance law firms in the United States. *Re-appointment, Three-year term, expiring June 30, 2014.*
- Jane C. McHugh, Wichita, has more than 31 years of experience in the area of taxes, specialties include oil and gas, estate tax, fiduciary income tax, private foundations and estate planning. *Re-appointment, three-year term, expiring June 30, 2014.*

Kansas REACH Healthcare Foundation Community Advisory Committee

The REACH Foundation Community Advisory Committee is responsible for nominating qualified replacements to the foundation's board of directors. The governor appoints three of the 13 members.

- Debra Staecker Mollohan, CMPE, Lenexa, is president and founder of Marketed Care, LLC, a strategic planning and marketing consulting company. She has more than 20 years of healthcare-related marketing and management experience. *Three-year term, expiring May 31, 2014.*

Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board

The Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board consists of 11 members: two licensed psychologists, two licensed social workers, one professional counselor, one marriage family therapist, one licensed masters level psychologist, and four members from the general public. All Board members are appointed by the Governor and serve four-year terms.

- Kathy Armstrong, Shawnee, is an attorney in private practice, focused on family and adoption law. She worked as a teacher for five years before earning her law degree in 1981. Replaces Lori Senne to complete term expiring June 30, 2015.
- Barbara Burks, Olathe, is a licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and registered and certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor in private practice. Her more than 20 years of experience includes serving as the director of the Johnson County Mental Health Center. *Four-year term, expiring June 30, 2015.*