

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Essential Service #2

Protect people from health problems and health hazards

September is **National Preparedness Month**. This year we are asking you to take action now – **make a plan** with your community, your family, and for your pets. Plan how to stay safe and communicate during the disasters that can affect your community. We ask everyone to participate in America's PrepareAthon! and the national day of action, **National PrepareAthon! Day**, which culminates National Preparedness Month.



Emergency Response Coordinator Jennifer Fearday displays the contents of a well-supplied emergency kit.

2015 weekly hazard focused themes

- Week 1: Flood
- Week 2: Fire
- Week 3: Severe Weather
- Week 4: Power Outage
- Week 5: **National PrepareAthon Day**

(September 30)



Follow these four steps:

- Stay Informed
- Make a Plan
- Build a Kit
- Get Involved

Ten essential services of Public Health

1. Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community
2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards
3. Give people the information they need to make healthy choices
4. Engage the community to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop public health policies and plans
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations
7. Help people receive health services
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce
9. Evaluate and improve programs and interventions
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health

Essential Service #4

[Engage the community to identify and solve health problems](#)

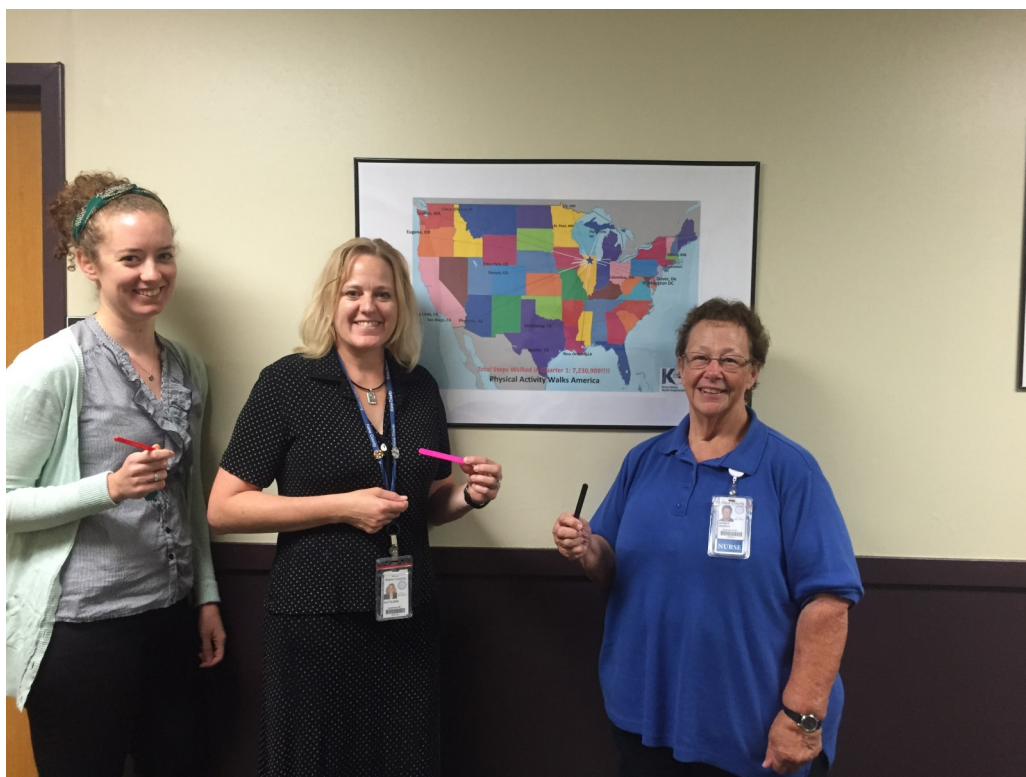


Partners discuss Ebola after-action

Our partners gathered Aug. 7 to recap the previous year's Ebola planning and response activities. In attendance at Brewster Creek were representatives from police, fire, Emergency Medical Services and hospitals. Participants discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the planning and response as a way to improve efforts the next time we are faced with a potentially dangerous disease outbreak.

Essential Service #8

[Maintain a competent public health workforce](#)



KCHD's own millionaires?

Lindsay Bow, Kathy Fosser and Nancy Murphy show the charms they earned after having each completed 1 million steps in their Health Related Quality of Life (HRQOL) physical activity challenge. The HRQOL initiative established four areas of concentration: Mental Health, Physical Activity, Weight Loss and Nutrition. Focusing on these areas is intended to improve the quality of life for staff.