

Kansas submitted formal proposal for KanCare

TOPEKA — Last week, the State of Kansas submitted its formal proposal for implementing KanCare through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Section 1115 waiver application process. This application follows additional public meetings and further consultation with representatives of the tribal governments and Indian Health Service entities held in June and July.

Kansas Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer, M.D. said the public comment period, which ended July 14, and the additional consultation with the sovereign nations have been especially valuable in finalizing

Kansas' application for the Section 1115 waiver.

"The goal with KanCare is to strengthen the coordination of care provided to Medicaid consumers in order to improve health outcomes, thus managing the cost of this safety net that's critical for so many Kansans," Dr. Colyer said. "Through further talks with tribal leaders, our updated application now includes presumptive enrollment and an opt-out feature for American Indians and Alaska Natives."

Colyer said the state will continue to seek feedback and input on KanCare through the external stakeholder workgroups and the

Advisory Council.

KanCare is Governor Sam Brownback's plan to reform the state's Medicaid system through innovative solutions that will sustain this \$3 billion safety net. The state is leveraging private-sector experience while maintaining policy and hands-on oversight of the Kansas Medicaid program to ensure improved outcomes and sustainable growth.

"Compared to old Medicaid, KanCare will offer needy Kansans three vibrant options for integrated care and value-added services. KanCare will provide expanded coverage for dental care, heart

transplants and bariatric services. With KanCare, members will be able to choose the plan that works best for their families. We're able to make these improvements without cutting provider rates or changing eligibility requirements," Dr. Colyer said.

It is estimated that KanCare will save more than \$1 billion during the next five years.

Part of the administration's time line for implementing KanCare by January 2013 is a robust educational campaign, which includes face-to-face meetings with consumers and providers in dozens of cities around the state. The collaboration

with stakeholders — consumers, providers and advocates — to reinvent Medicaid in Kansas began 18 months ago with statewide public forums that helped the state identify what stakeholders hope to achieve with Medicaid reform. Their high-priority list included integrated, whole-person care and enhanced community-based services, which have become two of the hallmarks of KanCare.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services conducted their first tour of educational meetings last week with Medicaid providers and consumers

in eight cities throughout all regions of the state. Additional and follow-up educational meetings are being scheduled now.

Ahead of today's formal submission, the State submitted a concept paper on Jan. 26 and an informal demonstration application on April 26. Public comments were solicited with all three documents submitted to CMS.

To see the public comments submitted on the Section 1115 waiver application, visit KDHE's KanCare page at <http://www.kdheks.gov/hc/kanCare/>.

Researchers say music programs being cut in state

There's a little less harmony inside Kansas school walls these days. Two Kansas State University researchers say programs are facing cuts that could put the future of music education in Kansas in danger.

Frederick Burrack, Kansas State University director of graduate music studies and the office of assessment, and Phillip Payne, assistant professor of music education, discovered through annual school surveys for the past four years that the number of eliminated music educator positions in Kansas has more than doubled.

"Last year, more positions were cut than all three previous years combined," said Burrack.

"Graduate placement has not yet been effected but the increasing number of music teaching positions cut is an issue of concern."

In the past four years, the state

has lost 444 music educator positions from the 69 percent of state school districts that responded to the surveys.

"This could mean that there are nearly 500 fewer music teachers across the state maintaining the same number of school music programs," Burrack said.

"Music teachers are now filling two positions with no additional compensation and often less student contact time. The possibility of teacher burnout or a reduced level of quality could become an issue."

Burrack stressed that schools are not necessarily firing teachers, but are often not refilling positions after a teacher leaves or retires.

Every year since the surveys have been conducted, the leadership of the Kansas Music Educators Association has taken Burrack and Payne's results to state legislators.

Two years ago, they took the results to the Kansas Department of Education.

"The Kansas commissioner of education was shocked," Burrack said. "The department had no idea this was happening in schools."

When officials checked to make sure schools were offering what they claimed, they were. The music programs are still there, but classes are meeting less during the week or are adding fees for student participation. With less time in the music classroom, learning retention is hindered. Adding more fees may eliminate the opportunity for many students to gain the valuable learning impact that music can provide."

Position cutbacks in schools are also not an equal playing field, Burrack said. While a school district may have several math teachers,

it often will have only one for its music programs.

Payne said schools with high-quality music programs have higher student retention rates and greater levels of academic achievement. He added that high-quality music programs also increase self-awareness in students and increase the likelihood that they will enjoy their education and become engaged in activities.

"Well-organized and effective music programs change the climate of schools," Payne said. "Schools lacking strong programs are often challenged in this area."

Payne said the nearly 500 positions lost in Kansas in the last four years could take more than a decade to replenish because of the mechanisms of the state's school finance system. He said policymakers, administrators, teachers and the public

must become aware of the problem and its consequences.

Last year, researchers from Nebraska and Missouri joined Burrack and Payne in conducting the survey in their respective states. Now other states are interested in duplicating the research. Burrack said if multiple regions become involved, researchers and lawmakers could have a better idea about what's happening in music education nationally and discuss preventative measures.

"Funding is the reason used for these budget cuts," Burrack said. "However, there may be a lack of awareness of the value of a musical education. There's a value restructuring that needs to happen and the general public needs to be a part of it. The strongest voices are the parents of students."

Burrack said that schools are not

intentionally eliminating music programs. In fact, he said they are doing their best to retain the programs, but that they often do not understand the sequential nature of the music curriculum and the value it has to a child's development.

The researchers are preparing to send out the fifth year of the survey to schools around the state. They will continue advocating against increased school funding cuts, as well as increasing awareness in Kansas and in other states.

The Kansas Music Educators Association, of which Burrack and Payne serve as co-advocacy chairs, recently received an award from the National Association of Music Education for Burrack and Payne's research and its contributions to music advocacy.

public notice

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds.

Ronald C. Hallagin and Meredith V. Hallagin quit claim to Ronald C. Hallagin and Meredith V. Hallagin, Trustees of the Hallagin Family Trust dated 7/11/2012, the NE/4 of Sec.4, T6S, R39W.

Benjamin H. Duell and Barbara Duell convey and warrant to Benjamin H. Duell, Trustee, and any Successor Trustees of the Benjamin Hubert Duell Trust UTD 9/27/1976, and David Seth Duell, with the share of Benjamin H. Duell, as Trustee of the Benjamin Hubert Duell Trust UTD 9/27/1976, to vest in Seth David Duell, upon the death of Ben-

jamin H. Duell, the SW/4 of Sec.25, T7S, R42W.

Christopher William Dorn quit claims to Deedi Hoss-Dorn, a tract of land in NW/4 of Sec.29, T8S, R39W.

Maurice E. Johnson and Susan R. Johnson convey and warrant to Aubrea D. Winter, the NE/4 of NE/4 of Sec.4, T10S, R41W.

Sheriff's Deed: Western State Bank won judgement against Michael C. McGlone in sum of \$78,237.39 for 22' of north side of Lots 21, all of lots 22, 23 and 24, Block 51, Original Town of Goodland.

Virgil R. Baumfalk quit claims to Kevin G. Zimmerman and Mary J.

Zimmerman, a tract of land in NE/4 of Sec.29, T8S, R39W.

Douglas W. Irvin and Jeanne A. Irvin to the Jeanne A. Irvin Trust dated 4/26/2012, the NW/4 of Sec.5, T6S, R38W; the NW/4 of Sec.35, T9S, R41W; the SW/4 of Sec.6, T9S, R40W; 1/2 interest in a tract of land in NE/4 of Sec.20, T8S, R39W.

Brenda A. Underhill and Larry G. Underhill convey and warrant to Brenda A. Underhill, Trustee or her successor, of the Brenda A. Underhill Revocable Trust dated April 26, 2012, an undivided 1/3 interest in NE/4 of Sec.16, T9S, R39W.

Douglas W. Irvin and Jeanne A. Irvin to Douglas W. Irvin Trust

dated 4/26/2012, 1/2 interest in a tract of land in NE/4 of Sec.20, T8S, R39W.

Betty L. Wolfe quit claims to Micki Goossen and Timothy Goossen, the S/2 of SW/4 of Sec.4, T8S, R37W.

Betty L. Wolfe quit claims to Lila Engelhardt and Kenneth Engelhardt, the SE/4 of Sec.11, T8S, R37W.

Perrey Family Trust UTD 2/10/1992 as amended by and through its Trustees Dwight F. Perrey, Sr. and Patricia L. Perrey, to Zach Larison and Caroline J. Gebers, Lots 1-3, Block 35, Second Addition to City of Goodland, AKA 502 Grand Street.

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89.81 West, Alex D Prop Addr: 5925 Road 21 67735 Sec-16 Twp-09 Rng-39

3,823.45 West, Alex D & Pamela S Subd-Goodland City Tracts Prop Addr: 2810 Commerce RD 67735 Sec-25 Twp-08 Rng-40

4.57 West, Alex D & Pamela S Subd-Goodland City Tracts Prop Addr: Road 63 67735 Sec-25 Twp-08 Rng-40

4,406.15 West, Alex D & Pamela S Subd-Sharp's Addn To Goodland Lot-1 Prop Addr: 531 W 17th ST 67735

6,175.90 Whalen, Marietta L TR Subd-Goodland City Tracts Prop Addr: 2320 Commerce RD 67735 Sec-25 Twp-08 Rng-40

446.59 Williams, Donald D JR & Toni I Subd-Goodland Original Town Lot-7 Prop Addr: 307 W 9th ST 67735

372.68 Wilson, Gary S Subd-Goodland Original Town Lot-18 Prop Addr: 1111 Center Ave 67735

234.57 Wilson, James Subd-First Addn To Goodland Prop Addr: W 14th ST 67735

378.83 Windell, Matthew Subd-Hartstine's 2nd To Kanorado Lot-12 Prop Addr: 702 Front ST 67741

599.91 Wing, Mark & Laura E Subd-Goodland Original Town Prop Addr: 1016 Sherman Ave 67735

181.96 Winslow, Robert & Phyllis Subd-Goodland Sub Of Blks To Orig Lot-7 Prop Addr: 1201 Broadway Ave 67735

64.09 Winter, Debra D Prop Addr: CO RD Sec-05 Twp-06 Rng-37

285.39 Winter, Debra Prop Addr: CO RD Sec-21 Twp-06 Rng-37

291.59 Winter, Debra D Prop Addr: CO RD Sec-26 Twp-06 Rng-37

315.80 Winter, Debra D & Gary Prop Addr: CO RD Sec-26 Twp-06 Rng-37

301.72 Winter, Debra D etal Prop Addr: CO RD Sec-21 Twp-06 Rng-37

563.18 Winter, Gary L & Debra D Prop Addr 5890 Road 5 67741 Sec-15 Twp-09 Rng-42

641.09 Winter, Larry A DVM Prop Addr: 245 Road 63 67741 Sec-29 Twp-08 Rng-42

534.91 Winter, Melba J Prop Addr: CO RD Sec-15 Twp-09 Rng-42

247.38 Witzel, Chandra Subd-Rule's 1st Add To Kanorado Lot-14 Prop Addr: 504 Front ST 67741

383.62 Xarhis, John Alex & Kristina Subd-Goodland Original Town Prop Addr: 120 W 14th ST 67735

252.73 Yanez, Jeannie Murry & or Villarea, Toni Esmerada Subd-Kohler First Add To Goodland Lot-15 Prop Addr: 227 Caldwell Ave 67735

216.18 Yarbrough, Walter & Yarbrough, Matilda Subd-First Addn To Goodland Lot-14 Prop Addr: 527 W 13th ST 67735

1,346.40 Yarbrough, Walter & Mary M Subd-C K & N Addn To Goodland Prop Addr: 1602 Main Ave 67735

296.90 Yarbrough, Walter Subd-Sharp's Addn To Goodland Lot-5 Prop Addr: 1622 Wyoming Ave 67735

339.01 Yarbrough, Walter Subd-Sharp's Addn To Goodland Lot-9 Prop Addr: 1629 Wyoming Ave 67735

643.62 Yarger, Michael J Subd-Goodland City Tracts Prop Addr: 1801 Caldwell 67735 Sec-20 Twp-08 Rng-39

1,477.21 Yarger, Michael J Prop Addr: 1207 E 8th ST 67735 Sec-20 Twp-08 Rng-3

300.73 Yarger, Michael J & Cindie J Prop Addr: CO RD Sec-02 Twp-07 Rng-39

168.51 Yarger, Michael J & Cindie J Prop Addr: CO RD Sec-11 Twp-07 Rng-39

2,086.98 Yarger, Mike & Cindy Subd-Goodland City Tracts Prop Addr: 1825 Cherry Ave 67735 Sec-20 Twp-08 Rng-39

297.50 Zupko, Kurt Subd-First Addn To Goodland Lot-5 Prop Addr: 510 W 15th ST 67735

371,543.24 Grand Total

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Abandoned Motor Vehicle

Notice of sale of abandoned motor vehicle in the possession of S&M Repair. The herein described vehicle will be sold at public auction on August 31, 2012, at 8:00 a.m., to the highest bidder for cash, if the owner does not claim the same prior to time of sale and pay for removal, storage and publication costs incurred.

Description of vehicle:
Make Toyota, Model Fox, Serial or identification number JT3YR26V1E5023583, Color Gold, Year 1984, Vehicle is in storage at 1008 W. 17th St, Goodland, Kan.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

U.S. Bank National Association, successor by merger to Firststar Bank, successor by merger to Star Bank, successor by merger to Trans Financial Bank, successor by merger to Trans Financial Mortgage Company Plaintiff

vs

Della Soellner, et al Defendants

Case No. 12CV12
Court Number
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an

Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Sherman County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Sherman County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas, on September 4, 2012, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

All of Lots Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18) and the West Twentyfeet (W20') of Lot Nineteen (19), in Block Nineteen (19), FIRST ADDITION to the City of Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas, commonly known as 1008 West 12th Street, Goodland, KS 67735 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit HREF="http://www.southlaw.com MAC-ROBUTTON HtmlResAnchor www.Southlaw.com

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TREASURER'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT	
ENDING July 31, 2012	
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Fund	Balance
APPRAISER'S COST	\$56,762.10
MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATING FUND	\$34,373.94
BOND & INTEREST	\$172,894.78
COUNTY HEALTH	\$59,053.14
DIRECT ELECTION	\$68,174.08
TRASH HAULING	\$168,633.94
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$602,896.08
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS HEALTH RESERVE	\$146,396.33
EXTENSION	\$86.69
GENERAL FUND	\$985,228.40
HOME MAINTENANCE	\$61,149.72
POST CLOSURE ACCT-LANDFILL	\$225,000.00
LOGAN CO FIRE #1	\$2.25
LANDFILL EXCAVATION	\$275,434.00
NOXIOUS WEED	\$104,846.13
REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY	\$34,631.37
OUT-DISTRIBUTION TUITION	\$52.78
OVER & UNDER	\$187.05
OVERPAY & REFUND	-\$17.82
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (TRAINING FUND)	\$425.05
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (DIVERSION)	\$7,057.75
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$1,077,350.21
SALES TAX	\$25,735.25
SC RURAL FIRE DIST #1	\$151,828.19
OIL & GAS VALUATION DEPLETION TR FUND	\$13,701.91
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK	\$17,954.33
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$789,045.94
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$231,314.20
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$11,610.60
SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION	\$1,856.43
SPECIAL MACHINERY FUND	\$101,536.86
TORT LIABILITY	-\$176.70
CONCEALED WEAPONS	\$4,580.83
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$2,869.51
DRIVER'S LICENSE	\$52.00
NOXIOUS WEED CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$3,437.47
SC RFD #1 EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$42,274.30
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	\$546.01
SHERIFF DRUG SEIZURE FUND	\$15,222.99
COUNTY HEALTH CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$50,467.65
AUTO MOTOR STATE	\$9,340.24
HEALTH CARE SERVICES	\$388,953.60
COUNTY REDEMPTION	\$67,424.48
CURRENT TAX	\$225,556.46
DELINQUENT PERSONAL	\$9,792.82
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	\$2,781.65
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$289,953.94
RENTAL VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	\$433.56
MICRO LOANS	\$33,940.79
SHERIFF REWARD DONATION FUND	\$143.63
911 WIRELESS	\$88,051.49
SCRFD #1 SPECIAL FUND	\$5,147.03
911 TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$34,707.78
SUSPENSE FUND	\$14,964.18
2012 911 FUND	\$19,801.54
IOWA TOWNSHIP/GENERAL	\$2.90
LLANOS TOWNSHIP/GENERAL	\$41.00
LOGAN TOWNSHIP/GENERAL	\$3.66
MCPHERSON/GENERAL	\$3.97
SHERMANVILLE TOWNSHIP/GENERAL	\$91.05
STATELINE/GENERAL	\$2.72
USD #352/GENERAL	\$370.87
USD #314/GENERAL	\$303.44
PROJECT FUND-GO ROAD PROJECT	\$366,280.01
ROAD SEALANT BOND	\$42,852.80
LOCAL 1% SALES TAX FOR ROAD PROJECT	\$554,633.90
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$7,700,055.25

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