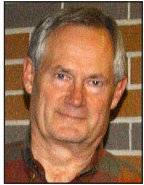


Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board 2010



Gerald Pees, MD – Chair

Gerald Pees, MD, is currently in his second term on the health board. The Iola, Kan., native graduated from the University of Kansas in 1967 with a degree in political science and went on to attend the University of Kansas School of Medicine, graduating in 1971. He interned at Maricopa County General Hospital in Phoenix and was a resident at the University of Kansas School of Medicine- Wichita.

He was in the Air Force for four years, where he served as a flight surgeon. He began his practice in Lawrence in 1979 and has practiced here ever since.

The general internist also has served on the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care Board for 20 years and was chairman for 10 years. The city appointee has served on the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board since 2006.



Shirley Martin-Smith – Vice Chair

Shirley Martin-Smith began serving on the health board in April 2009. A joint appointee, she was appointed by the Lawrence City and Douglas County commissions.

Martin-Smith has worked in staffing services for more than 30 years. She founded Martin-Smith Personnel Services Inc. in 1987 and is an Adecco franchisee, which specializes in staffing for the private and public sector.

A former mayor of Lawrence, Martin-Smith has served on numerous local boards including the United Way, the Douglas County Economic Development Board, the Community Coalition on Homelessness and the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center Governing Board. She currently serves on the Kansas Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the executive committee of Cottonwood Inc.



Paul Liechti – Treasurer

Paul Liechti, assistant director of the Kansas Biological Survey at the University of Kansas for more than 30 years, joined the health board in April 2008.

The longtime Lawrence resident is a member of the Kaw Valley Heritage Alliance, a nonprofit organization that collaborates on grassroots projects to protect and conserve the cultural and natural heritages of the Kansas River Valley. He is also involved with the Pinckney Neighborhood Association.

Liechti was appointed to the board by the Douglas County Commission.

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David Ambler

David Ambler is a retired University of Kansas vice chancellor for student affairs, appointed by the city. He joined the board in April 2010.

“Student health services at universities certainly is public health,” Ambler said. “I think over the time in my career, probably the thing I emphasized most with the student health services staff was that they didn’t need to be just a good center for quality care, but also needed to have a focus on education, healthy behaviors and health promotion.”

Ambler also currently serves on the Success by Six and Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center boards.



Amy Biel

County appointee Amy Biel joined the health board in April 2010. Biel is currently an analyst at the Kansas Health Institute, an organization that provides key resources to state policymakers.

Prior to that, she served as manager of the partnership program for the National Cancer Institute’s Cancer Information Service and was Director of Disease Surveillance and Data Management at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Biel was appointed by the county to the health board.



Ray Davis

Ray Davis is a retired University of Kansas professor in public administration. The county appointee joined the health board in April 2010.

Davis said he has had a long-standing interest in health care.

As an intern for the U.S. Public Health Service in the 1970s, he worked on legislation related to a national health insurance plan that President Richard Nixon had proposed.

Since his retirement in 2007, Davis has served on the Kansas Health Policy governing board. He also has served on the Lawrence Memorial Hospital Board and Bert Nash Mental Health Center governing board.



Carol Seager

Carol Seager, director of Student Health Services at the University of Kansas, was appointed by University of Kansas Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little. Seager, who joined the board in April 2010, will serve as the ex officio member.

Seager has served as the Director of the University of Kansas Student Health Services since 1999. She and her team have worked closely with the Health Department during various disease outbreaks; most recently with H1N1 where they hosted several vaccination clinics for students, staff and KU retirees.



Maley Wilkins

Maley Wilkins, community president at Peoples Bank, joined the health board in April 2010. She is a city appointee.

Maley Wilkins has a strong financial background, working for three different banks in Lawrence and holds a bachelor of arts degree in personnel administration from the University of Kansas.

She has served on both the Lawrence Chamber and Lawrence School boards, where she also served as president.

Wilkins is currently a member of The Shelter Inc., the Lawrence Memorial Hospital Endowment Board and Boys & Girls Club boards.