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Changes come to Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board

(Lawrence, KS) – Shirley Martin-Smith has been appointed to the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board.

Martin-Smith was recommended by the Health Board and was jointly appointed to the board by the Douglas County and Lawrence City commissions this week. She will replace board member and chair Donna Bell in April.

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 and the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center Governing Board. She currently serves on the Kansas Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Community Commission on Homelessness and the board of Cottonwood Inc.

In addition to Martin-Smith's selection this week, Dr. Gerald Pees was reappointed to the health board by the Lawrence City Commission for a second term. The five-member board has two members appointed by the city commission, two appointed by the county commission and the remaining member appointed by both commissions.

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board's duties include:

- Establishing and formulating policies for the operation of the Health Department
- Hiring and evaluating the Director
- Adopting the annual budget
- Reviewing Health Department programs and activities.