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### **New members join Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board**

**(Lawrence, KS)** – With the appointment of David Ambler as the fifth newest member of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board, the transition of the board is now complete. Ambler was appointed by the Lawrence City Commission at its Tuesday night meeting.

The city commission and Douglas County Commission recently approved the expansion of the board from five members to seven. They also added an ex officio member appointed by the University of Kansas chancellor.

Each commission now appoints three members and they jointly appoint a member. Each board member serves a three-year term.

The new members are:

- **David Ambler**, retired University of Kansas vice chancellor for student affairs.
- **Amy Biel**, Kansas Health Institute analyst, appointed by county.
- **Ray Davis**, retired KU professor in public administration, appointed by county.
- **Carol Seager**, director of KU's Student Health Services, appointed by KU chancellor. Seager will serve as the ex officio member.
- **Maley Wilkins**, community president at Peoples Bank, appointed by city.

The remaining board members are:

- **Paul Liechti**, assistant director of the Kansas Biological Survey, treasurer, appointed by county.
- **Shirley Martin-Smith**, owner of Adecco Personnel in Lawrence, vice chair, jointly appointed by the city/county.
- **Dr. Gerald Pees**, of Internal Medicine Group, chair, appointed by city.

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.

Two orientation meetings will be held for the health board. These will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday, April 5 and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19 at the Health Department.

The next board meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 19 in the second floor meeting rooms of the Community Health Facility, 200 Maine St. in Lawrence.

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