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## **‘Health for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century’ summit set for Jan. 16 at KU**

**(Lawrence, KS)** – Dr. Karen DeSalvo, a public health expert who served as the former Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will be the Ralph I. Canuteson Memorial Lectureship keynote speaker at the “Health for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” summit Jan. 16 in the Kansas Room at the University of Kansas Union, 1301 Jayhawk Blvd. DeSalvo will describe how public health is changing in response to the rise in chronic diseases.

“As health needs evolve and change, it is incumbent upon the public health system to be responsive and effective in assuring conditions in which all residents can be healthy,” said Vicki Collie-Akers, associate director for Health Promotion Research at the KU Center for Community Health and Development. “Dr. Karen DeSalvo has served as the architect for a model, called Public Health 3.0, that aims to achieve this goal.”

DeSalvo will also serve on a panel discussion with Bob St. Peter, president and CEO of Kansas Health Institute, and Dr. Robert Moser, executive director of the Kansas Heart and Stroke Collaborative at KU Medical Center. After lunch, there will be breakout sessions about the status of public health in Kansas, sharing data and multi-sector partnerships.

“Creating the opportunity for every Kansas resident to enjoy good health is a shared responsibility,” said Director Dan Partridge, of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department. “Summit attendees will leave with a deeper understanding about how public health and health care can work together with community partners and residents to improve health for all.”

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, visit <http://communityhealth.ku.edu>.

Event sponsors are: Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, University of Kansas Medical Center, University of Kansas Center for Community Health and Development and the Kresge Foundation.

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