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On behalf of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, I am pleased to announce the call for nominations for the *Kansas Tobacco Prevention Workgroup for Specific Populations*. Members of this workgroup will be invited to engage in a participatory planning process that will identify critical issues and develop a strategic plan for tobacco use prevention among sub-populations that experience the greatest health burden from tobacco use and exposure.

Recent trends in tobacco use demonstrate the need for input from specific populations to develop the most effective tobacco prevention strategies in the state. For example, the smoking rate for Kansans with less than a high school education is nearly three times as high as the rate for college graduates (Source: 2005 Kansas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System). This and many other tobacco use-related disparities must be addressed to eliminate the adverse effects of tobacco use on specific population groups.

I invite you to review the attached nomination form. Please assist us by nominating yourself or someone you know with experiences relevant to the specific populations identified. Prior experience in public health or tobacco use prevention is not required. We seek to include anyone with experience relevant to the specific populations who also has an interest in tobacco use prevention. Individuals who are *members* of a specific population will be given preference.

We look forward to receiving your nomination form. Please direct any questions to Connie Satzler at 785-587-0151 or [csatzler@kansas.net](mailto:csatzler@kansas.net), or Karry Moore at 620-235-4871 or [kmoore@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:kmoore@kdhe.state.ks.us).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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C: Roderick Bremby, Secretary