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TICER APPOINTED TO STATE COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE

(OLATHE, KS – **JANUARY 4, 2008**) Liz Ticer, Johnson County Health Department (JCHD) Emergency Coordinator, has been appointed to the state Commission on Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR). Her four-year term began in December.

“Being appointed to this commission is a great honor for me”, Ticer said. “I look forward to working with other local and state agencies to help prepare Kansas for emergencies and aid in the recovery and response when a catastrophic event does take place.”

CEPR facilitates a coordinated effort dealing with mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery from emergencies and disasters in Kansas. The primary focus of the commission is to enhance state and local emergency response and preparedness capabilities through improved coordination and planning. This is achieved by:

- Advising and assisting local agencies in the mitigation of hazards and emergency preparedness by aiding in the development of all emergency plans, training and exercises;
- Reviewing the response to emergencies and recommending improvements for mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery of future disasters;
- Carrying out all requirements of the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986.

The CEPR is comprised of representatives from various state and local government organizations and industry. In 2007, membership of the CEPR expanded to include agency heads from various agencies in the state, as well as 18 members of a mixture of state and local agencies that are appointed by the Governor. New members include representatives from law enforcement, transportation, health care, agriculture, animal health, public health, and local government.

At the health department, Ticer manages the planning, coordination and training needed in developing and maintaining emergency plans in the event of a disease outbreak or other health emergency. She has worked at JCHD since 2005. She has also had experience at the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas as an emergency planner, and the United States Forest Service as a wild land firefighter.

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