

FALL WORKSHOP



KANSAS HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LINEN SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Oct. 15-16, 2026

**Courtyard by Marriott
3020 Riffel Drive
Salina, Kansas**

Hosted by:

Kansas Healthcare Environmental and Linen Services Association

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AGENDA

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2026

7:30 a.m. Registration/Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Welcome/Introductions, Joni Deters, President-Elect and Eva Harrington, Past President/Treasurer

8:15 a.m. **Battery Selection and Maintenance for Floor Maintenance Equipment**
Mark McFarland, Pur-O-Zone

9:15 a.m. Break

9:30 a.m. **Survey Ready Every Day: Infection Prevention for Environmental Services and Laundry**
Cassie Stevenson, KDHE

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. **What's Underfoot: Hospital Floors as a Pathogen Reservoir and the EVS Response**
Dustin Hearne, Buckeye International

11:45 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. **Lockstep: When IPAC & EVS Walk Together**
Silvera Ford, University of Kansas Medical Center

2:00 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. **Hands on Session:**
Hands on Hygiene Skills Fair with D.I.C.E.
Short Sweet Teach and Repeat/EVS IP Competency
Dr. David Koeing and Aaron Jett and Associates

4:30 p.m. **KHELSA Business Meeting and Roundtable Discussion**

5:00 p.m. **Dinner: Hawaiian Themed Cookout Sponsored by Cintas**
Wear your favorite tropical outfit and join in the fun!

Friday, October 16, 2026

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. **Vendor Show**
*** Raffle drawings will take place throughout the Vendor Show. Must be present to win.**

11:30 a.m. **Adjourn**



SPEAKER INFO

Silvera Ford

Dustin Hearne, Buckeye International

Dustin Hearne is a Manufacturing Sales Representative with extensive experience in the JanSan industry, specializing in solutions for healthcare and environmental services. He works closely with health care organizations and distribution partners to identify effective solutions for cleaning, disinfection, floor care, and hand hygiene. Dustin is passionate about helping health care facilities improve their cleaning programs through practical, innovative solutions and industry expertise. He focuses on building strong relationships and delivering measurable value to the organizations he serves.

Aaron Jett

Aaron Jett is Clinical Solutions Director at Cintas and an internationally recognized expert in infection prevention and environmental hygiene. He is a certified master trainer for the AHE Academy (MT CMPS), a designated trainer for T CHEST, T CSCT and T CNACC, and co facilitator with Dr. David Koenig for the AHE Certificate of Mastery in Product Selection (CMPS). Aaron holds the certificate of mastery in infection prevention (CMIP) and the certificate of mastery in environmental hygienist, an EPA ASTM QPM committee member, advisory board member for EvSOP, and chairman of the board for Healthcare Risk Mitigation. With a clinical background as an infection preventionist, Aaron advises leading health systems internationally on evidence based EVS practices, verification workflows and staff education to advance patient safety.

Dr. David Koenig

David W. Koenig is an internationally recognized leader in environmental services optimization and infection preventions, founder of DKMicrobios, and a principal architect of the DICE methodology. He combines clinical insight, forensic detection techniques, and practical EVS system design to help healthcare organizations standardize cleaning verification and reduce cross contamination risk. David's work centers on translating forensic light detection, targeted sampling, and verification metrics into actionable EVS protocols that improve patient safety and operational consistency. He has authored 62 book chapters/manuscripts and holds 90 U.S. patents.

Mark McFarland, Pur-O-Zone

Cassie Stevenson, RN, CIC

Cassie Stevenson is a Senior Infection Preventionist and Project Firstline Lead with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), where she leads the Infection Prevention Program within the Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance section. In this role, she works with health care facilities across Kansas to strengthen infection prevention programs through consultation, training, technical assistance and helps lead statewide initiatives focused on health care associated infection prevention and workforce education. Cassie currently serves as president of the Wichita Area APIC Chapter. She is passionate about improving infection prevention capacity in rural health care settings and helping frontline health care workers implement practical strategies to reduce health care associated infections and improve patient safety.



REGISTRATION

2026 KHELSA Fall Workshop October 15-16, 2026

Member Registration Fee: \$100

Non-Member Registration Fee: \$150

Registration fee includes two continental breakfasts, lunch, program materials and dinner provided by Cintas Thursday evening. A Non-Member registration includes a KHELSA membership for the remainder of the current calendar year.



Two easy ways to register:

By credit card: Complete form and call Susan Holmes at (785) 233-7436

By check: Mail check and completed form to:

KHELSA, 215 S.E. Eighth Ave., Topeka, KS 66603

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Email Address: _____

Refund Policy

A full refund will be given for cancellations received in writing by email, fax or mail to KHA prior to 5 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

Location and Hotel Accommodations

This workshop will be at the Courtyard by Marriott, 3020 Riffel Drive, Salina, KS. Reservations may be made by clicking [HERE](#) or by calling (785) 309-1300 and asking for the KHELSA room block rate of \$119 plus tax. The room block is available until September 29, 2026.

2026 Board Members

Patrick Fowler, President
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Joni Deters, President Elect
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Serenity Thomas, Board Member

Special Services: If you need any of the aids or services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact Susan Holmes, sholmes@kha-net.org

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