The Future of Rural Health Care in Kansas

KHA and Health Foundations Highlight Ongoing Work and New Opportunities

(January 8, 2021) – Ensuring sustainable health care in rural communities is a top priority for the Kansas Health Foundation, the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund and the Kansas Hospital Association.

On Jan. 7, KHA hosted a Media Briefing highlighting health care in rural communities and essential community conversations occurring in Kansas. Reporters got an update on ongoing efforts to improve access to health care, as well as information about new health care delivery models for rural hospitals including the “Rural Emergency Hospital” (part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act), which is similar to the “Primary Health Center” concept developed in Kansas.

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The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 218 member facilities, of which 122 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA’s vision is Optimal Health for Kansas.

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