

# CareConnection

## Out and About

### Here are some of our recent community outreach highlights:

**Wichita Public Schools' Title VI Native American Indian Education Programs (NAIEP) Annual School's Out Powwow** on Saturday, April 5, at the Mid-American All-Indian Museum. Title VI students took on key roles — from emceeing to color guard — and helped crown the 2025–2027 NAIEP Princess. We were proud to attend and provided dental screenings and shared information about our services.

We were honored to partner with the Native American Community Resource Coalition for another **Emergency Food Assistance event**, sharing free groceries with families in need. Held at the former Southeast High School, it focused on supporting our Native American community — offering not just food, but respect, and solidarity. A heartfelt thank you to every incredible volunteer who showed up with kindness and purpose. If you would be interested in volunteering at the next Emergency Food Assistance event, please reach out to Paige Bailey, [paige.bailey@hunterhealth.org](mailto:paige.bailey@hunterhealth.org).

Newman University recently held a **Master of Social Work (MSW) Field Fair**. It was an opportunity for agencies to connect with social work students, and vice versa, to make students aware of possible practicum placements and/or job opportunities. Our own Integrated Care Manager, Tatiana Munoz Vargas, attended the fair and shared how integrated care transforms lives — something she's seen firsthand over the past six years.



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# OUR TEAM'S BEST DAY AT HUNTER HEALTH

At our last all-staff quarterly meeting, we asked our team members to share one of their favorite memories of working at Hunter Health. Here's another one:

Recently we followed up with a patient we convinced to have a colonoscopy after several appointments of speaking with about the importance. He was very thankful we were able to get him in so quickly for a follow up by the Care Management. While being a bit of a huff and puff patient of ours in the past, he was very thankful and appreciative that we constantly spoke with him every appointment. He went for a colonoscopy to find out that he in fact had Colon Cancer. ~~He~~ He was able to have surgery quickly and have the cancer cleared. During this visit he continued to praise and thank his healthcare team for constantly talking with him every visit about it. He said "I will shout from the roof tops to everyone about how you saved my life and every thing you do for your patients." Before leaving he again thanked us for saving his life and how appreciative he is. Even high fiving us on the way out the door.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



### MEET HUNTER HEALTH'S Davette McCoy, MS, RDH, BSDH, ECP III

#### Who I Am:

I am a Wichita native and my passion for healthcare is fueled by the importance of quality care to address health disparities many people suffer from in our community.

#### Healthcare Specialty:

Dentistry

#### Why Hunter Health?

Hunter Health gives me the opportunity to fulfill my passion of educating the underserved population on preventative oral care. Providing oral health education can empower our community to foster healthy habits that can last a lifetime.



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## MISSION MINUTE

**Hunter Health is a nonprofit organization committed to whole-person health care, addressing physical, emotional, and social well-being.**

After a patient recently had their teeth pulled, they called with concerns about dry sockets. During the call, our care team learned the patient was also experiencing jaw pain radiating to the chest. Recognizing the seriousness of these symptoms, she urged the patient to go to the ER immediately. After following-up with the patient, we learned they were having a heart attack and received a life-saving stent procedure. Thanks to our care team's quick thinking and care, the patient is now home and recovering well. We're incredibly proud of our assistant for potentially saving a life through her attentiveness and training.

**If you would like to learn more about Hunter Health's mission to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in our community, please contact Joan Moore for a tour of our Central Campus:**

**[Joan.Moore@HunterHealth.org](mailto:Joan.Moore@HunterHealth.org)**



**Follow us.** Did you know we are also on TikTok and Instagram? These pages are a great way for us to connect with our community and share more about the work we do at Hunter Health.



# MEET OUR NEW NURSE PRACTITIONERS

## ROXAN KENDALL, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

### Who Am I?

I've always wanted to be a nurse since I was a little girl. I did my undergraduate at Wichita State and graduated as a registered nurse in 2014. Then I did my graduate work at Maryville University in St Louis.

### Healthcare Specialty

Family Nurse Practitioner

### Experience

I have worked post-acute care, primary care, but not in a brick and mortar. I was going to the patients for long-term care, assisted living, independent living, just out in the community. I worked hospice for the last seven years and then worked for a little while as a hospitalist with Heartland cardiology, so I learned a lot about cardiac care.

### Why Hunter Health?

I think that there are a lot of socioeconomically disadvantaged and geographically isolated, educationally disenfranchised people in our community. And I feel like Hunter Health gives me the opportunity to empower that specific population, which is kind of a twofold win, because I get to feel like I have a sense of purpose, and also it makes our community better.



## PATTY RINGER, MSN, APRN-C

### Who Am I?

I've always had a love of medicine and taking care of people. I love science. And when I was a little girl, my mom had an accident and broke her back when I was five-and-a-half years old, and I got to help her in rehab and help her at home. And I think ever since then, I was just very intrigued. I've always been interested in just the way the body works and healing. I graduated from Wichita State in 2004 with my BSN and 2008 with my nurse practitioner and MSN.

### Healthcare Specialty

Nurse practitioner

### Experience

I was a hospitalist out in Eureka, Kansas, and loved serving the rural communities. Prior to that, I worked for the school district at the alternative behavior school and in drug and alcohol rehab for four years.

### Why Hunter Health?

I think it's a great part of our community, and I love that we serve a population that a lot of times may not get the help they need if we weren't here. We do a good job of working with the community.



## FORCE *for* GOOD

The **#ForceForGood** just got stronger. We're thrilled to join other nonprofits to collectively drive impact in our community as a 2025 United Way of the Plains funded partner!



# CELEBRATING OUR INCREDIBLE TEAM

**National Dental Hygienists Week** was held the second week of April, a chance to celebrate our incredible team — **Davette, Rosalie, Riley, Megan, Nick, Cynthia, and Libby!** Your hard work, compassion, and dedication help keep our community smiling.

**Medical Laboratory Professionals Week** was April 20-26, and we celebrated the vital work of our unsung healthcare heroes. A huge thank you to **Leslie, Shannon, Megan, Evelyn, Nanci, Edith, and Tabatha** for all that you do!

And **National Administrative Professionals Day** was April 23. We honored our incredible team members who work behind the scenes: **Amanda, Robert, Yecenia, Aerial, and Paige.** Your energy and enthusiasm do not go unnoticed!

**David Duncan**, CFO of Hunter Health, completed the **NACHC CFO Leadership Institute** in Charlotte, NC. He attended workshops, connected with FQHC CFOs nationwide, and shared, “We exchanged ideas, learned from top-notch speakers, and gained tips on financial management and strategic planning.”

**Congrats, David!**



## GET READY FOR A HEALTHY SUMMER

**At Hunter Health, we believe that good health starts with small, everyday choices — especially as we step into the summer season. As a supporter of our mission, you know how important it is to stay strong, proactive, and connected. Here are some simple tips to help you and your loved ones get summer-ready:**

**Hydrate for Health** Kansas heat can sneak up on you! Drinking plenty of water helps keep your body cool and your mind sharp.

**Go Fresh and Local** Seasonal fruits and vegetables are not only delicious — they're packed with nutrients your body needs. Wichita is home to several farmers markets, where you can support your community while nourishing your health.

**Check In on Your Health** Now is a great time to schedule a check-up, especially if you've been putting it off. Hunter Health is here to provide whole-person care — whether it's a physical exam, vision check, mental health support, or dental care — we have it all under one roof!

**Protect What Matters** Sunscreen, sunglasses, and lightweight clothing can go a long way in protecting your skin and eyes from harmful UV rays. Prevention today means fewer problems tomorrow.

**Get Moving, Your Way** Whether it's a walk around the neighborhood, playing with your kids, or dancing in your kitchen — just get your body moving. Every little bit helps boost mood, energy, and overall health.

**Rest is Resilience** Don't underestimate the power of a good night's sleep. Let your body recharge so you can take on each day with energy and focus.





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## WHY SHOULD YOU HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE?

Understanding health insurance can be overwhelming, but having coverage is essential for accessing the care you need. In this video, we break down why health insurance matters, how it helps protect your health and finances, and how we can guide you in finding the right coverage. **Scan this QR code to watch:**



## GET INVOLVED IN OUR CENTRAL TO WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

Our Central to Wellness campaign is in full swing! See how we're dramatically changing the future of Central and Grove in innovative ways to serve our community. **Scan this QR code to watch:**



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