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Free Webinar Series Offered on Healthy Vending

A local hospital will highlight their wellness program leadership and healthy vending offered for employees and the community on the first of a three part webinar series. Box Butte General Hospital representatives Scott Alwin, Chief Ancillary Officer, and Dan Newhoff, Wellness Coordinator, will provide insights to fellow Nebraska employers on *Vendor Relations and Employee Engagement* offered March 18, 2016 beginning at 9:30 am MT.

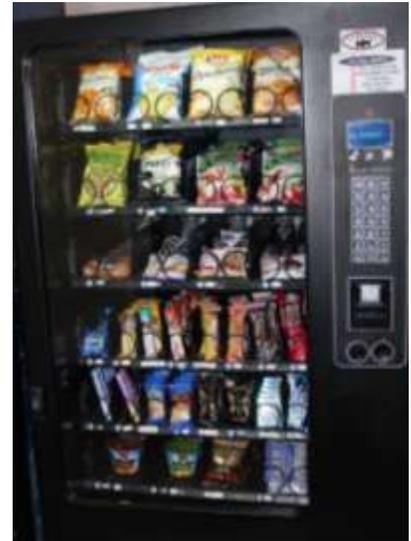
“Healthier vending initiatives increase consumer choice by making healthy snack and beverage choices, the easy choice,” said Jessica Davies, Panhandle Worksite Wellness Council Coordinator.

Hospitals, local public health departments, and worksites play a critical role in increasing healthy snack and beverage choices for employees and the community. The webinars will reinforce the importance of institutional leadership support for healthy vending efforts, identify key strategies to providing healthy vending options including policy efforts, and offer ideas for communicating with their vendors to encourage lasting change.

“Celebrate March as National Nutrition Month by joining us for discussion and hear Nebraska successes and resources to increase healthy vending in your community and at your worksite,” she added.

The free, three-part series is led by health and wellness experts in partnership with WorkWell, Inc., WELLCOM, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and UNL Extension. More information can be found pphd.org/pwwc.html.

The Panhandle Worksite Wellness Council is proudly part of Panhandle Public Health District. The Council specializes in supporting employers in the Panhandle region. We recognize that many employers support a diverse and remote workforce and offer innovative ways to overcome the challenge of working with a virtual team. We understand that many of our employers do not have full-time wellness resources and work to provide resources and training to make running a worksite wellness program as easy as possible.



Box Butte General Hospital vending in accordance with their healthy vending standards.

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety and quality of life for all who live, learn, work and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community.