



**Kentucky Health Departments Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
KACo Office
Frankfort, KY
December 17, 2019**

Approved January 21, 2020

Members Present:

Allison Adams, Buffalo Trace
Denise Beach, Hopkins County
Kayla Bebout, Christian County
Sara Jo Best, Lincoln Trail District
Greg Brewer, Gateway District
Andrea Brown, Bourbon County
Julie Bush, Johnson County
Noel Coplen, Graves County
Shawn Crabtree, Lake Cumberland District
Nancy Crewe, Madison County
Chris Crum, Greenup County
Jill Ford, Monroe County
Teresa Gamsky, Oldham County
Randy Gooch, Jessamine County
Maria Hardy, Ashland-Boyd County
Jen Harris, Todd County
Dr. Georgia Heise, Three Rivers District
Dr. Kraig Humbaugh, Lexington-Fayette
County
Matt Hunt, Barren River District
Teresa Hunter, Bell County
Becky Kissick-Hake, Clark County
Debbie Miller, Lawrence County
Dr. Sarah Moyer, Louisville Metro
Allison Napier, Montgomery County

Billy Pitts, Marshall County
Cassie Prather, Woodford County
Rebecca Rains, Knox County
Angela Raleigh, Breathitt County
Marcy Rein, Whitley County
Andrea Renfrow, Bullitt County
Matt Rhodes, Louisville Metro
Roanya Rice, North Central District
Tammy Riley, Pike County
Scott Shrewsbury, Breckinridge County
Thursa Sloan, Floyd County
J Smith, Garrard County

Others Present:

Melissa Royce, CDP
Kyndall Raburn, DPH
Julie Brooks, DPH
Jim House, DPH
Becky Gillis, DPH
Gary Franklin

Staff Present:

Dana Nickles, Executive Director
Jill LeMaster, Office Manager

Call to Order:

President Allison Adams called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM EST. Allison introduced Pike County's new health department director, Tammy Riley, and Gateway District's interim director Greg Brewer. Bobby Ratliff retired on December 1. She also introduced DPH staff and other guests.

Minutes:

Allison Adams noted the minutes had been previously sent out via email. Teresa Hunter made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes, seconded by Billy Pitts. The motion carried.

Finance Report:

On behalf of Treasurer Randy Gooch, Jill LeMaster presented the financial reports. As of November 30, 2019, the Joint Administrative account had total cash assets of \$123,425.70, YTD revenue of \$86,292.50, total expenditures of \$70,428.85, with a net income of \$15,863.65. The KHDA account had total current assets of \$66,873.55, income of \$172,462.22, total expenditures of \$116,859.97, which leaves a net income of \$55,602.25. Dr. Humbaugh made the motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Randy Gooch. The motion carried.

KY DPH Updates:

Commissioner Dearinger gave a brief update. Dr. Dearinger shared that Rep. Moser prefiled BR269, the Public Health Transformation bill.

Dr. Connie White gave an update on the public health nurses webinar that was held in November. She shared that per the Medicaid Director from Huntington, WV, “A fully funded Harm Reduction program can prevent 80% of HIV cases during an outbreak.” She also shared that “Ryan White money” can now come into jails.

Becky Gillis, Director of Public Health Protection and Safety (Environmental, Preparedness, and Harm Reduction) introduced Dr. Denise Bell, Deputy Director. Becky discussed strategic priorities for the next few years. Becky wants KHDA members input on these priorities:

- Ten Priority Areas:
 1. Accreditation/Quality Assurance/Quality Improvements
 2. Improved Data Collection/Analysis
 3. Regulation Amendments
 4. Enhanced Planning, Training, and Exercises for Preparedness
 5. Personnel
 6. RS Program (Registered Sanitarian)
 7. Harm Reduction/Substance Abuse
 8. Vector Surveillance and Control
 9. Building Environmental Capacity in KY (BECKY)
 10. State Health Operations Center

Becky shared training dates for 2020. She also shared some of the federal grant successes and those in process.

Jim House, Mobile Harm Reduction Administrator, discussed things that they have been working on and plan to do in 2020., including the Harm Reduction Summit in Somerset, KY, May 27-28.

Julie Brooks gave an update on the Public Health Regulation and the timeline changes.

KHDA Options Program:

Gary Franklin gave a quarterly update on the Purchasing Options Program.

KHDA Updates and Reports:

Dana Nickles presented the executive director's report and update. She answered several questions from the KHDA members. Dana also shared some of her goals for next year.

Allison Adams shared some updates on the following:

- School Health – Next month we will have a speaker.
- Dana and Allison met with KACo representatives and others on Public Health Transformation. They learned that they have to be very elementary with public health terms when discussing.
- Public Health Transformation – The bill has been introduced. The “Public Health Council” is no longer in the bill.
- Spreadsheet on the Pension Bill – The spreadsheet was sent out by Randy Gooch, and he will also send out a revision. Much discussion followed on the pension issues.

Allison Adams shared that the Babbage team will be sending out two surveys to the local health departments, and they will be providing a legislative tracking document. Allison stated that the legislative team needs to get going on the talking points for the legislation. Allison said to be thinking about the “quasi” issue for the future.

Adjournment:

Greg Brewer made the motion to adjourn and Thursa Sloan seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla Bebout, KHDA Secretary

(Recorded and transcribed by Jill LeMaster, Office Manager and Carla Tillett, Membership Specialist)