



Approved, June 16, 2020

**Kentucky Health Departments Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
May 19, 2020**

Members Present via Zoom:

Allison Adams, Buffalo Trace
Denise Beach, Hopkins County
Kayla Bebout, Christian County
Sara Jo Best, Lincoln Trail District
Cathy Bethel, Muhlenberg County
Brent Blevins, Boyle County
Greg Brewer, Calloway County
Andrea Brown, Bourbon County
Julie Bush, Johnson County
Noel Coplen, Graves County
Tony Cox, Bracken County
Shawn Crabtree, Lake Cumberland District
Stacy Crase, Powell County
Nancy Crewe, Madison County
Bobbie Crider, Harlan County
Kathy Crown-Weber, Mercer County
Chris Crum, Greenup County
Josh Embry, Grayson County
Amy Ferguson, Calloway County
Jill Ford, Monroe County
Teresa Gamsky, Oldham County
Randy Gooch, Jessamine County
Tim Gould, Estill County
Christie Green, Cumberland Valley District
Maria Hardy, Ashland-Boyd County
Jen Harris, Todd County
Dr. Georgia Heise, Three Rivers District
Mark Hensley, Laurel County
Clay Horton, Green River District
Dr. Kraig Humbaugh, Lexington-Fayette
County
Matt Hunt, Barren River District
Teresa Hunter, Bell County
Becky Kissick-Hake, Clark County

Kent Koster, Purchase District
Scott Lockard, Kentucky River District
Judy Mattingly, Franklin County
Dr. Crystal Miller, Wedco District
Debbie Miller, Lawrence County
Diane Miller, Lincoln 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
Dr. Lynne Saddler, Northern Kentucky
District
Dr. James Shepherd, Magoffin County
Scott Shrewsbury, Breckinridge County
Thursa Sloan, Floyd County
J Smith, Garrard County
Jim Tolley, Pennyriple District

Others Present:

Bob Babbage, Babbage CoFounders
Julie Babbage, Babbage CoFounders
Lauren Hogan, Babbage CoFounders
Rebecca Hartsough, Babbage CoFounders
Senator Ralph Alvarado
Rep. Kim Moser
Dr. Tisha Johnson, DPH
T Gonzales, DPH
Dr. Steven Stack, DPH

Mark Carter, DPH Contact Tracing
Tricia Okeson, DPH
Melissa Freeman, DPH AFM
Cara Kay, Lexington-Fayette HD

Staff Present:
Dana Nickles, Executive Director
Jill LeMaster, Office Manager
Carla Tillett, Membership Specialist

Call to Order:

President Allison Adams called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM EST.

Minutes:

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

Finance Report:

Randy Gooch presented the financial reports for KHDA and the KPHA/KHDA Joint Administrative accounts as of April 30, 2020. The Joint account had total cash assets of \$110,907.68, YTD income of \$160,434.70, total expenditures of \$154,791.68, with a net income of \$5,643.02. The KHDA account had total current assets of \$20,436.20, total net income of \$219,562.00, total expenditures of \$210,397.06, which leaves a net income of \$9,164.94. Kayla Bebout made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded Mark Hensley. The motion carried.

Executive Director Report:

The 2020 Legislative Session concluded in April. On the last day of the Session, the Legislature passed House Resolution 135, sponsored by Rep. Kim Moser. The Resolution encourages the Legislative Research Commission to create the Emergency Preparedness Task Force. Dana has been working with the Babbage Team to ensure KHDA involvement in the Task Force. KHDA signed a NACCHO letter of support for federal legislation regarding student loan forgiveness for public health workers.

Eric Friedlander was named as CHFS Secretary. KHDA met with DPH to discuss contact tracing. KHDA met with the Governor on May 5, 2020 to introduce KHDA, and to discuss contact tracing.

Shawn Crabtree, Randy Gooch, Georgia Heise, and Dana have been working with DPH on the administrative regulations for HB 129. A final draft should be ready for review before the end of May. DPH will file the regulations with LRC in June or July.

Dana continues to participate on behalf of KHDA in the school health coalition coordinated by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. The Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association plans to hold regional trainings for its members in July, and has expressed an interest in having Local Health Department Directors in each area present information at the trainings.

Scott Surber from the Center for Rural Development contacted Dana about their work in improving and promoting the usage and expansion of telehealth/telemedicine throughout Eastern Kentucky.

KPHA is selling t-shirts that may be purchased through the KPHA website. Several local health departments have purchased t-shirts for staff. A potential tenant has shown interest in the upstairs office at the KHDA building.

President's Report – Allison Adams

Allison Adams announced that work has been done on the FY21 budget and it will be ready by the June KHDA meeting. The official nominating committee for the leadership elections will be Scott Lockard, Mark Hensley, and Julie Bush.

Andy Waters is establishing both a WIC and HANDS advisory workgroup and asked for two KHDA representatives from the local health departments. For a HANDS representatives, Jackie Henderson (Hopkins County), and Marie Flechler (Bullitt County). For a WIC representatives, Jennifer Bowman (Louisville Metro) and Shelly Lambert (Lincoln Trail).

DPH Update:

Dr. Tisha Johnson gave an update on HIV-AIDS, Kentucky. Kentucky was identified as one of the seven states that would receive a grant for rural health to fight HIV-AIDS. Mark Carter updated the group on contact tracing. Mark is just getting organized with the different facets of contact tracing. Mark's three focus areas are people, process, and technology. There was much discussion from the local health department directors on contact tracing. Mark's contact email is Mark.carter@ky.gov.

Conversation with our legislators:

Bob Babbage introduced Representative Kim Moser as the Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee. Rep. Moser talked about working together with Senator Alvarado on the recovery efforts from the Covid-19 effects. She will also be working with the Emergency Preparedness task force. There will be many challenges in the short session that will be coming up in 2021.

Senator Ralph Alvarado joined and talked about Covid-19 and infectious diseases in general. There was talk about dental issues in the rural areas and doing things differently. Much discussion ensued about committee meetings during the summer and fall during the interim before the legislative session starts. Senator Alvarado discussed bills that he will be working on.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM EDT. Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Hensley and seconded by Kent Koster.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kayla Bebout, KHDA Secretary
(Recorded and transcribed by and Carla Tillett, Membership Specialist)