

Approved December 17, 2019

**Kentucky Health Departments Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
KACo Office
Frankfort, KY
November 19, 2019**

Members Present:

Allison Adams, Buffalo Trace
Denise Beach, Hopkins County
Kayla Bebout, Christian County
Sara Jo Best, Lincoln Trail District
Andrea Brown, Bourbon County
Noel Coplen, Graves County
Shawn Crabtree, Lake Cumberland District
Chris Crum, Greenup County
Teresa Gamsky, Oldham County
Randy Gooch, Jessamine County
Christie Green, Cumberland Valley District
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
Scott Lockard, Kentucky River District
Judy Mattingly, Franklin County
Debbie Miller, Lawrence County
Dr. Sarah Moyer, Louisville Metro
Allison Napier, Montgomery County
Billy Pitts, Marshall County
Angela Raleigh, Breathitt County
Marcy Rein, Whitley County
Andrea Renfrow, Bullitt County
Roanya Rice, North Central District
Scott Shrewsbury, Breckinridge County
James Tolley, Pennyryle District

Others Present:

Melissa Royce, CDP
Stacy Crase, Powell County
Elizabeth Miller, BCHD
Elisha Kite, Pennyryle District
Rep. Joe Graviss

Members Present on GoToWebinar:

Anita Bertram, Lewis County
Cathy Bethel, Muhlenberg County
Julie Bush, Johnson County
Janie Cambron, DPH
Tony Cox, Bracken County
Bobbie Crider, Harlan County
Amy Ferguson, Calloway County
Jill Ford, Monroe County
Mark Hensley, Laurel County
Clay Horton, Green River District
Kent Koster, Purchase District
Cassie Prather, Woodford County
Marlaina Priest, Grayson County
Rebecca Rains, Knox County
Matt Rhodes, Louisville Metro
Lynne Saddler, Northern Kentucky District
Thursa Sloan, Floyd County
Scott Williams, Allen County

Others Present on GoToWebinar:

Jackie Applegate
Greg Brewer
Jessica Cobb, Lexington-Fayette County

Staff Present:

Dana Nickles, Executive Director
Jill LeMaster, Office Manager
Carla Tillett, Member Specialist

Call to Order:

President Allison Adams called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM EST. Allison introduced several guests.

Minutes:

Allison Adams noted the minutes had been previously sent out via email. Jim Tolley made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes, seconded by Christie Green. The motion carried.

Finance Report:

Randy Gooch presented the financial reports for KHDA and the KPHA/KHDA Joint Administrative accounts as of October 31, 2019. The Joint Administrative account had total cash assets of \$137,934.94, YTD revenue of \$86,285.21, total expenditures of \$53,226.92, with a net income of \$33,058.29. The KHDA account had total current assets of \$76,563.16, income of \$164,913.06, total expenditures of \$99,622.20, which leaves a net income of \$65,290.86. Shawn Crabtree made the motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Dr. Humbaugh. The motion carried.

DPH Updates:

Dana Nickles reported that Commissioner Dearing was unable to attend due to a previous engagement. Tricia Okeson has received the CDC grant that is allowing for strategic planning to help with the HIV epidemic. The HIV/AIDS team will be reaching out to stakeholders to get them involved. There was an OD2A mini grant RFP that has been released. The announcement was sent to the directors on October 28th and the due date is December 6th.

Legislative Report:

Scott Lockard said the legislative committee met yesterday afternoon. The members present were Randy Gooch, Andrea Renfrow, Kayla Bebout, Billy Pitts, Jen Harris, Maria Hardy, and Matt Hunt. Scott talked about the transition of the administration now that Governor Bevin has conceded and Governor-Elect Brashear is starting his transition team. Dana Nickles sent out the names of the members of that team to the KHDA members. The first thing they will be looking at is personnel. Scott will send out a budget presentation by Jason Bailey, Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, to the KHDA members. There will be a lot of changes and/or challenges. Dana Nickles, Allison Adams, and Scott gave a presentation before the Medicaid Oversight committee about Public Health Transformation Plan (PHTP). There were 23 health department directors present. At the legislative committee yesterday, they discussed the strategy for this session. The Babbage team will be reviewing the bills that are coming up and they will be setting up a google document online so everyone can look at to follow bill progress. There have already been over 800 bills prefiled for this session. The platform for this session will be PHPT and the pension.

PHTP Update:

Allison Adams reported that Representative Kim Moser is leading the bill, and she invited KHDA to their meetings. Yesterday was the final meeting and Allison feels the bill has

everything that KHDA wants. Allison discussed the upcoming session and its impact to PHPT. Georgia Heise and Shaw Crabtree gave their input on the PHPT meetings with Representative Moser. There is a lot of support for PHPT from the legislators. Much discussion ensued.

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK):

Michelle McKee came to introduce herself to the KHDA members as the new Public Account Manager for GSK. Michelle talked about the vaccines that GSK carries.

HB1 Impact Local Health Departments:

Representative Joe Graviss representing Woodford, part of Fayette, and part of Franklin Counties, spoke to the group.

There were five questions submitted to Rep. Graviss to address are listed below:

- 1) If a health department elects to stay in KERS (at the 84% plus contribution rate based on salaries), when/how is it determined that the liability is paid off? Does this contribution rate ever decrease?
 - It will take 24 years to pay off the liability. If you don't remember anything, remember to tell you Legislator or Senator to vote for paying the full Actuarially Recommended Contribution (ARC).
- 2) In about 8 years, current Tier 1 and 2 employees will be retired. Will we still be paying the higher contribution rate on the remaining Tier 3 employees?
 - The answer is yes.
- 3) If we opt out of KERS, are we still obligated and limited by Merit Systems rules for hiring, pay rates, etc.
 - The answer is yes.
- 4) According to the GRS memo dated 11/6/19 and under the Soft Freeze Installment option, HD's would pay the higher contribution rate based on payroll in addition to the installment payment for the liability owed?
 - The answer is no.
- 5) Under the Soft Freeze, are part-time Tier 1 and 2 employees also eligible to continue participation?
 - Part-time employees do not participate in this.

Much discussion followed.

Executive Director Report:

Dana Nickles reported there are talks of having a Public Health week during the session. Dana reported that the second batch of personnel regulations were coming from DPH that they are intending to file. Dana said advocacy is very busy and she feels like KHDA is really getting their message out and being noticed. Dana met with the Medicaid oversight board and also met with Shelly Hampton at KACo to talk about transformation legislation. Dana gave highlights from her executive director report that had already been sent out. Dana also reported that the Form 990 was filed. The KHDA retreat for next year will be October 21-23 at Jenny Wiley State Park.

President's report:

Allison Adams reported that KHDA and KPHA executive committees are going to start having joint meetings in January and hope to continue to have them several times a year. Janie Cambron and Allison conducted Dana's evaluation for her first 3 months.

Adjournment:

Teresa Hunter made the motion to adjourn and Chris Crum seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla Bebout, KHDA Secretary

(Recorded and transcribed by Carla Tillett, Membership Specialist)