



Kentucky River District Health Department

Minutes of the Kentucky River District Board of Health Quarterly Meeting

Date of Meeting: March 14, 2023
Time of Meeting: 6:00 p.m.
Location of Meeting: Hazard City Hall and ZOOM Format

Members Present

Judge Terry Adams
Judge Scott Alexander by Proxy, Bill McIntosh
Lisa Blackburn
Donna Brewer
Gregory Collins
Dr. Ricky Collins
Kevin Davis
Dr. Don Holbrook
Judge Zeke Little, Jr.
Dena McIntosh
Dr. Kenneth Slone
Sally Spaulding

Members Absent

Judge Raymond Banks
J. B. Bowman
Judge Jeff Dobson
Judge William Lewis
Judge Steve May

Staff in Attendance

A. Scott Lockard, Secretary, Director
Helen Ascani, Assistant to the Director
K. Nicole Caldwell, Home Health Administrator
Janet Cornett, Perry County Coordinator
Melissa Feltner, HANDS Supervisor
Christy Grigsby, Knott County Coordinator
Susan Kincaid, Health Education Coordinator
Maxine Shepherd, Leslie County Coordinator
Brandy Slone, Letcher County Coordinator
Vivian Smith, Lee County & Owsley County Coordinator
James Ed Whisman, Environmental Supervisor
Stacy Wilson, Wolfe County Coordinator

I. Call to Order

Chairman Donna Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

With twelve (12) members present, a quorum was established.

III. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Chairman Brewer requested a motion to accept the minutes from the December 12, 2022, meeting as presented.

Dr. Kenneth Slone made the motion to accept the previous minutes as presented.

Dr. Ricky Collins seconded the motion.

All were in favor. None opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

A. Clinical Services

In the absence of Ms. Libby Turner, the Clinical Services report was given by Mr. Scott Lockard. Mr. Lockard reviewed Ms. Turner's report in the board packets. In addition, Mr. Lockard informed the Board that there will be a WIC audit by the USDA in June. He also sadly reported on the untimely passing of Ms. Tammy Taulbee on January 31st. Ms. Taulbee was the case manager for the Ryan White program. She was very respected by her colleagues and beloved by her clients. Ms. Taulbee will be greatly missed. Ms. Anne Hatton, RN, will be taking over the vacated position.

The Perry County Health Department successfully completed a pilot program in which women of childbearing age who participated in the syringe exchange program were asked if they would like to receive the Depo Provera injection on the same day they came for their syringe exchange. This offer continues to date. The Department of Public Health Family Planning Program is now encouraging other health departments statewide to offer the same option to their clients.

Finally, Mr. Lockard reported on the downward trend of the flu and COVID cases.

B. Harm Reduction Services

The Harm Reduction Services report was also given by Mr. Lockard. He went over the report that was submitted to the Board by Ms. Vanzant. Since its conception in February 2022, the Hub is flourishing. It has assisted over 2068 individuals with treatment and other services. 142 individuals have entered either long-term residential treatments or intensive outpatient treatments. The staff has also distributed 2000 cases of Narcan district-wide. The needle exchange program has over 100% return rate. In December, 22,610 needles were distributed and 22,744 needles were returned.

Mr. Lockard announced the Hub received the Recovery Community Center grant of \$200,000.00. The grant will allow for the duplication of the Hub throughout the district.

Finally, Mr. Lockard announced that the Kentucky River District was awarded seven AmeriCorps positions. This is a first for the state. These positions can work in Harm Reduction, WIC, or HANDS.

C. Environmental Services

The Environmental Services report was given by Mr. James Ed Whisman. Mr. Whisman reviewed his report as presented in the board packet.

Since the last board meeting, the Environmental team has completed 340 food establishment inspections and follow-ups; 87 site evaluations for new constructions; and issued 70 permits for onsite sewage. The septic system installer training was completed in February for the whole district. Fees for onsite sewage system inspections are still being waived for those who were affected by the flood.

In February, Mr. Whisman gave a presentation at the annual Environmental Health Association. He thanked Ms. Susan Kincaid for assisting him. With her help, it was a successful presentation.

D. HANDS Services

The HANDS Services report was given by Ms. Melissa Feltner. Ms. Feltner reviewed her report as presented in the board packet.

The focus for this past quarter has been on the growth of the program. The HANDS program is getting more referrals. Participation in events and community outreach, such as the Community Baby Showers, is bringing in new families. Incentives, such as gift cards, are still being offered for participation.

The HANDS program had its annual site audit in January. The visit went very well with many positive comments. Improvements have been made in all areas.

Financially, Ms. Feltner reported, year to date, they have billed \$90,760.00 versus \$74,380 for last year.

E. Health Promotion Services

The Health Promotion Services report was given by Ms. Susan Kincaid. Ms. Kincaid reviewed some of the activities from her report to the Board.

The Health Promotion team remains very busy. They are out in the community and the schools daily.

For the Maternal Child Health program, they have provided the QPR (suicide prevention) curriculum to the Hub staff, the KRADD staff, and participants at the Sapling Center. They have also been talking about Teen Violence in schools.

There is a huge demand for Vaping/Tobacco education. The demand is so high that they are unable to fulfill all the requests.

The Vaccine Outreach program has provided gas pump toppers and posters at 12 gas stations in Perry and Leslie Counties. They are working with KRADD to put up vaccine billboards throughout the district.

They received the Community Engagement mini-grant. Using this grant, they have been going to schools to do taste testing. Starting soon, there is a plan to promote a variety of exercises. This offer will be free of charge.

F. Home Health Services Report

The Home Health Report was given by Ms. Nicole Caldwell. Referring to the Home Health report that was submitted to the Board, Ms. Caldwell reviewed the quarterly data for the Home Health Program operating in Lee, Owsley, and Wolfe counties.

There are currently 65 home health patients. Unlike the past quarters, referrals for home health are mostly from hospitals instead of physician's offices. There is a slight increase in admissions compared to the last quarter, while the length of stay has decreased. With the hiring of two new nurses, the number of visits has increased. The plan is to expand the Home Health program.

Mr. Lockard explained that the state is no longer supporting the Home Health program because it is not considered to be a core foundational service. Unfortunately, no one wants to step in and buy the program. Therefore, the plan is to make the program as financially viable as it can be.

G. Director's Report

The Legislature is in session and the Health Departments have been in Frankfort testifying. There are a few bills that may affect the health departments.

The bill that they are advocating will allow Lexington and Louisville to have a non-M.D. for commissioner. All other health departments allow for anyone with an advanced degree, such as a Master, to hold the position.

One legislation that the health departments are opposing is the Bourbon Barrel Tax. The bourbon companies are advocating the removal of this tax. This will create shortages in the budgets of some health departments and other agencies that rely on this tax. Fortunately, this will not impact our district. Mr. Lockard believes it will pass and the tax will be phased out over the next 16 years.

There are a few bills dealing with human sexuality curricula in schools that may affect the health departments. One bill prevents all programs that discuss sexuality before the 5th grade. Health departments will have to see which of the bills passes and adjust our curriculum accordingly.

Budget time is approaching and allocations will be released soon.

H. Financial Report

Mr. Lockard reviewed the financial report 917 ending on January 31, 2023:

Year to Date Total Revenue:	\$ 8,021,703.70
Year to Date Total Expense:	\$ 7,389,719.79
Net Surplus:	\$ 622,983.91

Through multiple grants, more agency vehicles have been purchased. This raised the gas and vehicle maintenance expenses, while total travel expenses is lowered. It is more cost-effective to operate an agency fleet, especially when the vehicles are purchased with grant money.

Renovation on the District Office has not yet begun. Because it is being financed by a grant from the USDA, they are still needing some information from the engineer before they will allow the agency to break ground.

Mr. Lockard concluded that the health department is in good financial status.

V. Comments from the County Coordinators

The county coordinators reported on their respective counties.

All seven counties are very busy participating in a multitude of events and all are doing well.

VI. Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Location to be announced.

VII. Adjournment

With no other businesses to discuss, Chairman Brewer requested a motion to adjourn.

Dr. Ricky Collins made the motion to adjourn.

Judge Zeke Little seconded the motion.

All were in favor. None opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Donna Brewer, Chairman

3/17/2023

Date



A. Scott Lockard, Public Health Director, Secretary

3/17/2023

Date