



Kentucky River District Health Department

Minutes of the Kentucky River District Board of Health Quarterly Meeting

Date of Meeting: September 16, 2025

Time of Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: KRADD Board Room and ZOOM Format

Members Present

Judge Terry Adams
Judge Scott Alexander
Lisa Blackburn
J. B. Bowman
Donna Brewer
Gregory Collins
Dr. Ricky Collins
Kevin Davis
Dr. William Hagans
Judge William Lewis by proxy, Shirley Baker
Judge Zeke Little, Jr.
Brittany Maggard
Judge Steve May by proxy, Mitch Cornelius
Dena McIntosh
Dr. Kenneth Slone

Members Absent

Judge Raymond Banks
Judge Jeff Dobson

Staff and Guests Present

A. Scott Lockard, Secretary, Director
Helen Ascani, Executive Assistant to the Director
Brad Brewer, UK Target4 Team Member
Tammy Caudill, Chief Financial Officer
Janet Cornett, Perry County Coordinator
Andrew Gallagher, Practicum Student
Anne Hatton, Ryan White Program Coordinator
Brandy Pratt, Knott County Clerk
Maxine Shepherd, Leslie County Coordinator
Brandy Slone, Letcher County Coordinator
Melissa Slone, Chief Operating Officer
Elizabeth Turner, Clinical Services Program Coordinator
Kalee Woodward, Home Health Senior Support Staff Supervisor

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

With fifteen (15) members present, a quorum was established.

III. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Chairman Brewer requested a motion to accept the minutes from the June 10, 2025, meeting as presented.

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

Mitch Cornelius seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. New Business

A. Clinical Services

The clinical services report was given by Libby Turner.

Ms. Turner reviewed the report she submitted to the board. She informed the board of the hiring of two new nurses for the Perry County clinic, Angela Spicer and Kristen Koontz. Three new clerks also have been hired. Brandy Pratt will be at the Knott County clerk; Amy Conway will be at the Perry County clinic; and Amanda Trent at the Wolfe County clinic.

The Breastfeeding symposium, scheduled for the fall, has been postponed to spring.

A new Breastfeeding Peer Counselor has been hired covering Lee, Owsley, and Wolfe Counties. Another will be hired to cover the other four counties. The team was recognized by the State WIC program and received the USDA's Breastfeeding Award of Excellence.

The WIC participation numbers remain steady for all clinics.

Over the next few months, the Diabetes Program will be holding a series of programs in Beattyville and Booneville.

Letcher County nurse, Misty Combs, has gained fame when the video of her resuscitating a baby raccoon went viral. She has been invited to California to be interviewed on a morning show and will be a guest on the Jennifer Hudson Show.

B. Harm Reduction Services

The harm reduction services report was given by Ms. JoAnn Fraley.

Ms. Fraley highlighted some of the community impacts that the harm reduction program has made. Breathitt County officially opened a Hub on July 1, 2025. They were a part of the replication grant the program received from the opioid abatement money.

The Lee County Hub hosted Owen County Judge Executive and Assistant Judge Executive. Ms. Fraley received the news that the Owen County Judge Executive will be providing \$100,000 of their abatement money to replicate a hub in Owen County. Other counties actively exploring Hub replications include Floyd County, Pike County, and the Barren District.

The pilot program Hub on Wheel has been launched in Lee, Owsley, and Wolfe counties. This is a van that provides the same services that are offered at the Hub. Exploration on the purchase of another van to serve Knott, Letcher, Leslie, and Perry are in development.

Letcher and Owsley counties are now recovery ready certified. The award was given to them by the Governor.

The Hub was recognized as NACCHO's 2025 Best Model Practice Award. Scott Lockard travelled to Anaheim, California to accept this prestigious, nationally recognized award.

Other news includes the development of the Hub Toolkit roadmap that is being used by the state to assist those counties who are interested in the replication. The Hub manual also has been finalized and the AODE license is secured. The Harm Reduction staff started participating in quarterly professional development. For many of the staff, this is their first job. Ms. Fraley feels professional development will give her staff the tools they need to have a successful career.

Ms. Fraley ended her report by sharing stories of two staff who have successfully recovered from their addictions and are now successfully working.

C. Environmental Services

The Environmental Services report was given by Ms. Melissa Slone for Mr. James Ed Whisman. Ms. Slone reviewed Mr. Whisman's report that he had submitted to the Board.

The environmental team completed 267 food inspections, 116 site evaluations, and issued 98 onsite sewage permits. The rabies clinics were finished in August with the vaccination of 215 animals.

Kassidy Everidge, the new environmentalist in Knott County, passed her Registered Sanitation test in August, and completed all required training courses. She is now doing fieldwork independently.

Mr. Lockard informed the Board that the new environmental data system, KEHDS, went into effect in August. Due to numerous complaints statewide, the system was put on hiatus to give the company more time to fix defects. Tentative relaunching date of KEHDS is set for the end of October.

D. HANDS Services

The HANDS Services report was given by Ms. Melissa Slone for Ms. Melissa Feltner.

The program currently serves 99 families. This is the same as last year's numbers. The program is looking to hire two new workers for Letcher and Wolfe counties. With the hiring of the two new employees, staff re-structuring is being explored so that more families can be served and for the program to have maximum growth potential.

As indicated on Ms. Feltner's report, the program continues to participate in community events and collaborations. These participations help to promote the program and assist in locating resources for the current families.

E. Health Promotion Services

The Health Promotion Services report was given by Ms. Melissa Slone for Ms. Susan Kincaid. Ms. Slone reviewed the numerous events and activities the team was involved in over the quarter.

The team was able to obtain a mini grant with the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety to purchase car seats.

They provided education and materials to stores selling tobacco products.

The Health Promotion program is also undergoing a refocus. Currently, the team mostly does one-on-one events. This can be inefficient with seven counties to cover. They are looking at ways by using social media and supporting the local health departments to get the message out more broadly.

F. Home Health Services Report

The Home Health Services report was given by Ms. Kalee Woodward for Ms. Nicole Caldwell.

Ms. Woodward reviewed the quarterly data that was submitted to the Board by Ms. Caldwell. The census at the time of the meeting stood at 57, down two from the board report. The top referral came from Clark Regional Hospital, and the top insurance remains traditional Medicare.

The staff continues using the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system as required by Medicaid and MCOs. The system requires therapists and nurses to electronically log data regarding the service being provided. Kentucky requires a 90% accuracy rate for verified visits. Claims will be denied if the 90% level of accuracy is not met.

The Home Health Program underwent a staff re-structuring when the Home Health Clerk position was vacated in Wolfe County. The three Home Health offices were combined into one office, located in Lee County. Clerks from the Owsley County office relocated to the Lee County location. Nurses, aides, and therapists continue providing services in all three counties.

Ms. Woodward was promoted to Senior Support Staff Supervisor. She has been working with the staff to ensure the merging of the three offices goes smoothly.

G. Financial Report

Tammy Caudill reviewed the Workday Income Statement – Cash Basis for July of FY 2026, that was submitted as part of the board packet.

Actual Revenue, Year to Date:	\$ 1,312,817
Total Expense, Year to Date:	\$ 1,336,720
Net Loss:	\$ 23,903

The Net Loss is misleading since all insurance payments are made in July as one payment for the year. This artificially elevated the expenses for July.

Mr. Lockard appraised the board the bank balance is currently \$3,956,000 for the general fund. The agency still has two million dollars in CD.

Ms. Caudill informed the Board she still has not received instructions from the Department of Public Health regarding closing out Fiscal Year 2025. They are having some technical issues with Workday, and do not have a tentative resolution date.

H. Director's Report

Mr. Lockard gave the board a general update on the happenings at the federal and state level.

Mr. Lockard has been asked to moderate a panel at the KDHA meeting. The panel will include the Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Medicaid, Lisa Lee, the Medical Director of Behavioral Health, Dr. Allen Brenzel, Commissioner John Langefield, and Dr. Steven Stack. The panel will be discussing the role of the local health departments in providing behavioral health services that are Medicaid reimbursable.

The Oral Health Program will be expanding into Knott, Letcher, and Perry Counties. The program will provide school dental health services for grades seventh to twelfth. With the expansion of the Oral Health Program, the board was sent the School Based Oral Health Policies and Procedures for approval.

Chairman Brewer requested a motion to adopt the School Based Oral Health Program Policies and Procedures as presented to the Board.

Dr. Kenneth Slone made the motion to accept the policies and procedures as presented.
Judge Terry Adams seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lockard thanked Judge Zeke Little for donating a surplus vehicle to the Harm Reduction program.

VIII. Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

IX. Adjournment
With no other businesses to discuss, Chairman Brewer requested for a motion to adjourn.
Dr. Ricky Collins made the motion to adjourn.
Judge Terry Adams seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

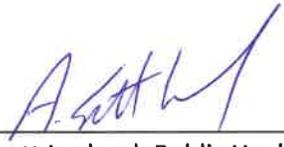
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.



Donna Brewer, Chairperson

10/3/2025

Date



A. Scott Lockard, Public Health Director, Secretary

9/26/2025

Date