

NEWSLETTER

Kentucky Public Health Association

June 2015

President's Message

Greetings!

Thank You

First, I want to express what an honor it is to serve as your 2015-2016 KPHA President. I truly appreciate having this tremendous opportunity and promise to give it all I can in the year ahead. I am extremely grateful for my experience on the KPHA Board over the last several years and would especially like to thank our past-presidents who have not only been generous mentors to me, but are constant cheerleaders for our organization. KPHA successfully navigated a year of change as we moved our annual conference to a new city and venue. We were able to gain members and participants from different areas of the state that otherwise may not have attended. The talent and dedication demonstrated by the board created a momentum that I know will propel us onward.

*Please contact me
with any questions or
concerns:
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Strategic Planning

Last month at our KPHA board retreat we launched a strategic planning process for the organization. In 2015, KPHA will continue to move through developing our strategic plan to assure that our members and others understand the value of KPHA to our state. We have achieved efficiency in operations and seek to better engage state-wide partners in public health efforts. To be successful, we need you! Throughout the year there will be opportunities to join standing and ad-hoc committees that will help shape the organization. We hope you will consider participating. Joining a committee is a wonderful way to serve as an active part of your public health association, to network with colleagues from around the state, and to have a direct impact on the future of KPHA.



Crissy Rowland, KPHA President 2015-2016

I look forward to working with you at various meetings across the state. We continue to face challenging times in public health, but we are each unique and talented individuals who together can make a world of difference. Here is to you, our history, and to all we can achieve in the year ahead!
Thank you for allowing me to serve YOU this next year.

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Beautiful Bardstown Country Club

Golf Registration

Registration is available at www.kpha-ky.org and admission is \$75.00.

Please contact Drew Beckett at AndrewB.Beckett@ky.gov with any questions.

12th Annual KPHA Dudley Conner Golf Scramble

By: Drew Beckett, MPH

KPHA President-Elect and Golf Committee Chair

Please support the 2015 Golf Outing on [Monday, June 15th](#) beginning at 11:30 AM at the Bardstown County Club at Maywood. It promises to be a fun, rewarding and prize filled event!

Scholarships

All proceeds from the Golf Scramble support the KPHA scholarships for deserving, qualified students to pursue studies in public health. These scholarships include the Ellen M. Buchart Scholarship of \$2,000 and the Gerald Luttrell Honorary Scholarship for up to \$5,000. Each is awarded as \$1,000 per semester and applications must be postmarked no later than February 28th each year. Donations are also appreciated and tax deductible.



Dudley Conner



Public Health Accreditation Board

Congratulations to Kentucky's most recently PHAB accredited Local Health Department, Christian County!!!

There are now 75 accredited health departments in the nation. With eight accredited health departments, Kentucky currently holds the record. Kentucky's accredited health departments are:

- Barren River District Health Department
- Christian County Health Department
- Franklin County Health Department
- Green River District Health Department
- Lexington-Fayette County Health Department
- Madison County Health Department
- Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department
- Three Rivers District Health Department



KPHA Officers and Directors at the 2015 KPHA Annual Business Meeting

KPHA Board Members

KPHA election results are revealed at the Annual Business Meeting held in conjunction with the KPHA Conference. The 2015-2016 KPHA Officers are:

- Crissy Rowland, President
- Drew Beckett, President Elect
- Mark Hensley, Vice President
- April Harris, Secretary
- Lisa Pollock, Treasurer
- Justin Pittman, Past President

Get Involved

KPHA's leadership also consists of an elected Board of Directors and appointed Committee and Section Chairs. Newly elected Directors include Louise Kent, Ed Cecil and Richard Wilson. Thank you to all of these public health professionals for their dedication and commitment to KPHA!

KPHA is always looking for new ideas and welcomes volunteers to fill Committee and Section Chair positions. Current openings include: Administration, Administrative Supportive, Boards of Health, Environmental, Epidemiology and Newsletter. Contact Crissy Rowland at Crissy.Rowland@barrenriverhealth.org if you would like to get involved in KPHA!



KPHA Award Nominations

Start thinking now of co-workers and public health professionals that are deserving of recognition for their outstanding contributions to Kentucky public health.

Award procedures and guidelines as well as the nomination form are located at <http://www.kpha-ky.org/Awards.aspx>.

KPHA Award Winners

By: April Harris, MPH

KPHA Secretary and Awards Committee Chair

Russell Teague

To Honor and Recognize Exceptional and Meritorious Achievement in Public Health

Alan Kalos

Helen B Fraser

To Honor an Individual who has made an Exceptional Contribution to the Health and Well-being of Mothers and Children in Kentucky

Shawna Thomerson

Sara C Stice

To Honor an Individual who has made an Outstanding Contribution in the field of Health Education in Kentucky

Stephanie Vogel

Group Award

To Honor a Designated Group or Organization that has Collectively Contributed to Public Health Program Development in Kentucky

City of Hopkinsville

Elbert Al Austin

To Honor a Person who remains Humble among Peers yet Towers above in Achievements

Margaret Jones

Administrative Support

Outstanding Contributions in the field of Administrative Support for Public Health

Rachel Dermon

KPHA Strategic Planning

Dr. Angie Carman facilitated the beginning of KPHA's strategic planning process on Wednesday, May 20th. Approximately 20 Board members were in attendance.

We began the process by reviewing KPHA's current mission, vision, values, bylaws and articles of incorporation. We also reviewed the results of the KPHA strategic planning survey that was emailed to KPHA's approximately 700 members. The survey response rate was low with only 89 members participating, but we are carefully reviewing all comments.

This will be an ongoing process that will guide the next three to five years of our professional organization.



2015 KPHA Award Winners

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Virginia Dodd Rice

To Honor a person who has provided Exceptional Home Health Services in KY primarily through Public Health Settings

Anita Napier

Outstanding Public Health Nurse

The Outstanding Public Health Nurse who has demonstrated Extraordinary Skills in Public Health Nursing

Carla Basanta

Peggy S Kidd

To Honor a Nutritionist for Outstanding Professional Contributions and Service in Public Health

Cara O'Neill

Paul Mason

To Honor a Kentuckian who has made a Significant Contribution to benefit our most Vulnerable Population

Judy Payne

Student Chapter

1st place: WKU

2nd place: UK

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2015 KPHA Conference

By: **Jill LeMaster**
KPHA Office Manager

The 2015 KPHA Conference was a success in Owensboro! We hope everyone went home with new ideas to improve the health of your communities. Please be sure to complete your conference evaluation as we are always seeking to improve!

Conference Numbers

- 327 Registered Attendees
- 51 Exhibitors
- 30 Sponsors
- 5 Friends of KPHA

The 2016 KPHA Conference will also be held in Owensboro the week of April 11th.

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KPHA President's Award

To honor a person who has demonstrated Exemplary Leadership, Support, and Dedication to KPHA

Jill LeMaster

KPHA Industry Award

To honor a business that has demonstrated commitment to public health in Kentucky

CVSHealth

Commissioner's Awards

Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response:

- **Harlan County Health Department**

Partnership and Community Integration:

- **Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department**
- **Louisville Metro Department for Public Health and Wellness**

Achievement of Public Health Accreditation:

- **Barren River District Health Department**
- **Green River District Health Department**
- **Lexington Fayette County Department for Public Health**
- **Madison County Health Department**

Outstanding Contributions to Public Health:

- **Anderson County Health Department**



Commissioner Award Winners