



Newsletter

President's Message

As we emerge into another year of change for the world of Public Health, we are reminded of just how critical and delicate our profession is. The world is fighting the worst outbreak of Ebola that we have ever seen and yet Public Health has the science, skill and personnel to bring home our ill and not only know that we can contain the virus, but prove that we can. Suddenly, Environmental risks such as Dengue Fever and Chik-V that we once thought were not possible in the United States seem to be quite likely issues that we may be forced to face. The launch of the Affordable Care Act appears to be altering the scope of our clinical services and changing our much needed funding streams while at the same time opening doors of opportunity for Public Health to assure access to care.

And yet, through all of the change and challenges, Public Health will prevail. We now have the opportunity to focus on our fundamental services, our "foundational" services that not only are we obligated to provide by law, but morally obligated be-

cause we know their core value. Kentucky Public Health Association is your voice to support positive legislation that supports the efforts of Public Health and through your membership and support, we too, shall prevail. Kentucky is now home to FIVE of the 44 Accredited Health Departments across the nation, as Lexington-Fayette County and Madison County join Three Rivers, Northern Kentucky and Franklin County making Kentucky a visible leader in providing quality and worthwhile Public Health services. Congratulations to all of those agencies for the hard work and commitment such an accomplishment requires as well as making all of us as the Public Health workforce of Kentucky proud. Steps like these not only propel Kentucky to the lead in providing quality services to our communities, but also demonstrate our dedication to thrive in an ever changing world with limited funding.

I am humbled and privileged to serve as your President this year. Together we can move Public Health forward and better serve our citizens and I am extremely honored to be a part of these efforts. While we face challenges for success, our perseverance is unmatched. And though we are proud of our accomplishments of the



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past, we now focus on our future and the strengthening of our Public Health System. Thank you so much for being a member of Kentucky Public Health Association and for allowing me to serve you as your President. If I can ever be of service, please contact me.

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KPHA Membership

BY Jill LeMaster and Jo Ledford
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS UPON US!

It has been a challenging year for all of us as we navigate the complexities of the new KPHA Membership Management System called NEON. Hopefully it hasn't been too burdensome for you, as members!

As you know, the KPHA Membership Year was changed last fall to a calendar year cycle—January to December. You may start renewing October 1 and be assured that your payment will be applied to the calendar year 2015 for one year renewals. Of course, if you choose the two-year option, the end date will be 2016 (and you will save a little money!). Your membership payment for 2015 is due by December 31. We sincerely hope you will choose to remain a part of KPHA.

You can renew easily on our website www.kpha-ky.org. Just click on the

Member Login tab in the upper right hand corner and enter your login name and password. You will be asked to establish a login name and password if you haven't done so already. You may then proceed to renew on-line. We urge you not to create a new account; doing so will cause you to have two accounts which will not reflect your renewal payment in our records. If you have forgotten your Login Name, the KPHA office staff will be happy to provide you with it; please contact Jo Ledford or Jill LeMaster at 502-875-2255, or through email at jledford.kpha@gmail.com or jlemaster.kpha@gmail.com.

If you choose to renew by using a check and the postal service, please print and complete a membership application/renewal brochure, which also can be found on the website at www.kpha-ky.org, under the About KPHA tab.

Mail your completed renewal form to Jo Ledford with your check. She will submit the information for you!

Current membership rates are as follows:

Individual	1 year	\$40	
	2 year	\$70	
Organizational	1year	\$350	10 members
	2year	\$600	10 members
Local Governing Agency	1 year	\$200	
Student	1 year	\$20	
College/University	1 year	\$1,000	25 members

We encourage you to approach your associates and friends in the public health field to support the organization whose mission is "To promote healthy communities through education, leadership, and a commitment to excellence." New members may use the website www.kpha-ky.org to join by clicking on the JOIN KPHA tab. Please feel free to call the office staff listed above if you have questions.

KPHA Awards Committee

By April Harris
KPHA Secretary

Here's your chance to honor a colleague who is outstanding! The KPHA awards serve as the highest level of recognition, and continue to honor the best of the best in public health areas throughout the Commonwealth. Any KPHA member may participate by nominating, or supporting the nomination, of individuals who have truly made a difference in fulfilling our mission to promote healthy communities through education, leadership, and a commitment to excellence. This year, April Harris (Three Rivers District Health Department), Tammie Bertram (Franklin County Health Department), and Randy Gooch (Jessamine County Health Department), will be serving as KPHA's Award Committee. Nomination forms can be found on the KPHA website, as well as a list of past awardees.

The KPHA Awards Committee solicits nominations for eleven different awards given annually at the KPHA Conference. In this newsletter, we'd like to highlight the Helen B. Fraser Award, Peggy S. Kidd Nutrition Award and Sara C. Stice Award. The Helen B. Fraser Award honors an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the health and well-being of mothers and children in Kentucky. These nominees will have made a unique and outstanding impact to the growth and development of Kentucky maternal and child health.

The Peggy S. Kidd Nutrition Award honors a nutritionist for outstanding professional contributions and service in public health. These nominees will have ongoing involvement with other agencies and groups, as well as public health advocacy for nutrition.

The Sara C. Stice Award honors an indi-

vidual who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of health education in Kentucky. These nominees will be active in the field of health promotion and will have had an exceptional influence in health education for their community.

Nominations are due by February 20, 2015, so take this opportunity to recognize one of your public health peers!



Allison Adams, 2014 Helen B. Fraser Award Recipient

UK College of Public Health Launches Undergraduate Degree

By Sarah E. Noble
UKCPH Chief of Staff

This fall, the University of Kentucky College of Public Health is offering its first undergraduate degree, as it launches a new Bachelor of Public Health program. The program, the first professional undergraduate public health program in the state of Kentucky, will offer students a new and unique opportunity to contribute to work that seeks to remedy longstanding health disparities in the Commonwealth and beyond.

Graduates in the BPH program will be well-positioned to enter the fields of community and public health. The major will also give students the foundation they will need for successful study in the Col-

lege of Public Health's graduate programs, such as Master of Public Health (MPH) or Health Administration (MHA), Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics or Gerontology, or any of its joint degree programs with the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy, and Law.

UK's BPH program is designed to provide exposure to students in a number of important areas of public health, including disease control and prevention, environmental health, health behavior, health care management, global health, local health, aging, and nutrition. The program seeks to prepare graduates for work in public health that allows them to contribute to the improvement of quality of life for both individual citizens and the com-

munity as a whole. With the expansive introduction to the public health field that the BPH degree provides, students are prepared to either enter directly into population health service or extend their education further into graduate study.

If you know of a student who might be interested in learning more about the BPH program, please let them know about our Open House on Wednesday, September 24th from Noon to 2:00 pm in room 115 of the College of Public Health at 111 Washington Avenue on UK's campus. Food will be provided, and students will have an opportunity to talk with staff about the new program.

Kentucky Representation at Southern Health Association

By Judy Mattingly
KPHA Newsletter Chair

The Southern Health Association held its joint annual meeting in April 2014 in Birmingham, AL. At this meeting Mark Hensley, Laurel County Health Department Director, was installed as SHA President-Elect. Mark will assume the role of SHA President at the joint annual

meeting of SHA and Georgia Public Health Association in April 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mark is also an extremely active KPHA member. He serves as not only the SHA Delegate, but also chairs the KPHA Advertisement and Membership Committees. Many thanks and congratulations to Mark!



Kentucky Assists Tennessee with Accreditation

By April Harris
KPHA Secretary

Kentucky was well-represented on a recent visit to Knoxville, Tennessee on July 21-23. Alan Kalos, Northern Kentucky District Health Department, organized a documentation review for Knox County Health Department's accreditation process. Crissy Rowland (President Elect), Drew Beckett (Vice President), April Harris (Secretary), Beth Willet, Janie Cambron (Director) and Krystal Walling, along with Alan, spent two days reviewing documentation and providing feedback to KCHD's leadership.

Kentucky has been providing assistance with documentation reviews and guidance across the Commonwealth and was excited to spread their knowledge and experience across state lines to Tennessee. Kentucky now has five health departments that have received accreditation status from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). In June 2014, the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department and the Madison County Health Department joined the other accredited health

departments in Kentucky - Franklin County, Three Rivers, and Northern Kentucky.





2015 KPHA Annual Conference

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We hope to see you there.

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The 67th Annual KPHA Conference will be held on April 14-16, 2015 at the Owensboro Convention Center, 501 W. 2nd Street, Owensboro KY. Registration is open on the KPHA website: www.kpha-ky.org

Rooms are available at the Hampton Inn for the 2015 KPHA Conference under the block rate of \$114.00! Visit: http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/O/OWBDWHX-PUB-20150411/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

The conference planning committee is working hard to produce an agenda you will not want to miss!

Save the Date

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