



**NKYHEALTH**  
NORTHERN KENTUCKY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



**NORTHERN KENTUCKY INDEPENDENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**

Richard Gaston, MD, Chair  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 6:00 PM

**Members Present**

Richard Gaston, MD, Chair  
Tom Cahill, Jr. (D-Mayor Fette)  
Jodi Ederer, RN  
Judith Harrer, RPh, PhD  
Michael Jones, MD  
LaRoy Kendall, MD  
Charles Kenner, DMD  
Scott Kimmich, Vice Chair (D-JE Knochelmann)  
Lauren McIntosh (D-Mayor Haas)  
Chris Miller (D-Mayor Aubuchon)  
Steve Pendery, Judge Executive  
Laura Pleiman, MPA (D-JE Moore)  
Jonathan Rich, DMD, Immediate Past Chair  
Mark Schroer, MD  
J. Colton Simpson (D-JE Dills)

**Members Absent**

Carol Franzen (D-Mayor Reinersman)  
Judi Godsey, PhD, MSN (D-Mayor Meyer)  
Tom Guidugli, Jr. (Newport Mayor)  
Sharon Noll, PT, MPT, CLT  
Lynn Shewmaker, OD  
Anthony Wolfe, DVM

**Staff/Guests Present**

Jennifer L. Mooney, PhD, MS, District  
Director of Health  
Steve Divine, Director of Environmental  
Health & Safety  
Philip Graham, Programs Manager  
Pamela Millay, Director of Clinical Services  
Kim Monaco, District Executive Assistant  
Elise Sebastian, MSW, Deputy Director of  
Health  
Stephanie Vogel, Director of Population  
Health  
  
Mary Ann Stewart, Esq.  
  
Hayley Mahorney, Student

- I. **Welcome:** Chair, Dr. Richard Gaston welcomed everyone, and introduced a new Board member representing Grant County, Mrs. Jodi Ederer.
- II. **Call to Order:** Chair, Dr. Gaston, noted a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

III. **Approval of Proposed March 13, 2024 Agenda:** Chair, Dr. Gaston, presented the proposed agenda for approval. **MOTION:** Dr. Jones moved to approve the proposed agenda. Mr. Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Consent Agenda:** Chair, Dr. Gaston, presented the consent agenda for approval. **MOTION:** Mr. Simpson moved to accept and approve the consent agenda. Dr. Kenner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The consent agenda included the following: approve minutes from December 13, 2023 and accept the Executive Committee report.

V. **Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss.

VI. **Reports:**

a. **Legal Counsel:** Ms. Mary Ann Stewart, Esq. reported that the Kunkel case is pending for a Motion Summary Judgement. The tentative court date has been pushed back until July 29<sup>th</sup>.

b. **Financial:** Ms. Elise Sebastian, Deputy Director of Health, provided an overview of the financial report as of January 31, 2024. **MOTION:** Dr. Rich moved to approve the financial report as presented. Dr. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

c. **District Director of Health:** Dr. Jennifer L. Mooney, District Director of Health, discussed some structural systems enhancements related to data that are in progress for NKY Health. Dr. Mooney noted that there are currently 52 active grants which are indicative of NKY Health's diversified funding approach. Dr. Mooney highlighted some key division operations from the past quarter. Dr. Mooney provided information about adding Juneteenth as a paid holiday for employees of NKY Health. Discussion ensued. **MOTION:** Mr. Cahill moved to add Juneteenth as an official paid holiday for the staff of NKY Health effective immediately. Dr. Kenner seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **MOTION:** Judge Penderly moved to approve and accept the District Director of Health report as presented. Mr. Kimmich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **Strategic Plan Implementation Progress:** Dr. Mooney presented the Strategic Plan Progress Report which provides a snapshot and narrative of the implementation progress of the Strategic Plan. Dr. Mooney reported progress updates on the implementation of the four strategic plan pillars: Operational Excellence, Strategic Communication and Relations, Engaged Community Partner, and Thriving Workforce. Dr. Mooney provided information about how

NKY Health is enhancing transparency with a public-facing dashboard. Discussion ensued. **MOTION:** Dr. Kendall moved to accept the Strategic Plan Progress Report as presented. Dr. Rich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. **Personnel Board:** Dr. Jennifer L. Mooney, District Director of Health, reported that the Personnel Board met on December 6, 2023 and January 18, 2024 to review and discuss items outlined in the report. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2024 at 5:15 PM. Dr. Mooney noted that the turnover rate has decreased since the pay scale revision and she thanked the Board for their ongoing support in making NKY Health an employer of choice. **MOTION:** Dr. Rich moved to accept the Personnel Board report as presented. Mrs. Ederer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. **Data Visualization Presentation:** Stephanie Vogel, Director of Population Health, introduced Philip Graham to the Board. Mr. Graham provided a data visualization presentation on an epidemiology-based respiratory illness dashboard. Mr. Graham provided an overview of how the dashboard works, what it reports, and the data sources used to create it. The dashboard will be public facing in the future for additional transparency. Discussion ensued. No action required.

**VII. New Business:** There was no new business to discuss.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

- a. **Clinical Services:** Dr. Michael Jones, Chair reported that the committee met on January 10, 2024 and welcomed new member Dr. John Chadwick Peterson. Dr. Jones provided an overview of items discussed at the meeting. The committee reviewed WIC services, family planning services, discussed tuberculosis cases, discussed syphilis increases, and discussed patient satisfaction surveys.
- b. **Population Health:** Ms. Laura Pleiman, Chair reported that the committee met on January 9, 2024. Ms. Pleiman provided an overview of items discussed at the meeting. The committee reviewed progress on harm reduction efforts, NaloxBoxes program for schools, the installation of wellness kiosks at Grant County Health Center and NKU, syringe access exchange program updates, NACCHO grant awarded for Infectious Disease work, and smoke-free ordinance and implementation updates.
- c. **Environmental Health & Safety:** Mr. Chris Miller, Chair reported that the committee has not met, but will be scheduling a meeting in the near future.

**IX. Local Boards of Health Reports**

- a. **Boone County** – Dr. Charles Kenner, Chair, reported the Local Board did not meet but will be meeting on May 2.
- b. **Campbell County** – Dr. Judith Harrer, Chair, reported the Local Board did not meet but will be meeting on April 29.
- c. **Grant County** – Mrs. Jodi Ederer, Chair, reported the Local Board did not meet but will be meeting on May 3.
- d. **Kenton County** – On behalf of Chair Dr. Lynn Shewmaker, Ms. Sebastian reported the Local Board met on January 31st to declare the property at 2002 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky as surplus property and to approve an RFP Sale of Property for the surplus property. There was a conversation to memorialize Dr. Garry Neltner for his long-time service to the board. The new building is progressing nicely. The board will be meeting again on April 24. Ms. Sebastian also provided an update on the transition from the current building to the new building.

X. **Other:** There was no other business.

XI. **Next District Board of Health Meeting:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the District Office located at 8001 Veterans Memorial Drive, Florence, Kentucky.

XII. **Closed Session:** There was no need to hold a closed session.

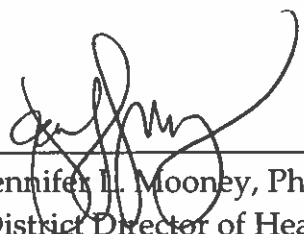
XIII. **Adjournment – MOTION:** Dr. Kenner moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Simpson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Richard Gaston, MD,  
NKIDBOH Chair



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Jennifer L. Mooney, PhD, MS,  
District Director of Health  
NKIDBOH Secretary