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# NORTHERN KENTUCKY INDEPENDENT DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Judith Harrer, RPh, PhD, Chair
Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 6:00 PM

**Members Present**
Judith Harrer, RPh, PhD, Chair
Tom Cahill, Jr. (D-Mayor Fette)
Carolyn Dwyer, RN
Carol Franzen (D-Mayor Reinersman)
Michael Jones, MD
Charles Kenner, DMD
Scott Kimmich, Immediate Past Chair (D-JE Knochelmann)
Chris Miller (D-Mayor Aubuchon)
Wafa Nasser, MD (D-Mayor Washington)
Steve Pendery, Judge Executive
Laura Pleiman (D-JE Moore)
Jonathan Rich, DMD, Vice Chair
Lynn Shewmaker, OD
Shelby Sullivan, RN

**Members Absent**
Chuck Dills, Judge Executive
Daniel Fagel, MD
Tom Guidugli, Jr., Newport Mayor
LaRoy Kendall, MD
Lauren McIntosh (D-Mayor Haas)
Mark Schroer, MD
Anthony Wolfe, DVM

**Staff/Guests Present**
Jennifer L. Mooney, PhD, MS, District Director of Health
Steve Divine, Director of Environmental Health & Safety
Pamela Millay, Director of Clinical Services
Kim Monaco, Human Resources Specialist
Marie Schenkel, Deputy Director of Health
Stephanie Vogel, Director of Population Health

Olivia Amlung, Attorney
Julie Aubuchon, Mayor of Florence
Kristin Leadingham, Dean Dorton

Gabrielle Meiman, student
Natasha Terry, student
Lauren Zembrodt, student

**Welcome/Call to Order**
Dr. Judith Harrer, Chair, welcomed all attendees and confirmed a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

**Approval of Proposed June 10, 2026 Agenda**
Dr. Harrer, Chair, presented the proposed agenda for June 10, 2026. An amendment was made to reorder the agenda by moving *Item VI.c.1, "Presentation of FY 2025 Audit,"* up to item IV, and adjust the remaining items accordingly. **MOTION:** Dr. Jones moved to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Kenner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation of FY2025 Audit**
Ms. Kristin Leadingham, lead auditor with Dean Dorton, summarized the FY 2025 Audit and audited financial statements, reporting an unmodified opinion on the regulatory basis of accounting. **MOTION**: Mr. Kimmich moved to accept the FY 2025 Audit Report as presented. Dr. Rich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**
**MOTION:** Ms. Franzen moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Pleiman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
*The consent agenda included the following: approve minutes from December 10, 2025; accept the February Executive Committee Report; accept the May Executive Committee report; and accept the January Personnel Board report.*

**Old Business**
Dr. Mooney reported that she had compiled the data previously requested by Mr. Kimmich regarding the history of one-time, lump-sum merit payments, and noted that she would provide it to him.

**Reports**
<u>**Nominating Committee**</u>
Dr. Harrer presented the slate of nominees for the FY 2027 District Board and Executive Committee. Discussion ensued regarding vacancies for Boone and Kenton counties.
**MOTION:** Mr. Kimmich moved to accept the nominations and acknowledge that pending vacancies will need to be addressed with the assistance of the Judge Executives. Dr. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- **FY 2027 District Board Officers:**
  - Jonathan Rich, DMD, Chair (Grant County)
  - Laura Pleiman, Vice Chair (Boone County)
  - Judith Harrer, RPh, PhD, Immediate Past Chair (Campbell County)
- **FY 2027 Executive Committee Members:**
  - **Boone County** – Charles Kenner, DMD and TBD
  - **Campbell County** – Tom Guidugli, Jr. and Mark Schroer, MD
  - **Grant County** – Shelby Sullivan, RN and Chuck Dills, Judge Executive (or Designee)
  - **Kenton County** – Tom Cahill, Jr. and Carol Franzen

**Legal Counsel**
Ms. Olivia Amlung, Attorney, had nothing to report.

**Financial**
**Financial Report**
Deputy Director of Health Marie Schenkel presented the financial reports as of May 31, 2026. She provided an overview of the Profit & Loss Statement and the Cash & Cash Equivalents Report, and highlighted notes explaining various budget variances. **MOTION:** Dr. Kenner moved to accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**District Director of Health**
**District Director's Report**
District Director of Health Dr. Jennifer L. Mooney presented an overview of key division operations and highlights from the past quarter. Her report included updates on an upcoming "Careers in Public Health" video project, the strategic planning bridge session, and forthcoming CHA/CHIP outreach and marketing efforts. **MOTION:** Dr. Jones moved to accept the District Director of Health report as presented. Ms. Franzen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FY 2027 Budget Proposal/Operations Plan**
Dr. Mooney presented an overview of the FY 2027 Budget Proposal and Operations Plan. She noted recent delays at the state level and reminded the board that the final budget is due to the state on June 19. As part of her presentation, she reviewed division-specific goals and requested a 3.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all eligible staff, alongside a 5% merit non-cumulative lump sum for high performers in each division. **MOTION:** Dr. Jones moved to approve the FY 2027 Budget Proposal and Operations Plan as presented. Ms. Pleiman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Board By-Laws Amendments**
Ms. Schenkel, Deputy Director of Health, presented an overview of the proposed amendments to the District Board of Health By-Laws. **MOTION:** Dr. Kenner moved to approve the Board By-Law Amendments as proposed. Dr. Rich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Board**
Dr. Jennifer L. Mooney reported on the April 29, 2026, Personnel Board meeting. The report included a recommendation for two-year terms, beginning July 1, 2026, to appoint Laura Benkahla, re-appoint Kim Clemons and Janet Patterson, and re-appoint ad hoc members Tom Cahill, Jr. and Judith Harrer. The next meeting is set for July 8, 2026. **MOTION:** Mr. Kimmich moved to accept the Personnel Board report as presented and to approve the recommended appointments and re-appointments. Dr. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**
There was no new business to bring before the Board.

**Committee Reports**

**<u>Clinical Services</u>**

Dr. Michael Jones, Chair, reported that the Clinical Services Committee met on May 27, 2026. He noted that the committee discussed a range of topics, including Hepatitis C treatment, child fatality reviews, WIC modernization, worksite wellness, and patient satisfaction surveys. Dr. Jones also announced that this would be his final report to the board, as his term is expiring.

**<u>Population Health</u>**

Ms. Laura Pleiman, Chair, reported on the March 13, 2026, committee meeting, noting that members reviewed regional data on suicide deaths, the nicotine voucher program, the school vape disposal program, adult oral health, the overdose fatality review, and an upcoming HIV case management housing project. Ms. Pleiman announced that the committee's next meeting will be held in August.

**<u>Environmental Health & Safety</u>**

Mr. Chris Miller, Chair, reported on the February 18, 2026, committee meeting, which included a general update on the division's operations. He noted that the committee also discussed a UC Medical student project regarding animal bite protocols and rabies, the food program, service completion metrics, legionella, disaster preparedness, and active shooter training. Mr. Miller announced that the committee's next meeting will be held in the summer.

**Local Boards of Health Reports**

**<u>Boone County</u>**

Dr. Charles Kenner, Chair, reported that the Local Board met on April 16, 2026, and approved the following: the FY 2025 Audit; funding for the Boone County Early Childhood Fund ($25,000); funding for the Boone County Suicide Response Initiative ($163,241); a tax rate recommendation of 2.00 cents per $100 of assessed value; and a district health department allocation of 2.10 cents per $100 of assessed value.

**<u>Campbell County</u>**

Dr. Judith Harrer, Chair, reported that the Local Board met on April 13, 2026, and approved the following: the FY 2025 Audit; funding for the Campbell County Detention Center's Behavioral Health Program ($350,000); a tax rate recommendation of 2.20 cents per $100 of assessed value; and a district health department allocation of 2.10 cents per $100 of assessed value.

**<u>Grant County</u>**

Mrs. Shelby Sullivan, Chair, reported that the Local Board met on April 17, 2026, and approved the following: the FY 2025 Audit; special project funding for the FFLAG program ($13,500); special project funding for the Grant County School program ($80,000); special project funding for the Williamstown School program ($26,000); a tax rate recommendation of 2.60 cents per $100 of assessed value; and a district health department allocation using two distinct tiers: a

Standard allocation of 1.90 cents per $100 of assessed value and Additional allocation of 0.20 cents per $100 of assessed value.

**Kenton County**

Dr. Lynn Shewmaker, Chair, reported that the Local Board met on May 6, 2026, and approved the following: the FY 2025 Audit; a tax rate recommendation of 2.30 cents per $100 of assessed value; and a district health department allocation of 2.10 cents per $100 of assessed value.

**Other**

Dr. Mooney recognized outgoing Chair Dr. Harrer for her leadership, presenting her with a Kentucky coffee table book as a token of appreciation. Dr. Mooney and the wider board also extended their sincere gratitude to Dr. Jones, thanking him for his exceptional service and dedication over the past six years.

**Closed Session**

There was no need for a closed session.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM. The next District Board of Health meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on September 9, 2026, at the District Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Harrer

Judith Harrer, RPh, PhD
NKIDBOH Chair

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