Kudos to You!

Kudos to Angela Woosley for the great job with the Circles of Poverty training that was presented to several First Steps programs in the state for our annual training requirement. -Mitzi Helton

I would like to thank Sheri Clark for donating handmade fleece baby blankets that she and her mother made to be used as door prizes for each county’s World’s Greatest Baby Shower. They are adorable! This was such a nice gesture and is so very much appreciated! -Donna Whistle

I would like to give a shout out to Cathy Bland for taking charge during my medical leave and for all the First Steps staff for stepping in and helping out wherever needed! - Mitzi Helton

HANDS would like to give much appreciation to Mary Crowe from Hancock County. She has helped with not only giving referrals to HANDS but taking the time while in clinic with the family to call the assessor (Sherri) who works that county and set up a time for the first visit. This has helped so much in making the initial contact as well as the referral process streamlined. Thank you Mary for going the extra mile!!! -Candi Kamuf

CASPER Results

As the reader is probably aware, the Green River District Health Department conducted a CASPER (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response) as a part of the current cycle of the Community Health Assessment in November 2014. We had numerous staff participate and assist with conducting these surveys throughout the community.

Taylor Preda and Jessica Austin presented the 2014 CASPER results at the annual Kentucky Public Health Association Conference in April 2015. Unfortunately, all interested parties couldn’t attend the session. Here, you can find a condensed version of the results presented:

- 235 households were interviewed, exceeding the number needed for reaching statistically significant results.
- Over 65% of household residents that were home completed the survey as requested.

| Weighted Proportion of Reported Rating of Overall Community Health Status |
|---|---|---|
| Poor | 5.40% |
| Fair | 24.80% |
| Good | 43.80% |
| Very Good | 12.36% |
| Excellent | 2.70% |
| Don't Know | 11.05% |

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Community Health Challenges

Respondents were asked to describe what they believed to be the biggest challenge impacting the health of their community. The most frequently stated factor when asked what challenges the community faces in regards to health was addiction issues (53 respondents). Addiction issues was followed by obesity, economy, access to care, cancer, and environment, respectively. Other factors cited included fast food restaurants, lack of senior services, lack of services for the poor, and lack of access to affordable health clubs.

WEIGHTED PROPORTION OF REPORTED BIGGEST HEALTH CHALLENGES FACING THEIR COMMUNITY

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<td>MENTAL HEALTH</td>
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Community Health Strengths

Over 20% of respondents cited access to care as a community health strength. Nearly 20% did not know or could not answer what a strength of the community was in regards to health. Community educational system (8.13%), recreation (7.25%), healthy behaviors and lifestyles (5.49%), local government (3.80%), and economy (3.16%) were top strengths cited when asked what the strengths of the community are. Other strengths cited included the local health department.

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Health Factor Needed to Create A “Healthy Community”

When asked which factors in the community contributed to a “healthy community”, the majority of respondents said access to healthcare was the main contributor. Second to access to care, respondents believed maintaining healthy behaviors and lifestyles was an important factor in creating a healthy community. These were followed by education, environment, sense of community, safety, economy, recreation, and arts and culture, respectively.

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<td>SMOKER</td>
<td>33.62%</td>
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**Smoking**
Participants were asked if anyone in their household smoked cigarettes and whether they allowed smoking inside their home or not. Over 33% (79 households) had at least one smoker. However, only 24.35% of households allowed smoking inside of their home either always, sometimes, or occasionally. Nearly 75% of households surveyed never allow smoking inside the home.

![Weighted Proportion of Households that Allow Smoking Inside the Home](chart)

**WEIGHTED PROPORTION OF HOUSEHOLDS REPORTING ACCESS TO CARE**

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<td>94.37</td>
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**Access to Health Services**
Participants were asked if they were capable of receiving both physical health services and mental health services if needed. Over 93% of participants cited that they would be able to access a mental or physical health care provider if needed.

**This is just a small sample of the results gathered from the CASPER survey. Be on the lookout for a final CASPER report to be published soon. Thanks again to all that participated in the CASPER!**

-Submitted by Taylor Preda

**Pictured on right:** Deborah Fillman and Phillip Patterson, President and CEO of Owensboro Health, respond to questions from moderator Angie Carman at the Kentucky Public Health Association’s breakfast session on Hospital and Health Department collaboration.
COUNTY NEWS

DAVIESS COUNTY: Welcome, Ashley Holderby Nursing Supervisor, and Leanne Smith to our clerical staff. Goodbye to Peggy O’Neal, RN and Judy Payne. You will be missed.

DISTRICT OFFICE: Eight Board of Health meetings were conducted in April and early May. All went well...thanks to all who were involved! Community Health Improvement Plan Forums are currently in process.

HANCOCK COUNTY: Hancock County staff are doing well – hanging in there and working hard. We received 100% on our WIC audit. Pam Miller will be welcoming a new grandbaby, Olivia, in the next couple of weeks. Matt, the environmentalist, is currently doing a tick study with UK about the ticks that are the cause of Alfa Gal. There have been multiple people diagnosed with this recently in our county.

HENDERSON COUNTY: Henderson is doing fine with a great WIC audit recently.

MCLEAN COUNTY: >>NO NEWS REPORTED<<

OHIO COUNTY: >>NO NEWS REPORTED<<

UNION COUNTY: We are pleased to welcome our new staff member, Jane Roberson, Support Services Associate to the clinic. We are all excited to work with Jane! Jenny Hagan and Becca Logan attended this year’s KPHA conference in Owensboro. Staff attended the Accreditation Celebration on April 16th and enjoyed the opportunity to visit with fellow staff members, current and retired! A BIG Thank You to our administrative support staff—Toni Pierson, Jane Roberson and Darlene Johnson! We would be a mess without you! Happy Birthday in May to Donna Matheny and Darlene Johnson in June.

WEBSTER COUNTY: >>NO NEWS REPORTED<<

Did you know?

You work at or for the health department, but you might work in a community health center. Have you ever wondered why some of the county facilities are labeled “County Community Health Center” and some are labeled “County Health Department”? The difference is the building. We all work for the Health Department. However, if your building also houses programs and services for other non-GRDHD agencies, the location (building) is labeled as a “County Community Health Center.”
I am simply joyous over my first grandchild: Tilly Grace who was born on November 3, 2014 – so what a fantastic Christmas present my family received! But, to tell you more about myself and provide clues as to my identity if what I said above hasn’t already given it away.

I work in a small, but very important department in the district office and have been here almost seven years. I love my job because I get to help every staff member in the seven counties that make up our district.

I am married to my hero and the person I most admire, Keith. We are proud of our three adult children: Monica (who just blessed us with a granddaughter), Adam and Nathan. Keith and I have tried to provide a harmonious home not only for our children, but also our dog, Maggie, and our 19 cattle. (Keith named one of the cows after me!) Yes, I help raise cattle in my spare time!

The Great Smoky Mountains is one of my favorite places to vacation. The magnificent country, getting to splash in the cool waters of Little Pigeon River and hiking the Chimney Tops gives me pleasure and happiness.

If a movie was ever made about my life, I would love to see Reese Witherspoon portray that lead role. She is a marvelous actress and hopefully her spunk would exhilarate my life’s story.

Speaking of actors, did you know that my husband was in the nursery at the same time as the famous actor, Johnny Depp?

I root for UK Wildcats and my blood runs blue just like many other Kentuckians.

Who Am I?  
See the answer on page 9.....

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New Employees

Welcome to the GRDHD Team!

Ashley Holderby  
Nurse Supervisor I  
Daviess County Health Center

Carol Lopez  
Home Health Aide  
Daviess County Home Health

Teudis Perez  
Support Services Supervisor I  
Daviess County Home Health
One of the sessions that really peaked my interest was “Promoting Health for the Refugee Community: The Role of Green River District Health Department” presented by Mary Danhauer and Judy Payne. The process that the refugees have to go through to resettle into the United States is so much more vast than I had thought. The ability to protect the current community’s health along with providing new services to the refugees that they quite possibly have never received is impressive to say the least. Pair that with the heart wrenching speech given by Gennie (Burmese refugee and Health Department translator), I can assure you that my heart was full and eyes widely open to the braveness and determination the refugees possess.

Another notable mention was the “Healthy Food Access Helping Families to Take Advantage of Fresh Food Programs” presented by Sharli Rogers, WellCare Health Plans, Inc. Specifically targeting the “Mobile Market” in Bowling Green, Kentucky that had its first full season in summer of 2014. This method of delivering fresh fruits and vegetables to those that may not have had access to them in the past is such a great idea! By setting up at Barren River every week at the same day and time accepting and doubling SNAP, WIC and Senior Nutrition Vouchers they really do make eating healthy affordable, accessible and approachable.

Not to mention the fact that they have offered and will continue to offer cooking demos featuring foods they have at the market that day. And here is my favorite part: they DONATE the leftover fruits and veggies to a local shelter every week. This really is such an impressive demonstration of Public Health.

KPHA 2015 had so much to offer and I am so glad I was able to attend! Everything from enjoying a couple of days with Connie Nalley (who I can guarantee is going to be missed in retirement) and that fun crew, going on what I like to call “Public Health Halloween”-collecting public health propaganda (i.e. pens, paper, stickers etc.) to the broad array of sessions offered. Never did a dull moment occur. It was really encouraging to see such a large group of representatives all coming together for Public Health, and to see them actually enjoying and being enthusiastic about what they were promoting/discussing.

Congratulations, Judy Payne!

Please make sure to congratulate Judy Payne on her recent award! She won the Paul Mason Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions Toward Improving Public Health in Kentucky for her work with the refugee population. GRDHD also won an award for receiving PHAB Accredited status over the past year. GRDHD sponsored a booth, and we had several speakers present.
This was the first time I have ever experienced the KPHA (Kentucky Public Health Association) conference, and I was very impressed. We are very fortunate to have the Convention Center in Owensboro now to host such events. I was privileged enough to experience four different breakout sessions. The session “Keep Calm and Think Accreditation - Houston’s Approach to Public Health Accreditation” was led by Robert Hines, an epidemiologist and MSPH from Houston. He was a very powerful public speaker. I had much interest in his session as he focused on employee and supervisor interaction in regards to accreditation. He stressed the importance of how to win your staff over even if they are reluctant to change, which is needed to achieve and remain accredited.

I also sat in on Mary Danhauer and Judy Payne’s “Promoting Health for the Refugee Community: The Role of Green River District Health Department” session. They both have so much compassion for the refugees; so much compassion that it’s contagious! I was already somewhat familiar with this program, but it was a good refresher. They also had Gennie (an employee and refugee) speak near the end which pulled another heart string, as tears were shed.

Louise Kent led the “An Academic Health Department Linking Public Health Practice and Academia” session. This was very interesting to me as an intern. The importance of being an academic health department was stressed. Students have the potential to become future employees and can also help with projects that the health department otherwise would not have time to complete. I felt like the GRDHD was right on track with the processes and forms to be an academic health department. However, I thought it was kind of interesting that there is not a formal approval or anything to be an academic health department. Really, any health department could claim to be and there would not be anything to prove otherwise.

The last session I attended was the “Mobile Integrated Health”. This was put on by a few individuals from Bowling Green’s EMS (Emergency Medical Services). These are the folks that answer 911 calls and work on ambulances. Three paramedics have gone through extensive training through an accredited school to practice in non-emergency situations. They want to turn their focus on being proactive instead of reactive. This means they want to prevent emergency situations from happening. They might go in and educate a patient on heart disease and the importance of taking their medicine or they might go to the patient’s house and do blood work that a doctor has requested instead of having an ambulance go to the residence with lights and sirens on. This approach is supposed to save money and improve long-term patient health.

Overall, the conference was very educational. Public health has so many different aspects. I did not have any interest in public health when I first began my internship with the GRDHD. Since then, my interest in public health has really spiked.
As a reminder, several GRDHD Departments are in need of donations. This month’s featured program is Building Stronger Families. BSF needs donations like paper towels, cleaning supplies and construction paper. If you can help, please contact Linda Wahl at extension 2066 in the Daviess County office.

Purchase Deadlines

The end of this fiscal year is rapidly approaching. The following deadlines have been set in an effort to assist with end of year purchases. If you have any questions of need assistance, please contact me.

June 16, 2015: All items must be received, posted received in the Purchase Order system and invoices sent to finance for payment by June 30, 2015

The Western Kentucky Breastfeeding Coalition is excited to share with you a few events that they will be hosting in the upcoming months. Our next quarterly meeting will be June 18th at Colby’s Restaurant in Owensboro from 11-2. An RSVP is required for free lunch and seating is limited.

Our annual Western Kentucky Breastfeeding Conference is also in Owensboro this year on August 7th. It will be held at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital (OHRH) from 8-5. Our national speaker is Amy Spangler, Baby Gooroo! The cost of the conference includes breakfast and lunch and CE’s for APRN, RN and RD’s. We will post more details as the event draws closer.

To keep informed about our coalition events, please visit our Facebook page. To find us, go to facebook.com and type in Western Kentucky Breastfeeding Coalition.

Recipe Tidbit

I thought I would share a new recipe I tried this weekend. I made chicken burritos for supper last night and my family loves guacamole dip. I usually get a dip mix from the grocery store. But, last night I didn't want to drive the 20 minutes to town to get the dip mix. To save time, I went to Pinterest to see what I could come up with. I ended up finding a recipe for Guacamole Salsa. I adapted it to what I had in my cabinet. I used one avocado, 1/2 medium onion diced fine, 2-3 tablespoon of Rotel tomatoes seasoned to taste with cumin, garlic salt and chili powder. It was a little spicy from the Rotel tomatoes so if you don't like spicy food then you could use regular petite diced tomatoes. I will never buy dip mix again! I put the left over on my salad today and it made the salad taste amazing!

It just shows how being creative with ingredients from your own kitchen can save you money, be healthier and taste better! - Jillian Nall
Daviess County Middle School TOP® Club builds Self-Esteem!

Through a project with the BSN nursing students from U of L, DCMS TOP® club did a fun activity to build self-esteem. White T-shirts were donated by Unifirst® and used as a canvas for the students to write positive words to describe their fellow club members.

Pictured: Holly Logsdon, Anne Mulligan, Michelle Duvall, Kaitlyn Elder, Amanda Schumacher, Brenton Hallden, Shaylene Eitel, Ashley Hall BSN students. U of L instructor Cristin Whitaker

Hancock County Middle School TOP® Participates in Prevention Campaign!

All of the teens in this TOP® club participated in the "I am not a replacement" campaign geared to keep teens from every using any type of tobacco product or E-cigarette. Each teen filled in the blank of why they wouldn't allow themselves to be a replacement to keep the industry going when the current users die from tobacco products or E-cigarettes.

Words such as strong, ambitious, educated, smart, capable, were just a few of the words the teens used describe themselves.
Employee Benefits

Commonwealth Credit Union

Savings money is something that we all want to do, and Commonwealth Credit Union (CCU) has various products that make saving simple and easy. Benefit status employees are eligible to join CCU as a member/owner at any time. CCU provides a full line of financial products and services to meet the needs of their members. CCU is a not-for-profit cooperative, which means that a greater amount of profits are returned to members in the form of higher dividends on savings accounts and lower interest rates on loans. CCU offers direct deposit into checking or savings, or payroll deduction from your paycheck into a savings account. Payroll deduction is one easy way to save money because if you don’t see it, you are not as likely to spend it.

Other services offered by CCU to employees of GRDHD include:

- Online Banking
- Mobile Deposit
- Nationwide ATM’s
- Free Checking
- Online Loan Applications
- Savings Accounts
- Debit Card
- Ready Prepaid Card
- Money Market Accounts
- Vehicle Loans
- Credit Cards
- Mortgages

Another unique product offered by CCU that helps you to save is Round Up Checking. This checking account lets you save money without hassle. Each debit transaction will be “rounded up” to the next whole dollar amount and deposited into your RoundUP savings. CCU will match 100% of the rounded up transfers for the first 90 days, and 5% APY thereafter for a maximum of $250 per year.

These are just a few examples of products offered by CCU, so you can see that CCU has a lot to offer.

If you would like more information just let HR know and we will be happy to answer questions or send you some material!

Policies and Procedures

Updates & News

If you haven’t reviewed the updated (and new) Policies and Procedures please take a few minutes to do so. Visit the official documents drive or our website for a complete listing of our Policies and Procedures.

- 01.04.04 Conflict of Interest and Ethics Procedure - This is a new procedure addressing employee ethics and potential conflicts of interest.
- 01.04.04.01 WIC Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form - This new form will be used by staff with WIC responsibilities.
- 01.04.04.02 WIC Conflict of Interest Tracking Form - This new form will be used by staff with WIC responsibilities.
- 03.03 Agency Vehicle Usage Procedure - This procedure was revised to remove any reference to the Vehicle Inspection Sheet. We are no longer using this form.
- 03.06 Volunteer Procedure - This is a new procedure that provides guidelines to be used and followed at any time the services of a volunteer are used at GRDHD.
- 03.06.01 New Volunteer Checklist - This new form will be used any time a new volunteer begins to serve at GRDHD.
- 03.06.02 Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Criminal Record Check and Valid Drivers License Procedure - This new procedure provides guidelines used by the Medical Reserve Corps in conjunction with GRDHD.
- 06.06 Fraud and Abuse Prevention and Detection Policy - This procedure has been updated to more closely reflect the current laws and subsequent practices in place in the Fraud and Abuse Procedure.
- 06.06.01 Fraud and Abuse Prevention and Detection Procedure - This procedure has been updated to reflect current laws and subsequent guidelines and practices in place to prevent fraud and abuse.
- 07.02 Investment Policy - This policy has been updated to reflect current practices in place for reviewing investments.
- 08.01 QI Policy - This policy has been updated to more concisely reflect the QI policy of GRDHD.
- 08.01.01 Quality Improvement Procedure - This procedure has been removed. All content formerly found in this procedure has been incorporated into the QI plan.
- 08.01.01 Quality Improvement Plan 2013-2014 - This plan has been updated to contain information found in both the QI Procedure and QI Plan.
- 09.09 Breastfeeding Friendly Clinic Procedure - This new procedure outlines the process used by GRDHD to promote breastfeeding.
Congratulations to Brittany Stone from Union County Health Center for winning the contest featured in the last issue of the Green River Gazette. Brittany’s name was chosen from a random drawing of all entries. Brittany was the lucky winner of a $5 Subway gift card.

See page 15 of this issue for your chance to win!

Jenna Fulkerson, 6th grade daughter of Sherri Fulkerson - RN in HANDS, is a scholarship winner! The weekend of March 21st and 22nd, Jenna competed in a bowling competition, the Owensboro City Tournament, held at Diamond Lanes South. Jenna was awarded scholarship money due to her impressive wins in both singles and doubles matches. Jenna makes bowling look easy with her first “turkey” - not the Tom kind, but rather this turkey denotes three strikes in a row! She succeeded in getting four strikes in a row and a total of five strikes in one game! Congratulations Jenna! You know your mom is quite proud of you!

Congratulations to Donna Whistle, RN over breastfeeding coordination for the district, on her son, Chad Whistle. Chad was recognized as one of 10 Outstanding Staff of the Year at the University of South Florida. Chad serves as program coordinator of student affairs at the university.

😊 A BIG Thank You from the ADC family!

What a turnout! We had so many more people than we were expecting to make it. Thank you so much to everyone who showed up to the ADC's art show! It meant so much to the clients and us. They were so happy to have so many visitors come through to view their arts and crafts, that it truly made their day. Thank you all again for everything that you do for us!

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Accreditation Celebration
Strategic Plan Updates

The 2015-2018 Strategic Plan was formally approved by the Board of Health at the April 28 meeting. The Strategic Plan includes 5 goals: (1) Improve Community Outreach & Service (2) Internal Assessment, (3) Community Assessment & Research (4) Staff Development and (5) Governance. The Strategic Plan is available on the Official Documents drive and through the Employee Resources page of the website. www.healthdepartment.org

What is Memorial Day?

While you are enjoying your day off this Memorial Day please take the time to remember why you get this day off each May. It’s more than the annual family BBQ or a day relaxing on the river on the boat. It’s an important day in the lives of many that are often overlooked on a day to day basis.

Memorial Day is an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May. It honors men and women who died while serving in the United States military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

To learn more about this meaningful day visit www.history.com and don’t forget to thank a soldier and their families for their sacrifices.

Get your flip flops and suntan lotion ready! Summer is just around the corner. The first day of summer (and Father’s Day) is June 21st!

What is Memorial Day?  

Saying Goodbye . . .

Alissa Shewcraft, Henderson County Health Center  
Marci Slaton, Union County Health Center  
Cheryl DePriest, Daviess County Health Center  
Ursula Sota Garcia, Ohio County Health Center  
Kristi Lanham, Daviess County Health Center

Gazette Contest

If you work in a health department that also houses community programs besides public health, it is called _____?

The answer can be found in this issue of the Gazette. Please submit your answer to any of the Committee members listed below.

*Gift Card courtesy of the Gazette Committee. Deadline to submit is close of business on Friday, May 29th. Good luck!