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KUDOS TO YOU!

To GRDHD Home Health—Thanks for the opportunity to work with you catching up. Great bunch of gals! - Libby Hancock

Pictured on right: Congratulations to Maw Maw of the Daviess County Health Center for receiving U.S. Citizenship!

Congratulations to Angel Thompson, recipient of the KPHA Support Services Staff Award. Angel was nominated for this award by staff members of the Kentucky Department of Health for her outstanding contributions to the implementation of ECW.

GRDHD News and Updates

*Dr. Sewell has submitted his intent to resign June 1st. We wish him the best! Dr. Jeffrey Frakes will be assuming the role of Medical Director.

Ticket System News

*A Reminder....Since the Ticket System is no longer in service, please remember to submit your requests to the program email accounts listed below. Why? Because addressing your request to these emails (not to a specific person) will ensure that your request is handled in a timely manner.

maintenance@grdhd.org
  • Building, plumbing, electrical/lighting requests
receptionist@grdhd.org
  • Travel requests
  • Print requests

purchasing@grdhd.org
  • Supply orders
support@grdhd.org
  • Technology related repairs and problems

Note to District and Daviess staff regarding Vehicle and Room Reservations

*To reserve a district car or room please follow the instructions located on the common drive in the District Car and Room reservations folder. The file is called “Car Reservations How To”. It is a simple 3 step process. Please try to make reservations on your own — if complications arise you can call the district receptionist at extension 3001 for further assistance.

Please have purchases for this fiscal year completed as soon as possible. All products must be delivered and invoices submitted to Finance by June 12th, 2017 to ensure payment is processed in this fiscal year.
KPHA Conference

For the third year in a row, the Kentucky Public Health Association held its annual conference at the Owensboro Convention Center in Owensboro, Kentucky. The 69th Annual Conference featured presentations, posters and exhibits from students and professionals from across the state, as well as keynote speaker Dr. Karen DeSalvo, the Acting Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Many GRDHD staff took an active role in sharing their efforts in pursuing the conference theme of “Meeting the Challenge to Improve Kentucky’s Health Status.”

- Decreasing Diabetes, Increasing Resiliency: Spreading Awareness Through Partner Engagement. This presentation by Abby Beerman and Merritt Bates-Thomas illustrated a collaborative education campaign in partnership with MRC, GRDHD, KDPCP, DCDC and HCDC focused on reducing the incidence of diabetes and improving community resiliency.

- Improving Community Health – One Bite at a Time. This presentation by Merritt Bates-Thomas, Mary Higginbotham and Jeremy Porter highlighted the connection between healthy food choices and physical activity in youth recreation environments. Merritt Bates-Thomas also displayed a poster emphasizing the benefits of the “Better Bites” program.

- Translating Climate and Health Research and Indicators to Action in a Rural Local Health Department. This presentation by Jessica Austin, Abby Beerman and Clay Horton, recognized the role that weather and climate play in the health of residents in our region.

- Promoting Good Oral Health in our Communities by Taking an Innovative Approach. This poster by Lisa Stanley and Suzanne Craig featured the success of a dental health initiative throughout the seven counties.

In related news, GRDHD has recently received national attention for its work. Clay, Abby and Jessica gave a 90 minute presentation on the climate change project to a national audience during the April 2017 NACCHO Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, Georgia. A full article regarding the project will also be published in the Journal of Environmental Public Health later this year. And on March 9, Suzanne Craig and Marilu Adams participated in an affordable care act news segment which aired on CNN.

-Submitted by Carrie Conia

Above: Lisa Stanley and Suzanne Craig presented a professional poster related to Oral Health Literacy at the KPHA conference in April.

Subway Contest

Maw Maw (Daviess County Health Center) recently received her US Citizenship. This issue we want to ask a question from the US Citizenship test — “What is the supreme law of the land?” Please submit your answer to any member of the Gazette Committee. Winner will be chosen from a random drawing of all entries—we will follow up with the correct answer after the contest has ended. *Deadline to enter is close of business on May 19th.*
Why is it important to use sign-in/out logs at GRDHD? Your life, or the life of someone else, might depend on it someday!

All staff at GRDHD are required to sign in upon entering an agency building, and sign out when exiting the building, using the logs provided at all locations. If staff visit a building that they aren’t normally housed at, they will use a “visitor” log that can be found at each location. All staff should receive this training during their first week at work from their supervisor, and begin following this instruction immediately. Within a short time, this practice should become a habit that is second nature to all GRDHD staff.

So, why is this a big deal, and why is it an expectation that all staff use sign-in/out logs every time? It all comes back to safety. Nobody wants to imagine disaster scenarios happening, but if something does occur, by following safety rules, we can be more assured that staff are safe. Imagine a fire or tornado disaster, possibly even an active shooter scenario. Having the ability to account for staff in the building is a critical issue if any disaster scenario occurs. Knowing who should be in, or out, of the building is step one in assuring everyone is safe. By having accurate count of who is there, emergency responders can then move on to other tasks without having to determine if someone is in need of rescue. If the perceived need for rescue happens when it is not necessary, emergency responders could be put at risk for no reason.

Don’t be the employee who needlessly risks the safety of others. Be sure to always take the time to sign in, and out, of each building. Make this a habit that you don’t break. Following this rule is an easy way to help everyone stay safe!

A Message from our HR department

Sign-In/Out Logs

University of Louisville students performed a physical activity presentation at College View Middle School. All students were taught the importance of physical activity and exercises they can do at home. Each student was awarded a prize for participation.

-Amy Brown, Health Educator II, District Office
It's been a little over a month since I started my journey with the 'Exercise is Medicine' program at the Owensboro Healthpark. I had an eye-opening doctor's appointment which ended up with a referral to the program. I'm not a fan of exercise whatsoever, but I knew I needed to make a change in my life. Mundane chores had become exhausting, I was getting out of breath embarrassingly quick, zero energy for day to day tasks, and I wasn't happy with my physical appearance. This program makes me hold myself accountable to get healthy and I have to work for it. I commit myself 3-5 days a week working out and I stay at least an hour each time. There are still days where it's a hassle to get myself there, but once I get started with my workout, I feel so much better, not just physically, but mentally as well. Also, having the Go365 app on my phone helps keep me motivated with staying active and moving throughout the day. I love seeing my counted steps higher than they've ever been! I plan on keeping this path and I have already noticed changes with myself. Wish I would have started it sooner!

Living Well on the GO

Get the latest news, trends and program offerings from LivingWell on the go, right at your fingertips! Staying informed, motivated and healthy couldn't be easier!

Just text Go to 239355.

Messages will include wellness benefits and important program updates as well as tips for healthier living. LivingWell will limit text messages to three per month. Simply text 'stop' to the same number to opt out. Standard rates may apply.

WE INTERRUPT YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAM FOR AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

After much thought and consideration the Gazette Committee has decided to make some changes to the newsletter. In future months you can expect to see shorter but more frequent issues. We hope that this will keep you more up-to-date with the happenings around the district. Please feel free to submit articles, announcements, event information, etc. to any member, at any time so it can be added to upcoming issues. See you soon!

GAZETTE CONTEST FOLLOW-UP

Congratulations to Alysha Winkler (Daviess County) for winning the Subway gift card! She was randomly picked from a drawing of all entries. Humana Vitality is now called GO365®.

Prizes are compliments of the Gazette Committee. Check out page 2 for your chance to win!
New Employees

Rebecca Treon  
Public Health Services Coordinator  
First Steps District Office

Allison Geary  
Local Health Nurse II  
Foust Elementary

Lyndsey Hagan  
Local Health Nurse II  
Daviess County Health Center

Kyle Ross  
Administrative Specialist I  
District Office

Melissa Taylor  
Local Health Nurse II  
Daviess County Health Center

Helen Young  
Social Worker  
Daviess County HANDS

Erica Carbon  
Family Support Worker I  
Home Visitor  
Daviess County HANDS

Alison McFarland  
Family Support Worker I  
Home Visitor  
Daviess County HANDS

Pictured on the right:  
ADC is ready for warmer weather!  
Clients created this popsicle covered bulletin board in anticipation of cool treats on the warm summer days!!

Saying Goodbye…  
Heather Clayton, Foust Elementary  
Jaci Butler, Daviess County HANDS  
Monika Hughes, DC-CAP
The March for Babies walk was held on April 29th, 2017 at Smothers Park. The GRDHD team raised $388.03 for the fundraising this year. If you would like to join our team we meet the third Thursday of each month. Coming up we will be planning for Bowling for Babies happening in July as well was Walking Tacos in the Fall.

Contact Jessica Austin for more details.

Policies and Procedures ~ Updates & News
Visit the official documents drive or our website for a complete listing of our Policies and Procedures.

- 06.09 Adult Day Care Patient Payment Liability Procedure – This was revised to use current amounts for full and partial day participants, and to clarify the use of “liability” by Medicare in reference to payments.
- 13.02.07 Home Health Advance Beneficiary Notice – This new procedure is used in conjunction with guidelines and a form used by Medicare when a situation occurs and Medicare will not cover services for a patient.

The following were reviewed:
- 08.01 Quality Improvement Policy, 08.01.01 Quality Improvement Plan, 08.02 State Level Policy Review Procedure
- 08.02.01 State Level Policy Review Form, 08.03 Academic Health Department Policy
- 08.03.01 Academic Health Department Procedure, 08.03.02 Academic Health Department Clinic Student Roster
- 08.03.03 Academic Health Department Intern Approval Process Form
- 08.03.04 Academic Health Department Intern Rotation Checklist,
- 08.03.05 Academic Health Department Intern Evaluation Form
- 008.04 Quality Assurance for Medical Charts Procedure
- 08.05 Public Code of Conduct and Safety Procedure

All staff are encouraged to take the time to familiarize yourself with these new and revised procedures.