

Barren River District Health Department
Roundtable
August 23, 2019

Minutes

Attendance:

| Barren | Butler | Edmonson | Hart |
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| Jackie Garner Christy Grider Dennis Spears | Rebecca Tyree Stephanie Stallings | Debbie Cain Juliet Self | Traci Gardner Leeann Hennion |
| Logan | Metcalfe | Simpson | Warren |
| Tracy Arnold Kelly Lyne Selina Blick | Leeann Hennion | Jane Lewis | Misty Johnson Nicole Lindsey |
| District | | | |
| Layne Blackwell Janarae Conway Jama Jepson Cara Castleberry Lana McChesney | Julia Davidson Kim Flora Ashley Lillard | Sharon Ray Ryan Wigginton Matt Hunt Chelsea Tabor | Ashley Spangler Ashli McCarty Tommy Rich |

Director Report

Mr. Matt Hunt opened the meeting at 9:02 AM. Things are looking up for BRDHD. The district board approved an Environmental fee increase (see attachment Fee schedule and Why a need for Increase?). First time in 17 years.

We have been receiving text, e-mails, etc. from state legislators asking for our input on legislation being presented in Frankfort. This has been real encouraging. KHDA has hired an executive director and a lobbying firm.

He has looked at the best practice across the state on communication with the board members. In the past, district board members would receive an email once a quarter with a board packet and director's report. MR. Hunt feels that our board members are our greatest advocates. He may have a board report once a month.

Mr. Hunt shared the director's report he did for the District Board of Health. Update on Public Health Transformation, Financial Solvency and workforce reduction. We are going to provide job fairs for those employees that will be affected by workforce reduction. Several agencies have request doing their own job fair for these employees. He has reached out to all Superintendents and will reach out again in October. Many already have a proposal from another agency on their desk. He has been working with rural health clinical and Federally qualified health centers on referrals. Business associate contracts have been sent out. Developing a list of providers for patients of family planning.

Substance Use Disorder Response Planning going on in our counties. Barren, Hart, Edmonson, Logan and Butler meetings have been completed. Three more to do, Metcalfe, Simpson and Warren. 53,000

needles off the street in our district with the two Syringe Exchange Programs. In Butler County, the jail work detail collected 22 needles in one day on Sawmill road that is only a few miles long. They also found over 300 in a barn on that road. We can do harm reduction in all eight counties, but not SEP. Matt wants to get SEP in all eight. UK is working with DPH to hire a Risk Reduction Associate. We are working with Allen and Monroe to get this position for our region. UK will be the employer, but Monroe, Allen or BRDHD will house the person.

October 1 at the BRIGHT Coalition, there will be a session on Health in All Policies and Health Equity. When you look at Public Health Transformation, these fall under Population Health. We think of economic impacts, but not health impacts. Asia Barber from Louisville Metro Health Department will be the presenter. She will also be presenting at the October Roundtable.

We are working to redo our website. Please provide feedback by going to the website to fill out the survey. This survey is for staff and public. Send Ashli McCarty what each program needs on the website, and what doesn't need to be there.

Update on grant funding we have received and what is pending. There is another grant in the works for about 125,000.

Overview of Full Time Personnel (FTE)

We currently have 162 employees. By the end of December we will have 48 Tier 1, 24 Tier 2, 32 Tier 3 and 21 LHS employees. This will be a total of 125. In July 2018, we had 182 employees. Question was asked about Tier 3 employee transitioning to LHS. We are not pushing for that. LHS doesn't seem to be ready for them. The goal is to preserve Tier 1 and 2.

Current job openings are 2 for Environmental (Butler and Barren/Warren) and HANDS.

Kentucky Employee Retirement System update

Most judges are familiar with KERS, but the other board members aren't. Matt talked about the rate freeze, hard and soft exit, and the Estimated Cost of the unfunded liability. The next step is to get the estimate cost of voluntary cessation from KERS. It will cost us \$4,000. We are going to wait until after November to even submit the application for it. KERS will not release any of the estimated costs until January 31. The timeline for a decision is April 1 – 30. We will notify KERS before April 30. That decision goes into effect June 30, 2020.

Next District board of health meeting is October 21 at 5 PM. We will continue to focus on the day in the life of our programs to educate our board on those programs.

Judges are starting to say, "I think I need to start taxing a district." Barren County would have passed it at the last meeting if they had had a quorum. Butler County raised their tax to 2.5%. Butler is the highest taxing district in the district. The District is getting more than what the county is collecting. We get the 100%, but they don't collect 100%.

Since we received funding (HANDs and Harm Reduction) from United Way, we now have to do fundraising for them. They will be at the next Roundtable to ask for donations. No obligation for employees to donate. We will continue to do Jeans Day fundraiser for them.

EPI update

Layne Blackwell, Regional Epidemiologist, gave an update on the Hepatitis A outbreak update. Currently, BRDHD has 89 confirmed cases in our eight counties. Regionally, there are 141 cases. Warren County had their last case the week of June 2-8 (MMWR report week 23). The outbreak is not considered over until 100 days without a case has passed. Remember, although most new cases happen within 14 – 20 days, the incubation period for Hep A can range from 15 – 50 days. The State Nurse Strike Team has been to our area four times this month to administer vaccinations to inmates. They have been to Barren, Hart, and Butler County Jails. This is a team that Dr. Howard, the Commissioner, put together to help stop the outbreak and to help the local health departments. They are visiting jails, rehab centers and homeless shelters upon request. They are scheduled to visit MARC in Bowling Green.

Here are the numbers for the region.

- Barren County = 16 cases
- Butler County = 11 cases
- Edmonson County = 1 case
- Hart County = 2 cases
- Logan County = 2 cases
- Metcalfe County = 2 cases
- Simpson County = 9 cases
- Warren County = 44 cases
- Allen County has had 52 cases and Monroe County has had 2 cases

WIC Update

Lana McChesney provided the monthly update for WIC. That includes participation rates and vendor volume. Copies are saved to the Roundtable folder on the shared drive, I:\Roundtable Notes\FY 2020\7262019. All Counties are at or above 90%. The state likes to see it 95% or above. Simpson and Edmonson were the counties that reached this goal. We receive funding on our participation rate. We received \$120,000 modification to our budget last year based on our numbers.

| WIC Participation February 2019 | May-19 | Change from April 2019 | Change from May 2018 | May 2019 Enrollment | Participation Rate= part. divided by enroll. |
|--|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Run Date 7/3/19 | | | Run date 6/11/19 | | |
| Barren | 1105 | 9 | -20 | 1218 | 91% |
| Butler | 452 | 14 | -25 | 497 | 91% |
| Edmonson | 292 | 9 | -15 | 304 | 96% |
| Hart | 525 | 2 | -67 | 573 | 92% |
| Logan | 623 | 14 | -35 | 685 | 91% |

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| Metcalfe | 317 | 2 | 30 | 343 | 92% |
| Simpson | 399 | 20 | -7 | 414 | 96% |
| Warren | 2684 | 54 | -190 | 2969 | 90% |
| BRDHD | 6397 | 124 | -331 | 7003 | 91% |

| WIC Vendor Volume | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Jun-19 | | |
| | EBT June 2019 | EBT FYTD |
| Barren | 83,437.86 | \$726,283.56 |
| Butler | \$17,272.00 | \$154,307.22 |
| Edmonson | \$4,879.80 | \$46,142.39 |
| Hart | \$17,225.90 | \$172,664.48 |
| Logan | \$35,082.36 | \$321,461.84 |
| Metcalfe | \$8,593.69 | \$72,130.53 |
| Simpson | \$22,393.84 | \$213,518.90 |
| Warren | \$199,337.00 | \$1,655,363.70 |
| BRDHD | \$388,222.45 | \$3,361,872.62 |
| Other | \$21,143.76 | \$172,699.68 |
| Grand Total | \$409,366.21 | \$3,534,572.30 |
| WIC Benefits redeemed in Barren River District stores by BRDHD WIC participants | | 1,206,954.87 |
| EBT= WIC Electronic Benefits Transfer | | |
| FYTD= Federal Fiscal Year begins October 1 | | |

Financial Report

Ryan Wigginton didn't have a financial report because June has not been closed out because it is also the end of the year closeout. It takes longer. Budget has been back and forth with the state. He got the last of the issues from Frankfort on the budget. Hopefully, it will be approved next week. Auditor will be here August 13 to do his preliminary work.

Next week, Ryan will be updating the timesheet. Please send new cost centers that need to be added to the timesheets and function codes to him.

How does the state determine that we get \$120,000 from \$3 million WIC spent? They found extra money at the end of the year. Up to \$4800 was allocated for computer items, the rest for Administration. The time line to spend the money is September 2019. We learned about the money at the end of July. We are paid by performance.

Next Roundtable is September 27, at 9 AM

Minutes submitted by Janarae Conway