



## **KY Folic Acid Partnership Meeting**

**Via ITV May 24, 2012 at 10-12pm eastern time or 9-11am central time**

Those members in attendance: Susan Borders Louisville Metro HD & Kara Brown MOD attended at the Louisville site, Trina Miller, Nicole Nicholas, Emily Adkins, Mary Sue Flora, Shelley Adams and new member replacing Mary Sue to the KFAP Carla Hay a nurse consultant formerly with UK all attended from the KDPH; Sherri Hoffman, Northern KY Independent District; Rich Nading from GRDHD; Catherine Lowe from the Lex.-Fayette County site; Erin Gillespie & Abigail Derringer SBAK from the Madison County site; and Susan Brown from the BRDHD site.

Those members unable to attend the KFAP Meeting on 5-24-12 via ITV: Diane Sprowl-out of state conference, Katrina Thompson-vacation, Paula Watson Estill County-understaffed today due to sickness-had to cover; Shari Stewart-BD-vacation time; and Dr. Shepherd-other commitment.

- The meeting was called to order by Susan Brown and members were welcomed to the meeting. Role was taken as each member took turns updating the group on their progress since the last meeting.
- Barren River: Susan Brown reports that BRDHD has participated in three community baby showers (Barren County Baby Safety Fair, Medical Center's Expectant Parent Fair and the BRDHD's Health Expo), and that she presented at the BabyNet Community group on HBWW and Folic Acid on April 30, 2012 with 75 parents in attendance. She also attended the EWSE 2-day meeting in Chapel Hill, N.C. May 22 & 23, 2012 with 24 other women representing the 8 states in Region IV plus the addition of Louisiana normally in Region VI, bringing our total to 9 states represented. Kara Brown also represented KY at that meeting. We have much to share in the coming days and weeks that lie ahead and we both feel that the KFAP would be a perfect fit for this initiative on preconception health. Susan is also planning to speak at the next KY HBWW meeting in E-town on June 21<sup>st</sup>. She'll address: "How to Prevent an Unnecessary C-section," with the intent meant to encourage women to want to give birth vaginally, if at all

possible. BRDHD participated in the March for Babies Walk in Bowling Green on April 28, 2012 and distributed information on FA, PTB & HBWW. Check out the [www.kfap.org](http://www.kfap.org) website to see all the changes Diane Sprowl has made recently.

- Northern KY Independent District: Sherri Hoffman reports that staff members have participated in several community baby showers and that Northern KY has committed to making their District dedicated to the HBWW vision and mission placing articles in the Grant County newspapers and also in their local HD newsletter titled: *What's Happening?* That reaches all of their District counties except for Grant County.
- Green River: Rich Nading reports that Peggy Davis leads the way on most of their Folic Acid and Preterm birth efforts via the HANDS program. Peggy will be retiring at the end of June and her replacement has yet to be decided but Rich will let us know when that decision is made. He also reports that there have been 2-3 baby showers within their district since our last meeting.
- Louisville Metro: Susan Borders tells us that most of their efforts have been focused on Breastfeeding promotion, but they also have attended many baby showers and have a large Latino Health Fair coming up in June where two of their BFG Peer Counselors will distribute Folic Acid & PTB literature in addition to their BFG information.
- March of Dimes: Kara Brown reports their excitement over getting speaker Sharon Rising, CEO of the Centering Healthcare Institute for the Prematurity Summit scheduled for November 16, 2012 in Louisville. She also reminded members that the KPA meeting is on June 2, 3, and 4<sup>th</sup> at Lake Cumberland and this conference will focus on information geared to help KY prepare to develop statewide preconception collaboration—a key focus since KY is the only Southern state currently without one.
- KDPH: Nicole Nicholas reports that State WIC partnered with U of L Hospital to train 44 birthing hospitals in KY on Birth Kangaroo Care and each have committed to implementing (going live) BKC by July 2012 with 47% already implemented. U of L hospital had already trained 10 other birthing hospitals in the state before the joint partnership was initiated thus bringing KY birthing hospitals to 100% participation in this Breastfeeding strategy from the state plan. The third annual BFG Summit was held in Lexington with 150 participants—the largest summit yet—on March 28, 2012. Speakers included Dr. Rebecca Collins, three speakers from 3 birthing hospitals in KY who have already implanted their Birth KC training and an update on the Breastfeeding Strategic Plan from the Committee Chairs plus a message from the LINK President. This week there is a

CLC course training being held in Lexington as part of the strategic plan to increase the numbers of CLCs, CLSs and IBCLCs in the state available to help women initiate and maintain the duration of breastfeeding. Marlene Goodlett, KY WIC Statewide Breastfeeding Promotion Coordinator, a LINK representative and Denise Barbier with U of L Hospital will be presenting on BKC and what KY has done during the USBC (United States Breastfeeding Committee) in August, in Washington DC.

- Trina Miller reports that Anderson County requested more DVDs of the HBWW documentary *Born Too Soon* that they plan to run in their lobbies for their clients to view. Trina said that she has other copies if anyone else needs one. She reminded us about text4babies and reports that in 2010 there were 5,510 users. Currently there are 349,000 users enrolled in the program and she encourages everyone to utilize this free program.
- Emily Adkins reports that there have been additional FA cuts and she reminded us that the budget used to be \$400,000 per year before dropping to \$200,000 per year and now we see yet another cut down to \$120,000-if that, for a two year timeframe. The amount is meant to only purchase the multivitamins with no additional pay for the counseling piece. However, the counseling is expected to be done as always, as this is simply best practice to provide counseling when issuing folic acid multivitamins to clients.
- The Minutes from 1-26-12 were approved as written
- Chairman's Report Shelley Adams for Dr. Shepherd: reports that Dr. Shepherd has been asked by Dr. Michael Lu to co-lead a collaborative for Regions IV & VI on reducing elective preterm deliveries. Quite an honor! She will participate in one of five strategic action teams that will address elective delivery, Interconception Care 1115 Waiver, Smoking Cessation, Safe Sleep and Perinatal Regionalization. The teams will meet July 23-24 to begin learning and sharing best practices. We have reported updates to ASTHO on progress the Kentucky Infant Mortality Team is making on initiatives we chose as priorities: Ensure access to 17P; reduce/eliminate inductions/C-sections prior to 39 weeks; strengthen data of systems & timeliness of collection, analysis, & reporting at the local level; state/community engagement, partnerships & resources; promote preconception & prenatal healthy behaviors among women of childbearing age; develop/strengthen/expand the Medicaid Family Planning Waiver; develop a state wide case management/care coordination system; cost-benefit analysis for reducing prematurity; and expand CHIP or Medicaid to pregnant women up to 200% FPL. As you can see – this includes many items this group works toward.

- Name change: Tabled until the next in person meeting September 27, 2012
- Chair reports: All three committees are updating their 2012 plans to reflect the work that has already been completed and to highlight the work that still needs to be done. The Media Committee has also submitted an additional plan specifically for Folic Acid Week and Birth Defects Awareness and Prevention Month (January 2013) that I'll send out with the Minutes for members to review prior to our September 27th meeting in Frankfort, when the draft will be submitted for your approval.
- New Business: The EWSE (Every Woman South East) *Regional Committee* has received a Kellogg's grant that will seek 8 pilot projects for a 15-18 month timeframe requested from the 8 states in Region IV (ideally one per state). Our KY EWSE Committee has been in operation since 2010 with a committee of only 5-6 participants. We will soon be working to expand the committee in anticipation of the renewed interest and support from the Regional Group, as well as KY's desire to implement a statewide Preconception Collaboration with the help of the KPA. The main goal of EWSE Regional Kellogg's grant is to reduce the numbers of unintended pregnancies across the SE. It is a preconception health initiative. There are several members of the KFAP who come to mind that would make excellent members of the KY EWSE Committee—people like Debra Israel and others who have experience working with the Women's Life Course theory that includes a focus on preconception. Please let Kara Brown know if you are interested in joining the KY EWSE Committee.
- Due to Technical Difficulties the meeting was adjourned 30 minutes earlier than planned. The next meeting of the KFAP will be an in-person meeting at the State Laboratory Building in Frankfort on September 27, 2012 from 10-12 noon eastern standard time.

Minutes per Susan Brown, KYs Statewide Folic Acid Campaign Coordinator

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