



The Kentucky Folic Acid Partnership Meeting

Location: Videoconference Various Worksites

January 28, 2010 10-12 EST/9-11CST

Minutes

- **Call to Order:** Diane Sprowl called the meeting to order in Susan Brown's absence.
- **Attendance:**
 - DPH – Dr. Shepherd, Trina Douglas, Elizabeth Fiehler, Regan Hunt, Debra Israel
 - Pennyrile – Kim Jackson
 - Madison Co. – Kelly Owens, Billie Rogers (dietetic intern)
 - Monroe Co. – Jill Ford, Betty Ford, Amy Comer
 - Lexington – Catherine Lowe (new member), Nicole Nicholas, Shari Stewart
 - Estill Co. – Paula Watson
 - Northern KY – Sherri Hoffman
 - Barren River – Diane Sprowl
- **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.
- **Dr. Ruth Ann Shepherd-Chairman's Report:**
 - A reporter from the Lexington Herald Leader called Dr. Shepherd this morning as the KFAP meeting was about to start in order to interview her about the KET program. The program is called "Born Too Soon", and it will be aired on KET. It will also be made available in segments for download on the web so that it can be used to educate people about preterm birth.
 - Katrina Adams Thompson recently did a radio talk show about prematurity, and there has been increased media interest in general. This would be a good time for each of us to use the toolkit and call our local media. The Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait sites are using the toolkit successfully.
 - In 2010 there will be seven Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait sites throughout Kentucky (one per March of Dimes division). This is a transition year when the information learned from the project will be put into use. The data from the project will not be available until this summer, but the preliminary data shows good results so far.
- **Committee Chair Reports:**

Evaluation of 2009 plans & Final Drafts for Approval of 2010 KFAP Plan

 - **Community:** Diane Sprowl – The 2009 plan evaluation is almost done, and it will be uploaded on www.kfap.org once it is ready. Overall we have accomplished the 2009 plans, but there is a lack of activity reports regarding education targeting Hispanic/Latino women. Trina Douglas, Debra Israel, and Nicole Nicholas shared activities they were aware of that targeted Hispanic/Latino women in 2009. As far as 2010 plans are concerned, they are not completed yet, and member input would be greatly appreciated. Please email dianej.sprowl@ky.gov with any ideas for the 2010 community plans.
 - **Professional:** Katrina Adams-Thompson was not able to attend, but she sent a report via email, which Diane read. Katrina sent the 2009 evaluated Professional Plan by email, and Diane will put it on the website. If anyone has anything to add to the evaluation of the 2009 plan, send the information to Katrina to add. The 2010 plan is not done.
 - **Media:** Shari Stewart – The 2009 plan will be put on the website when it is ready. The 2010 plans are not ready yet.

- **Old Business:**
 - March of Dimes/KPA Update: Katrina Thompson (report given via email)
 - The Prematurity Summit was held on November 17, 2009 in Lexington with about 40 participants. In 2010 we will go back to the one large Summit, probably held in Louisville. Looking at a potential date of November 17th which is Prematurity Awareness Day for 2010.
 - Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait held an Investigator's meeting on January 20, 2010, with 48 participants. The Executive Board shared some preliminary data from the surveys. The evaluation of the data collected throughout the project is still being analyzed. There will be four new sites added to HBWW this year in addition to the three original sites:
 - King's Daughters Hospital – Ashland (Original Intervention Site)
 - Trover Clinic – Madisonville (Original Intervention Site)
 - University of Kentucky – Lexington (Original Intervention Site)
 - Lake Cumberland Hospital – Somerset (New – Comparison Site)
 - Norton Hospital – Louisville (New – Comparison Site)
 - Western Baptist Hospital – Paducah (New – Comparison Site)
 - Barren River District Health Department (New Site)
 - March of Dimes will hold its Lobby Day on February 3, 2010. For more information call or e-mail Lisa Echsner at 502-895-3734 or lechsner@marchofdimes.com.
 - The Kentucky Perinatal Association will soon have HPEP III up and running. This segment is on Progesterone and features Dr. John O'Brien from Central Hospital. The KPA received a grant from the HBWW and also a MOD community grant that funds HPEP III and will also make HPEP I and II available as well. The KPA meeting for 2010 will be held at Lake Cumberland June 6, 7 and 8.
 - Smoke-Free Restaurants Certificates BRDHD: Diane Sprowl
 - In order to recognize smoke-free restaurants, there is a link to a listing of the smoke-free restaurants in the district on the home page of www.barrenriverhealth.org. The Smoke-free Coalition also gives the restaurants a certificate to post.
 - Kelly Owen shared two other websites related to tobacco and smoke-free policies: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/dpqi/hp/tobacco.htm> and <http://www.mc.uky.edu/tobaccopolicy/kcsp/>. Madison County has been outreaching to providers with information on secondhand smoke.
 - Dr. Shepherd talked about the GIFTS project and stated that four new sites will be added. Contact Irene Centers at Dept. for Public Health or Ellen Hahn at UK for more information. The GIFTS program is strength-based, and it incorporates screens for domestic violence and depression along with smoking cessation support. The quit rates for pregnant women in the program is about 20%, compared to 10% without the program.
 - Webcasts/conference calls Follow-up: Diane Sprowl (gotomeeting.com)
 - There was a discussion about using a webinar for some of the KFAP meetings instead of videoconference or in-person meeting. Diane shared information about a company (PGIMeet) that provides webcasts for a fee of \$50.95 per month. One of the TRAIN staff was in the room, and he stated that TRAIN has the ability to do webcasts. The group decided to continue to meet in person or by videoconference and not to use webcasts. Some of the members stated that they would not be able to attend as often in person but could attend by videoconference.
 - Update on Debra Israel's survey suggestion/is it still needed? Members
 - Dr. Shepherd's letter to the LHD directors seems to have helped increase interest in the Partnership, so a survey is not planned at this time.

- January Letters to Directors re: KFAP participation: Dr. Shepherd/Trina Douglas
 - A letter was sent to health department directors on 12/21.
- Highlight KFAP (update) w/sessions during the KPHA: Dr. Shepherd
 - KPHA will be March 29-31. There will be a Public Health day on March 29th with presentations about health department programs. Detailed information is currently being loaded onto TRAIN.
- **New Business:**
 - Members Share
 - Debra Israel reported that the funding for the folic acid supplementation program through Kids Now has decreased from \$1 million plus in its beginning to \$300,000 in FY '09, and it will decrease to \$200,000 for FY '11. The funding decrease will make it hard to continue services, and DPH is in the process of evaluating how to continue. The program currently serves about 76,000 women. One idea is to provide the supplements through the program but to provide the counseling as a part of family planning without additional funds for the counseling.
 - Debra reported that Title X (Family Planning) at the federal level added healthy women for healthy babies as a priority. A website with blogs and a social network is being developed for women who live in the southeastern states.
 - Nicole Nicholas told about a Back to Sleep Campaign they are doing in Fayette County with canvas bags that have the Back to Sleep Logo on them and educational materials in English and Spanish inside.
 - Trina Douglass reported that Barren River and Louisville are starting a Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) programs.
 - Trina announced a three-day train-the-trainer program about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder that will be held in Frankfort in February. The Frankfort session is currently full and has a waiting list. However, other trainings will be made available in other locations throughout the year.
 - Kim Jackson gave a radio interview for Birth Defects Awareness Month.
 - Sherri Hoffman reported that Northern KY has reached about 500 clients with the Friend to Friend folic acid project. They also had an article in their health department's newsletter about folic acid, and they have folic acid links on their website. They are also promoting Meijer's free prenatal vitamin program on their website. Meijer has stores in some areas of the state, and they are offering five leading brands of prenatal vitamins for free for women who have a prescription. See <https://www.meijer.com/pharmacy>.
 - Paula Watson has recently started a new position in Estill County. She is working on obtaining a tri-fold display board like one she used to use so that she can do folic acid displays. Estill Co. has had articles in two local papers, and they are planning other community activities to promote folic acid.
 - **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:25 EST.
 - **Next meeting:** In-person meeting at the state lab in Frankfort at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

KFAP minutes prepared February 1, 2010 by Diane Sprowl