

Kansas Public Health Association Board Meeting  
November 27, 2007

Members Present:

Sonja Armbruster, Ellen Averett, Debbie Baugher, Eldonna Chestnut, Ed Garner, Janis Goedeke, Ed Kalas, Jamie Katz, Barbara Mitchell, Cindy Mullen, Elaine Schwartz, Leon Vinci, Heather Henke

Approval of the Minutes

September Minutes: Eldona moved to approve the September 2007 minutes and Barbara Mitchell seconded, motion carried.

October Minutes: Discussion about the minutes for October minutes. striking the parenthetical note in the APHA grant section. Ed G asked for clarification of item IV. NALBOH—at this point the idea is just a discussion point for future directions. Janis moved we accept the minutes with the change with a second from Eldonna.

September 2006 Annual Meeting minutes:

Jamie moved to accept and Eldonna seconded.

Set the December Meeting: December 17<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm in Topeka.

Treasurer's Report—brief overview that we have received the first half of our grant funds from APHA, \$38,000. The October financial report doesn't include the hotel bill for the annual meeting.

Conference report, very brief, everything is fine.

Advocacy—Elaine reported on AHA and the fact that she testified in support of the KHPA recommendations. This was important because it was invited testimony. Elaine reported that KHCC is looking for funding to support a researcher to follow bills and write testimony for AHA supporters to sign on to this legislation. AHA is meeting December 19<sup>th</sup> to organize for the coming legislative session.

Executive Director's Report:

Elaine spent a considerable amount of time reconciling the attendees and making sure that everyone who attended paid.

Other Business:

Leon shared that the National Association of Counties 2008 Conference is coming to KC July 11-15. This is an opportunity to highlight KPHA and Public Health while the county leaders meet nationally.

Collective mention of Dr. Howard Rodenberg's firing and a desire to write letters of support. KPHA could write a letter two letters. First to Bremby and Sebelius urging that we comply with state statutes and move swiftly to fill the state health officer position and requesting that we be allowed to serve on the selection committee.

Second a direct letter to Dr. Howard Rodenberg thanking him for his service to our state.

Janis moved that she and Elaine draft both of the proposed letters. Heather seconded. Ed asked to review the letter. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9 am and the retreat followed.