

Kansas Public Health Association Board Meeting
September 18, 2007
Willow Room, Wichita Hyatt

Attendance: Ed Kalas, Barbara Mitchell, Eldonna Chesnut, Kim Richter, Patricia (Tricia) Dunlap, Martha Froetschner, Debbi Baugher, Ed Garner, Janis Goedeke, Sonja Armbruster, Elaine Schwartz

Treasurer

Ed called for the treasurer's report. Sonja provided copies for discussion. Questions were invited with some discussion about changes in rent equipment and travel line items. Also discussed Elaine's raise and how that was calculated.

Motion: Adopt the budget as proposed including the raise which is paid as rent to Elaine for the use of her home office in the amount of \$400 monthly.

Martha moved, and was seconded.

Ed called for a vote and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Process for Minutes

Eldonna--Motion: Approve the July minutes as read Ed Kalas

Janis—second

Ed called for a vote and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion—should the minutes of KPHA Board be posted on our website? Discuss: how much benefit is it to the membership? Elaine—since we don't always have swiftly written minutes, posting them to the site can be delayed and may appear that we are not meeting regularly.

Janis moved and Ed G. seconded that the minutes be completed by the Secretary and sent to Elaine in a timely fashion to be posted to the web.

Ed called for a vote and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Proposed Policy Priorities for the 2008 Legislative Session

President Ed Kalas raised the Proposed Policy Priorities for the 2008 Legislative Session and explained the process for discussion at the annual business meeting.

Kim Richter explained that these are priorities—as opposed to the more formal resolution process. In the past—there have been a loose set of priorities based on past bills in the legislature but it has been a long time since we moved past the resolution process. These policy priorities are to inform Elaine's representation of KPHA. The APHA resolutions were used as a guideline to develop the priorities in addition to recent bills.

Janis asked about how APHA builds their list and this was discussed.

Kim explained that we are not using the long resolution process, but instead following the policy priorities framework (shorter) that Safe Kids uses.

Ed Garner suggested that Kim Richter give a summary just as she has for the board at the meeting. Richter will explain the process which will be expanded to the membership for

discussion at the business meeting. The priorities will be ranked by the membership and the board will consider the rankings to finalize and support the will of the membership. If members have a strong feeling about particular priorities, they should contact board members and make their concerns known.

Ed G and Janis asked how the priorities will be used. Elaine—we'll print the platform and provide it to the legislators.

Kim—and this will guide the work of Alliance for Health Advocates and letters from KPHA to legislators.

Ed Garner added thanks to Kim's work to lead this important work.

AHA Summit Report from Kim Richter

Ann Ma, legislator helped inform the day.

Kim, the more legislators I meet, I am continuously impressed.

KDHE staff, Health non-profits, KHPA's Connie Hubbell participated.

Four Health Priorities were raised—funding for public health was a priority.

Ed G—can we get the priorities?

Elaine—KHCC received funding to provide this one day summit and took the notes and we have not received the notes yet. There is a plan to meet again in the fall before the session.

Janis –will getting insurance coverage for kids up to age 25 be on the list?

Kim—there are some things that are easier than others to support (ie: breastfeeding).and others that require more finesse.

Kim—when we get the notes from summit, we'll get them out.

Review the Business Meeting Agenda

1. Honor ceremony will brief
2. Officer's report will be just Treasurer
3. Exec Director Report—Elaine
4. Standing Committees Report
 - Legislative –Kim sharing priorities then
 - Membership Committee – Ed has their report
 - Awards will likely simply be thanked and then awards happen later.
5. Special Committees
 - Orientation Manual—Barbara Mitchell
 - Health Day at the Capital--Sonja
6. Section Reports—Ed will facilitate a discussion—sharing the names of the sections
 - Lots of discussion about how this conversation can be about engaging the membership with input from Janis, Eldonna, Sonja, Ed G, Kim R,
 - Good things have come—like preparedness newsletter
 - Training and CEU's have happened at the Spring Conf.
 - Do we simply want policy advocacy
7. Other Business
 - Sections have potential for legislative impact

Sections can discuss the make-up of sections and decide what to do.
We need info from the membership.

Approval of the August Minutes

Ed K read the minutes aloud. Janis moved to approve the minutes with a second from Eldonna motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Conference:

Janis—announced when everyone is working registration

Moderators, candles

Students are handing out the flyswatters for Wednesday's business meetings

KPHA booth with video

Meeting adjourned.