

**Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts**  
**Quarterly Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 5:00 pm EDT**

**KCJEA/KMCA Summer Conf., Marriott Griffin Gate, Spendthrift Room, Lexington, Kentucky**

**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Steve Thurmond (BRADD) 1st Vice-Chair  
Judge Rick Stiltner (Gateway ADD) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair  
Judge Matthew Wireman (BSADD) Secretary  
Mayor Les Stapleton (BSADD) Past Chair  
Judge David Fields (NKADD)  
Judge John Frank (LCADD)  
Judge Shane Gabbard (CVADD)  
Judge Adam O’Nan (GRADD)  
Judge Myron Lewis (FIVCO)  
County Attorney Jesse Melcher (BTADD)

Judge Joe Choate (BRADD)  
Mayor Al Botts (Gateway)  
Mayor Kevin Cotton (PeADD)  
Judge Steve Henry (GRADD)  
Mr. George Spragens (LTADD)  
Judge Stan Humphries (PeADD)  
Judge Dan Ison (KIPDA)  
Judge Jerry Summers (KIPDA)  
Mayor Harold Sloan (FIVCO)  
Judge George Sparks (BTADD)

**Staff Present:**

Jason Vincent (PeADD)  
Kelly Ward (FIVCO)  
Daniel London (LTADD)  
Eric Ratliff (BSADD)  
Jarrett Haley (KIPDA)

Joanna Shake (GRADD)  
Eric Sexton (BRADD)  
Tara Johnson-Noem (NKADD)  
Josh Farrow (Gateway ADD)

Casey Ellis, KCADD Executive Director  
Marilyn Eaton-Thomas, KCADD Executive Assistant  
Bill Cooper, Business Manager

**Call to Order:** Chair Thurmond called the meeting to order at 5:02 and welcomed members and ADD staff. Following the Call of the Roll, conducted by Executive Assistant Eaton-Thomas, the Chair declared a quorum existed with 12 of the 15 ADDs represented by Board members.

**Approval of February 9, 2023 Minutes:** Chair Thurmond then called for approval of the minutes from the February 9 meeting. **Mayor Kevin Cotton offered a motion to approve with Les Stapleton issuing a second. All members voted in favor.**

**KCADD Financial Report for May 31, 2023:** In the absence of Treasurer Obrey Gritton, Executive Director Casey Ellis gave the Financial Report. Ellis advised Financial Reports were sent electronically to all members to review prior to the meeting and copies were also included in today’s meeting folder. He referred to the Monthly Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the period ending May 31, 2023. He advised KCADD’s income through May was \$189,068.68 which is 104.11% of the amount budget for the entire year. He also pointed to the total expenses for the fiscal year to date of \$218,343.02 which represents 82.38% of the budgeted amount. Executive Director Ellis noted that the expenditures are in-line and reasonable at this point in the fiscal year and submitted the Financial Report for approval. **Mayor Kevin Cotton offered the motion to approve the Financial Report as presented and Mayor Les Stapleton issued a second. All members voted in favor.**

**Business Manager's Report:** Chair Thurmond asked Bill Cooper for his report. Cooper responded that he had attended 7 in-person and ZOOM meetings with the KCADD, KADD, ADDs, AAAIL and DAIL meetings. He also reported having attended 9 webinars covering topics such as Addressing Social Determinants of Health, Innovative Strategies to address Social Determinants of Health including reviewing the North Carolina pilots projects, Co-Designing a social Care Delivery System and Addressing Complex Needs Through Strong Community Based Organization. Cooper also participated in 12 meetings with Kentucky Health Plans. Those meetings involved United Healthcare, Aetna and Humana. He advised of the numerous meetings he has participated in with the Community Care Hub National Learning Community. He announced that unfortunately he was advised by united Health they are not going forward with any community partnerships at this time. However, there is still hope with the other 2 health care providers.

Cooper related the Kentucky Network was chosen to be part of a group for U.S. Aging Consultant interview on future network development and needs. He said we were also chosen to be part of a group for developing guidelines for Community Care Hubs, IT Structures and Infrastructure. He added that he also did an interview with Northwestern University on the KY CHC network.

Chair Thurmond thanked Cooper for his thorough report.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Chair Thurmond complimented the work that KCADD's new executive director has been doing and asked Casey Ellis to proceed with his report. Ellis informed the Council that he had started his term shadowing Tony Wilder for a week. Then he has participated in lots of legislative meetings since the interim joint meetings began this month. He has been greatly involved with the interpretation of and planning for the implementation of HB9.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Legislative Wrap-up**

Chair Thurmond called on BRADD Director Eric Sexton, KADD's Legislative Committee Chair, to offer a wrap-up of the 2023 Legislative Session. Sexton reported that he tracked 60 bills many of which pertained to Aging. He said that some of the important bills were HB1 on taxes, HB 22 regarding procurement, SB 263 which pertained to regionalization of public water and wastewater systems, as well as, HB9 which affects 41 energy communities.

### **Report on Implementation of HB9**

Chair Thurmond asked Executive Director Ellis to address HB9. He responded that he and others had been on the KCJEA/KMCA Summer Conference agenda earlier this afternoon discussing HB9 and members may have heard that presentation. He said he expects the ADDs to be working with DLG on this new program since the administration sees us as a real partner in the process. He said the KCADD will actually be the Clearinghouse for all the applications requesting matching funding for projects. This will require the KCADD to hire someone to match applications with potential funding sources and pass to DLG for scoring. The ADDs want to see legislation passed that will include the rest of the state, not just the 41 communities currently identified. Ellis will continue to provide more information as the program takes form.

Chair Thurmond expressed appreciation for the all the planning and project promotion ADD Directors do and observed there would be no KCADD without them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of KCADD 2022/2023 Annual Budget:** Chair Thurmond then directed the members to the proposed 2023/2024 budget which was emailed to the members and also contained in the meeting folders. The Chair the Executive Director to present the proposed budget. Ellis explained he had included notes in the email he sent the budget to them. He briefly went through his notes.

- The ADD Directors voted at last month meeting to increase their contribution amount. To accomplish this, they will make the once temporary Business Development Manager contribution permanent. This was done to support the implementation of a marketing and branding campaign which culminated as a result of KCADD input and the ADDs' strategic planning initiatives at last year's fall retreat. The additional funds were placed in 500-01 through 530-00 accounts (Payroll Expenses) and will be used for employment or contract purposes. I will keep you informed as I work through the development of this initiative.
- Line items that are pass-throughs are now listed and match in Revenues & Expenditures. Those are in accounts 485-00/590-00, 485-20/610-00 485-70/611-00, 487-00,611-00, and 492-00/591-00.
- The full remaining balance of the ACL grant is listed in as a pass-through. This will allow for a more transparent accounting of these funds and allowed Ellis to re-propose the line item.
- Now that Bill Cooper's salary is paid from the ACL Grant line item, Ellis said he converted that former line item to the Federal Grant Coordinator. I have placed an estimated \$500,000.00, as I am negotiating with DLG to provide KCADD with funding for technical assistance for HB9 implementation. If received, we will be hiring a Federal Grant Coordinator who will be tasked with taking all projects from the Priority Energy Communities, and hopefully all communities statewide in the near future, and pairing them with potential Federal Grant Programs for DLG's consideration for state match. The funding is designed to support this position through the FY-26 budget at minimum.

**Judge Stiltner moved that the 2023/2024 Annual Budget be approved as presented to the Board. Judge Jerry Summers provided a second and all voted in favor of the motion.**

**Appointment of KCADD Legislative Committee:** At the last KCADD meeting in February, Judge Steve Henry provided convincing comments that a Legislative Committee should be reinstated to insure KCADD input in legislative matters. Chair Thurmond said that he would like to name Judge Henry as Chair and then work with Judge Henry and Executive Director Ellis to solicit other members with interest to serve. Chair Thurmond explained that the full committee would be slated for ratification at the next meeting. **Judge Adam O'Nan move to approve Chair Thurmond's plan, Mayor Kevin Cotton provided a second. All members voted in favor.**

**Adjournment:** Chair Thurmond thanked the members for their attendance and attention. He then inquired if there was any further business to come before the Council. There being no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mayor Stapleton offered the motion to adjourn and Judge Rick Stiltner issued a second. All members voted in favor.** The meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm EDT.