

KENTUCKY PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION Supporting Local Public Health Infrastructure

WHEREAS Local Health Departments have a direct or indirect impact on every citizen and every visitor of the Commonwealth,

WHEREAS Local Health Department infrastructure is at risk affecting the ability to provide mandated services such as environmental inspections, epidemiological surveillance, communicable disease monitoring and reporting, immunizations, disaster response as well as safety net services such as prenatal, family planning, cancer screening, well child and many other services.

WHEREAS Local Health Departments are a major employer in the state of Kentucky with almost 3,500 employees and a payroll of approximately \$167 million.

WHEREAS In FY 2011, LHDs retirement contributions were \$22,820,266 compared to a contribution of \$11,931,551 in FY 2008, a \$10.9 million or a 92% increase over a 3 year period.

WHEREAS The retirement contribution for FY 2012 will be over \$26.6 million or a 17% increase because of the contribution rate going from 16.98% to 19.82%.

WHEREAS LHDs have only been supplemented \$1,634,000 of that \$10.9 million increase leaving a gap of almost \$9.3 million for LHDs to support on their own.

WHEREAS LHDs paid \$4 million more in Health Insurance contributions in 2011 compared to 2008 of which there is no funding now to supplement that increased expenditure; therefore another \$4 million for LHDs to support on their own.

WHEREAS For every \$1 earned through the Medicaid Program, Local Health Departments pay back almost 29 cents; essentially receiving only 70% of every dollar earned

WHEREAS Based upon the Medicaid revenue levels for FY 2011 (\$53,847,080), the Medicaid Match for FY 2012 will be approximately \$15,271,032!

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Kentucky Public Health Association requests \$14 million in new appropriations to the Department for Public Health to be passed on to Local Health Departments to support the state mandated and qualified benefit plan inclusive of health insurance and retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Department for Public Health, the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Governor.

This resolution was approved by the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Public Health Association this 18th day of January 2012.



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