

Kentucky Public Health Association
RESOLUTION #3-2006

Kentucky's Public Health Workforce Development

WHEREAS, the Core Public Health Functions Steering Committee (1994) comprised of representative from US Public Health Services and other prominent public health organizations created a basic framework of Essential Services; and

WHEREAS, these Essential Services then provide the fundamental framework for the National Public Health Performance Standards Program instruments, by describing the public health activities that all communities should undertake; and

WHEREAS, the Essential Services provide a working definition of public health and a guiding framework for the responsibilities of local public health systems; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Department of Public Health states objectives of Healthy Kentuckians 2010 are to: increase to 100% the number of local health departments that use specific competencies for their workers into the public health personnel system; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Department of Public Health states objectives of Healthy Kentuckians 2010 are to: increase by 10% the number of public health agencies that provide continuing education and training to 100% of their employees to further enhance performance of the Essential Public Health Services; and

WHEREAS, with the rapidly evolving healthcare system all public health workers need a continuous comprehensive source of continuing education and training; and

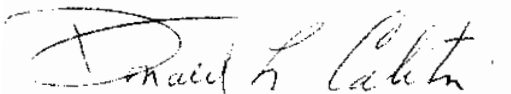
WHEREAS, the State and local health departments need to ensure the access and availability of continuing education and training to the entire public health workforce;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kentucky Public Health Association supports public health departments and public health employees to develop proficiency in each of the Ten Essential Public Health Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kentucky Public Health Association calls upon the General Assembly and the Governor to support and help fund the development of a web-based "Core Competencies in the Ten Essential Public Health Services" training with an evaluation tool to be completed annually by each State and local public health worker; and

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

This resolution was approved by the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Public Health Association this 11th day of January, 2006.



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