

**KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

KDA Executive Building
Louisville, KY
June 28, 2025
9:00 A.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.** **Dr. Samantha Shaver** called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The following members of the KDA Board were present:

Dr. Thomas Carroll	Dr. Cliff Lowdenback
Dr. Ansley Depp	Dr. Matt Milliner
Dr. Stetson Earl	Dr. Mark Moats (substituting for Dr Matt Jonson)
Dr. Andy Elliott	Dean Jeff Okeson
Dr. Rachel Gold	Dr. Kaitlyn Patel
Dr. Dustin Harper (substituting for Dr Laura Hancock)	Dr. Samantha Shaver
Dean Margaret Hill	Dr. Zak Taylor
Dean Jill Keaton	Dr. Kevin Wall
Dr. Paul Lavelle	

- 2.** Guests included **Dr. Fred Howard, Dr. Jerry Caudill and Dr. Gina Davis.** Staff members present were **Dr. Stephen Robertson, Mr. Todd Edwards, and Mrs. Melissa Nathanson.**
- 3. INVOCATION.** **Dr. Kevin Wall** gave the invocation.
- 4. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS.** **Dr. Samantha Shaver** introduced the following guests: **Drs. Gina Davis, Fred Howard and Jerry Caudill.**
- 5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** **Dr Samantha Shaver** asked everyone in attendance if there were any updates to the conflicts of interest that have been reported previously. No updates were reported.
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.** The minutes of the March 1, 2025, meeting of the Executive Board were approved. Reports from Components and KDPAC were also approved.

NOTE: All reports are presented in the minutes as they were submitted by their authors. No editing in the form of spelling or grammar has been attempted.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT.

KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION
GENERAL FUND REVENUE & EXPENSE
BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT
For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2025

	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget
REVENUES		
Budgeted Revenues		
KDA dues	366,800.64	438,000.00
KDA Assessment	59,000.00	80,000.00
Annual Session net revenue	5,750.17	85,000.00
Interest Income	2,782.00	2,000.00
Rental Income-	15,900.00	62,400.00
Rental Income-LDS	0.00	5,410.00
KDAIS	0.00	18,000.00
ADA Dues Rebates	0.00	500.00
ADABEI (ADA)	4,841.35	22,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00
Other Revenue	1,375.00	500.00
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Total Budgeted Revenue	456,449.16	714,310.00
Non-Budgeted Revenues		
Journal Fund Expenses	0.00	45,000.00
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Total Non-Budgeted Revenue	0.00	45,000.00
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	\$	\$
TOTAL REVENUE	456,449.16	759,310.00
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Year to Date

Annual

	Actual	Budget
EXPENSES		
Budgeted Expenses		
A. Fixed disbursements over which the HOD has no control but must have approval		
Utilities & Maintenance:		
	\$	\$
Telephone	3,067.42	8,500.00
Gas, Electric & Water	10,225.45	25,000.00
RENT	14,405.12	86,413.00
Maintenance Expense	12,170.44	18,500.00
Janitorial Expenses	3,735.44	1,100.00
Total Utilities & Maintenance	43,603.87	139,513.00
Audit & Accounting Services	565.00	21,000.00
Attorney Fees	1,980.00	1,000.00
Insurance	147.00	13,000.00
Printing and Postage	449.46	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00
Personal Property taxes	0.00	325.00
	\$	\$
A. TOTAL	46,745.33	177,338.00

B. Items Controlled by the House Of Delegates

General Administrative Expenses:

	\$	\$
Equipment Maint & Rent	2,008.97	22,000.00
Technological Support	5,820.65	9,204.00
Membership Dues & Subs	0.00	750.00
Support Staff Expense	96.05	1,500.00
Office Supplies	808.41	3,000.00
KOHC Membership	0.00	300.00
Presidents Expense	0.00	1,500.00
1st Vice President's Expenses	0.00	500.00
Fall Meeting Leadership Conf.	0.00	500.00
Executive Board Expense	0.00	1,500.00
ADA Delegates Expense	(5,780.47)	36,500.00
Ex. Dir. Discretionary Expense	0.00	750.00
Secty-Treas. Expense	0.00	3,650.00
Total Administrative Exp.	2,953.61	81,654.00

	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget
Council/Work Group Expenses:		
Council on Ethics, Bylaws		
Council on Governmental Affairs		
Budget & Finance Committee		
Long Range Planning Committee		
Membership Steering Work Group	0.00	2,000.00
General Council Expense	0.00	250.00
UK-UL-KSDS Support	5,396.19	5,000.00
Total Council/Committee/Work Group Steer	5,396.19	7,250.00
B. TOTAL	\$ 8,349.80	\$ 88,904.00

Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget
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C. Disbursements Annually Approved and Controlled by the House of Delegates

	\$	\$
Executive Directors Expense	527.00	16,000.00
Salaries-Executive Staff	98,942.74	395,000.00
Retirement Plan Contributions	3,999.00	15,800.00
Executive Staff Benefits	15,167.47	30,000.00
Personal Payroll Taxes	9,579.00	25,000.00

	\$	\$
C. TOTAL	128,215.21	481,800.00

	\$	\$
Total Budgeted Expenses	183,310.34	748,042.00

D. Fund Contributions

	\$	\$
D. TOTAL	0.00	0.00

E. Non-budgeted Expenses

	\$	\$
Investment Fees	960.00	850.00

	\$	\$
E. TOTAL	960.00	850.00

	\$	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	184,270.34	748,892.00

KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCES
March 31, 2025

GENERAL FUND

	\$	
General Cash Operations	370,136.06	
Stifel Nicolaus Money Market	5,126.00	
Stifel Managed Funds	<u>328,568.00</u>	
Total General Fund		703,830.06
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		
Stifel Managed Funds	<u>40,276.00</u>	
Total Capital Projects Fund		40,276.00
JOURNAL FUND		
Stifel Managed Funds	<u>28,257.00</u>	
Total Journal Fund		28,257.00
LEGISLATIVE FUND		
Stifel Managed Funds	<u>149,774.00</u>	
Total Legislative Fund		149,774.00
RELIEF FUND		
Stifel Managed Funds	<u>25,274.00</u>	
Total Relief Fund		25,274.00
RESERVE FUND		
Stifel Managed Funds	<u>7,099.00</u>	
Total Reserve Fund		7,099.00
WILLIAM MARCUS RANDALL MEMORIAL FUND		
Stifel Managed Funds	<u>69,184.00</u>	
Total William Marcus Randall Memorial Fund		<u>69,184.00</u>
		\$
Total Investments	<u>1,023,694.06</u>	

KDA BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

**KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION
BUDGET AND FINANCE MEETING
ZOOM Meeting
Louisville, Kentucky
June 17, 2025**

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER. Dr. Kevin Wall called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The following members of the committee were present: Dr. Matt Johnson, Dr. Kevin Wall, Dr. Andy Elliott, Dr. Matt Milliner, Dr. Samantha Shaver and Dr. BJ Millay.

Staff members present were: Dr. Stephen Robertson, KDA Executive Director and Mr. Todd Edwards, KDA Assistant Executive Director.

It is the recommendation of the committee to not reimburse the 2025 ADA Delegates for the 6th District Caucus since there is no travel involved this year (zoom meeting). (this amount is \$650.00 for each delegate).

The committee also recommended the ADA Delegates only be reimbursed for travel based on receipts provided with a maximum of \$3,000.00 reimbursement. This would also pertain the 6th District meeting when and if there is an in person meeting moving forward.

The committee also recommend that KDA Executive Board review and possibly consolidate the number of ADA Delegates/Alternates that are sent on behalf of the KDA and reimbursed because of financial implications. The following is the section of bylaws that may need to be reviewed.

SECTION 9. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION.

A. A. Delegates and alternate delegates to the American Dental Association (ADA) House of Delegates shall be elected in conformity with the Bylaws of the ADA.

B. Each year the appropriate number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the American Dental Association House of Delegates (equal number of each) will be elected by the General Assembly. The Alternate Delegate elected term will be two (2) years in duration with a two-term limit. An Alternate Delegate who has served two terms will be eligible to run again after two (2) years of sitting out of the rotation. An Alternate Delegate is not required to sit out if choosing to run for a Delegate position. The Delegate elected term shall be three (3) years in duration with a two-term limit. A Delegate who has served two terms will be eligible to run again after three (3) years sitting out of the rotation. A senior member of the group of Delegates shall be designated as Chairperson of the Delegation by the Executive Board. The President, First Vice President and Speaker of the House of Delegates of the Kentucky Dental Association shall serve as Alternate Delegates to the ADA House of Delegates. Delegate and Alternate Delegate positions shall be identified by the year of the first ADA House of Delegates they will attend. If more than one position is open in a particular year, the positions will be delineated numerically. Proviso, two delegates for the year 2021 shall be designated as "2021 ADA Delegate-1" and "2021 ADA Delegate-2".

THE PROPOSED 2026 KDA BUDGET. There were discussions about the revenues and expenses for the proposed 2026 KDA Budget. The committee recommends a \$50.00 dues increase and a one time assessment of \$100.00.

It was the consensus of the committee to send the 2026 Proposed KDA Budget to the KDA Executive Board with a recommendation to approve.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kevin Wall
Treasurer

	Adopted Budget 2025	Year to Date 12-31-2024	Proposed Budget 2026
REVENUES			
KDA Dues	438,000.00	402,834.80	451,000.00
KDA Assessment	80,000.00	67,800.00	60,000.00
One time Assessment			72,000.00
Annual Session	85,000.00	58,355.75	60,000.00
Interest Income	2,000.00	7,856.00	5,000.00
Rental Income-Lou Dental Soc	5,410.00	5,410.00	5,410.00
ADABEI (ADA)	22,000.00	10,556.93	11,000.00
Insurance for Members	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
ADA Dues Rebates	500.00	1,208.42	500.00
Non-Budgeted Revenue	500.00	0.00	12,500.00
Rental Income	62,400.00	68,600.00	63,600.00
TOTAL REVENUES	713,810.00	640,596.90	759,010.00
Gain on Investment	-	11,713.00	-
Journal Fund Contribution	45,000.00	105,096.00	12,871.00
Mid States Mtg	-	18,827.88	-
		\$	
	758,810.00	776,233.78	771,881.00
	Adopted Budget 2025	Year to Date 12-31-2024	Proposed Budget 2026

EXPENSES

A. Fixed disbursements over which the House has no control but must have approval

Utilities & Maintenance:

		\$	
Telephone	8,500.00	9,591.43	9,600.00
Gas, Electric & Water	25,000.00	26,853.30	26,000.00
Rent	86,431.00	86,430.72	86,431.00
Maintenance Expenses	18,500.00	21,614.11	20,000.00
Janitorial Expenses	11,000.00	11,053.04	11,000.00
Total Utilities & Maintenance	<u>149,431.00</u>	<u>155,542.60</u>	<u>153,031.00</u>
Accounting & Audit Services	21,000.00	19,125.00	20,000.00
Attorney Fees	1,000.00	17,706.00	1,000.00
Insurance	13,000.00	12,376.97	13,000.00
Printing and Postage	2,000.00	1,783.94	2,000.00
Personal Property tax	325.00	974.78	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	276.99	500.00
		\$	
A. TOTAL	<u><u>187,256.00</u></u>	<u><u>207,786.28</u></u>	<u><u>190,531.00</u></u>

Miscellaneous Needs moved from Category A to Category E.

B. Items Controlled by the House Of Delegates

General Administrative Expenses:

		\$	
Equipment Maint & Rent	22,000.00	28,052.79	25,000.00
Technological Support	9,204.00	10,712.40	10,000.00
Membership Dues & Subs	750.00	820.00	750.00
Support Staff Expenses	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00	2,149.36	3,000.00
Executive Board Expenses	1,500.00	999.87	1,500.00
President's Expenses	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
1st Vice President Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00
Secretary-Treasurer Travel Exp.	3,650.00	3,650.00	3,650.00
ADA Delegates Expenses	36,500.00	31,341.60	36,500.00
Leadership Conference	500.00	0.00	500.00
KOHC Membership	300.00	300.00	300.00
Ex. Dir. Discretionary Expenses	750.00	750.00	750.00
Auto Expenses	5,000.00	0.00	-
Total General Administrative Exp.	86,654.00	78,026.02	85,450.00

	Adopted Budget 2025	Year to Date 12-31-2024	Proposed Budget 2026
Council/Committee/Work Group Exp.:			
Council on Annual Session	-		-
Council on Govt Affaris	-		-
Long Range Planning Committee	-		-
New Dentist/Membership Steering Committee	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
General Council Expenses	250.00	0.00	250.00
UK-UL KSDS Student Support	5,000.00	1,794.67	6,000.00
Total Council/Committee/Work Group Expenses:	7,250.00	<u>1,794.67</u>	8,250.00
B. TOTAL	93,904.00	<u><u>\$ 79,820.69</u></u>	93,700.00

	Adopted Budget 2025	Year to Date 12-31-2024	Proposed Budget 2026
C. Staff Compensation			
		\$	
Executive Directors Expenses	11,000.00	13,632.61	15,000.00
Salaries-Staff	395,000.00	398,710.72	390,000.00

Prior year adjustment/accountants	-	19,825.00	-
Staff Benefits	30,000.00	36,101.01	36,000.00
Retirement Plan Contributions	15,800.00	15,800.00	15,800.00
Payroll Taxes	25,000.00	30,409.02	30,000.00
		\$	
C. TOTAL	<u>476,800.00</u>	<u>514,478.36</u>	<u>486,800.00</u>
Total Expenses			
D. Fund Contributions			
		(\$	
Reserve Expenditures	-	39,193.49)	-
		(\$	
D. TOTAL	<u>0.00</u>	<u>39,193.49)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
E. Non-Budgeted Expenses			
		\$	
Mid States Expense	-	13,119.94	-
Investment Fees	850.00	1,347.00	850.00
E. TOTAL	850.00	14,466.94	850.00
		\$	
TOTAL EXPENSES	758,810.00	776,233.78	771,881.00

8. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT. Dr. Matt Milliner gave the following report.

Report of the President

Matt Milliner, DMD, MS

June 28, 2024 Executive Board Meeting

I am pleased with the overall direction of the Association at this time. We all know the challenges and continue to recognize opportunities to improve for our members. I appreciate the opportunity to work with such a great group of leaders in organized dentistry.

Association Visits:

Southeastern Dental Society (April 10, 2025): I appreciate the warm welcome from this group. Though a smaller society within our state, these dentists (and a few hygienists) are on top of their game! We had

excellent conversation regarding legislative goals, wins, and future plans. The discussion regarding Medicaid and its reimbursement issues pervades this region. We reviewed KDA3P and its benefits.

Purchase Dental Society (May 15, 2025): The main purpose of the meeting was to have Aleksey Graboviy speak about KDA3P. We met with him via Google Meet (remotely) in Calvert City with a catered meal. I provided an update on AOB wins, but my component is less impressed with the lack of payment equity and the overall bill and sees it as less of a win, and almost a non-sequitur regarding improved dental insurance legislation. I reviewed with them the difficulties encountered and without any foreknowledge nor consent from the KDA. Honestly, I considered pulling the bill when the payment equity portion changed. After discussion with a number of others in leadership, we decided to allow it to move into committee. I am unsure whether we can address the payment equity in the future, but as an association we need to maintain this consideration.

Zoom and Phone Meetings:

3Ps Communication: Sam, Rachel and I continue to meet at least once, and often twice a month for an hour to discuss current issues with the tripartite structure, including the recent ADA changes and issues with the new Association Management System. We have addressed a number of topics including: strategic planning, membership issues, legislative updates during and after the recent session, work of the CGA and planning for the next year (alongside Dr. Greenwell and the CGA), discussion with Dr. Robertson regarding these issues and hiring a new staff member to replace our wonderful Melissa. I spoke with several Association Management Companies regarding options to replace Melissa if we fail to identify a suitable candidate. I believe these organizations offer a great deal of opportunity for the KDA, but agree with the idea that hiring a direct replacement may serve us well at this time.

Component Presidents: I have continued intermittent messages to our Component Presidents to provide updates at the state and national level. Sam can determine whether she wishes to maintain this into the future, as I have no feedback as to whether anyone finds these valuable. However, I felt a need to reach out to these members so they received awareness in a timely manner regarding specific issues.

Executive Director Collaboration: I am in communication with Steve several times a week. This occupies a great deal of my presidential duty time, trying to respond to emails from the ED as well as phone calls to discuss quick needs, updates, and planning for the future. Dr. Robertson shows great concern for our association and its well-being. I will let him discuss most of these issues in his report.

The Well-Being Workgroup has moved forward in an impressive manner. I am uncertain if they will provide a report at this meeting, but I am hopeful recommendations for a Well-Being Program for our members will be ready for the HOD in August.

ADA Updates

The ADA has offered several Zoom Meetings in the last 3 months regarding the state of the Association. Many “leaders” in online forums continue to “report” a disastrous management of the national Association in the last four years. If you read these pieces, please read with care. Initially I connected to the very negative conjecture, feeling personal concern at some of the observed changes and behavior between the previous ADA Executive Director, an undetermined leadership and form of control from the Board of Trustees, and a disconnect from the House of Delegates. Saying this, my observations occurred over the last 2-3 years, but the sense of concern compounded with time. I also acknowledge that I lack a long-term perspective, but I couldn’t shake the concern. I don’t know what actually occurred with whom, when, and where. We may never really know, and at this time, I am unsure how much that matters since I can see definitive leadership from officers and the BOT to rectify issues. I am concerned that some of the hired employees of the ADA failed to communicate directly to the BOT and the HOD the issues with the AMS implementation. Claims that \$142 Million dollars of reserves were wasted or spent improperly now feel very inflated and incorrect. I question the expense of about \$10-15 Million from reserves, but recognize the shortfalls in our budget in 2023 and 2024. About \$7 Million was spent

to finish the implementation of Fonteva/Salesforce and was not directly allotted through budgetary procedures; this is still not clear to me. At this point, I choose to support our BOT and work with the HOD to continue to alter the course of the next few years. The issue of the Strategic Forecasting Committee appears unsettled. Will it remain? I don't know. As with most human blunders we need something to blame, and often someone to blame. This particular situation requires further accountability, and I anticipate more information in time as the investigation of the finances allows the trail of breadcrumbs to be followed. We have reserves at the National Level. We are not destitute. Budgets are being updated and actions taken to address financial shortfalls, including the reduced income from the state membership pilot projects. I personally feel concern regarding those who served on the ADA BOT transitioning into leadership since I cannot clearly understand their accountability and culpability in the last 4+ years. Either someone hid things really well and the SFC identified the issues or someone kept looking the other way. Maybe we placed too much confidence in individuals and failed to exercise due-diligence to monitor their work for timely and accurate outcomes. One thing rings true at this time: NO individual is so important that the ship will not sail on without me/you/us. Hubris and arrogance have no place in leadership as they tempt too many to falter and create failure in the process of shining the light on their importance and abilities. We have an opportunity as well as a duty to observe closely in coming years.

Future Considerations

- 1) Legislative Agenda – This needs to be set soon for the upcoming year and before our Annual Session. This will allow the KDA to meet with the Kentucky Specialty Associations to discuss coordination of efforts during the next session. Steve will address the need to accomplish a major Medicaid change in the upcoming General Assembly. I fully agree. Secondly, I want the Executive Board and CGA to consider how we plan for and implement our legislative agenda. I fully understand most still practice and time is limited. However, I suspect our legislators need to see more of us as an organization. I also feel that we wait on a lobbyist to establish meetings and make a push on our behalf more often than I believe our membership appreciates. This may empower to consider us ineffective if we rely too heavily on a paid lobbyist. I know we need one and MUST work in tandem, but we need to consider the balance of work and who controls the movements (and yes, I understand this varies at all times and situations). Is it the lobbyist or their firm or is it us as the KDA?
 - a. Recommendation – CGA and Executive Committee work to finalize legislative priorities at least one month prior to the Annual Session for distribution to specialty organizations.
 - b. Recommendation – CGA and Executive Committee and/or Board establish protocol that engages the council and leaders in a manner that reduces our reliance on our lobbyist to establish meetings with legislators, government officials (example – Medicaid Commissioner or Commissioner of DOI),
- 2) McCarthy Strategic Solutions – The contract is set to renew in January 2026. I have heard many frustrations while travelling around the state regarding our ability to accomplish worthy legislative priorities. A number of dentists question the ability of our lobbyist firm to help us accomplish these goals. Honestly, I have reservations at times, but believe Libby worked for us in a very positive manner this last session. Some members are convinced we cannot receive a Medicaid win without working with Libby. This might be the truth given her connections. I seek to determine our Board members thoughts and preferences at this point.
 - a. Recommendation – I have no specific thought to offer at this time. I will speak further at the EB Meeting.
- 3) Legislative Decision Making during the General Assembly – As I progressed through the year, I felt Steve, Libby, and I worked weekly, and sometimes multiple times per day to address concerns with the bill and several rewrites. I was not satisfied with language for about two weeks. Once the language was tightened up, we ended up losing the payment equity. This was something I had not considered. Maybe

another head in the mix would have helped. I tried to keep Rachel and Sam updated. Libby consistently recommended fewer cooks in the kitchen. While I fully understand that, I wonder if Sam, Rachel, or Darren might have considered such a loss before it happened.

- a. Recommendation – Establish a protocol for communication from the Lobbyist to the ED, President, and establish any other persons who we want to consistently participate in short-term decision-making related to legislative efforts. I recommend adding the 1st VP and chair of CGA to the consistent list. I have a strong secondary recommendation to add the 2nd VP, but feel at least two more officers should remain in consistent contact with Libby along with Steve and the President.
- 4) Election Commission – I have participated as a member of the Election Commission since its inception. While I have no issue with a vetting process, I question the tenability of restricting nominations from the House Floor, specifically for vacant offices. From a commissioner standpoint, I am not convinced the current protocols benefit the membership in a definitive manner. In fact, I suspect it benefits those running for office in a greater manner than the membership as a whole.
 - a. Recommendation – I could accept a resolution to rescind the Bylaws related to maintaining an election Commission, but I am unsure if that's necessary. If we can allow vacant positions to be nominated from the House floor, I would feel better about offering options to our House and members to maintain elected members in positions, reducing the need for appointments.
- 5) Strategic Plan Assistance – Receiving feedback directly from membership helps reshape the future of the Association. Creating a comfortable, but respectful manner to receive feedback can foster open discussion. Different stages of careers likely require different support and have varying needs. Receiving assistance to determine such needs could shape our strategic plan update differently than anticipated.
 - a. Hire a professional interviewer to conduct sessions to gather information about the KDA from members in two groups to reduce overall cost. Group 1: 10 years or less out of Dental School. Group 2: 11-20 years out of school. I am happy to conduct a 21-30 years group if finances allow. Depending on budgetary considerations we can utilize revenue from the KDA3P program to cover costs.

9. **REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT. Dr Rachel Gold** gave a verbal report concerning membership.

10. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. Dr. Stephen Robertson** submitted the following report:

Executive Director Report
Executive Board
Kentucky Dental Association
June 2025

The KDA had a successful 2025 Legislative Session! Much of the information shared and brought forward by the KDA in the past 24 months directly led to the formation of the MOAB (Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board) and other new stipulations and guidelines for the governance of the Kentucky Medicaid program in HB695. As a nod to our efforts, Senate President Robert Stivers has appointed Dr Joe Petrey as a MOAB member-at-large, one of two such positions available. The entirety of the Board has been announced, and we have several legislative allies in place.

Additionally, the newly established Make America Healthy, Kentucky Committee has begun meeting, and already openly discussed the needed changes in Dental Medicaid. We have been told to be prepared to be called to make a presentation for both groups.

Discussion points regarding the Medicaid program have been filed through Dr. Petrey for the MOAB. These include the concept of a full carveout of Dental from the Medicaid program. Multiple meetings are currently scheduled to discuss the inner working of this potentiality, if those occur prior to our scheduled Board meeting an oral report will be provided.

We have been informed by Medicaid Commissioner Lisa Lee that our existing plan for improving the Dental Medicaid system through a directed payment model is now off the table. Changes at the Federal level have dictated that any directed payment model be capped at current Medicare reimbursement rates. As Dentistry does not have a direct Medicare benefit, it has been decided we are to be unable to participate in these directed payment models. Our plan B, as we have discussed previously, has always been a Dental carve out. We will potentially have several options on plan management ranging from establishing our own management entity through the Foundation or another group, allowing the state to re-bid a single MCO, or asking or allowing the state to take back the program and run it as prior to the establishment of the MCO program. The state could also opt to contract management with an insurer as a provider of services, i.e. claims management, not full administrator pulling “profit” out of the program. The last two options are the ones we are currently focusing on, as they allow the maximum amount of the funds available to go directly to patient care. This scenario would also put us in a position to re-determine some of the guidelines and rules within the administration of the program to hopefully relieve the paperwork burden currently experienced by our providers.

To be proactive in this endeavor I would recommend the Board consider the following action: **Establish a 3–5-member work-group of experience based members to develop a proposed reimbursement schedule for the Kentucky Medicaid program.** This group needs to function within the parameters of our request to go from 2% of the over Medicaid budget to 5% of the overall budget. This would put the proposed Dental Medicaid budget, in total, with State and Federal funds at roughly \$650 million. Our goal has always been, and continues to be, a full across the board increase of Dental reimbursements.

We are working to establish a partnership within the Dental community to push this over the goal line in 2026. We are working closely with the Pediatric and Orthodontic Associations to bring all the specialty groups to the table so we can present a united front and have a shared message. I encourage anyone interested in this process to attend the Medicaid Workshop at the upcoming KDA meeting in August. You will receive lunch and potential CE credit and see the information on how to be part of the answer moving forward. Remind all your component members that this is vital for all dental practices, not just Medicaid providers, as private insurers base their rates on the prevailing Medicaid rates. Through some of the small victories we have had along the way, there are already a few codes that Medicaid reimburses at a higher rate than several private insurers.

Our major victory of the session was the unanimous passing of our AOB bill in both chambers. It was signed into law by Governor Breshear on April 1, 2025, and takes effect on January 1, 2026. The implementation date

delay was requested by the Department of Insurance to allow appropriate time for the required paperwork to be developed. Meetings are scheduled to review the new law with the Department leadership. The law established the right for patients to seek treatment from the Dental provider of their choice regardless of network. There is optional paperwork to allow the payment to be sent directly to the provider, if desired. This paperwork will be standardized and provided by the Department of insurance. As many are aware, in the final re-write the concept of payment equity was removed without our consent. Welcome to Kentucky politics. We plan to address this again in the future.

On a similar note, we also have meetings scheduled with the Department of Insurance, along with bill-sponsor Derek Lewis, to address the continued issue concerning enforcement of the Non-Covered Services law. Stay tuned. We are hoping to find a way to address this non-legislatively.

Also, within the past session we saw bills on Dental Compact, Public Health Hygiene, and pre-authorizations that ultimately did not pass. All these bills except this specific Dental Compact bill will be reintroduced. Fluoride remains at the top of the docket. It will be reintroduced for year 8 in the coming session. As you should be aware, the anti-fluoride legislation disguised as a local choice bill passed out of the House this session but bogged down in the Senate. There is a lot of uncertainty on this topic at the Federal level, which is empowering the supporters of this movement. Two states, Utah and Florida, have already taken the step of removing Fluoride from their water supply. And, as previously referenced, the Federal government is proposing removing multiple Fluoride sources from the market. We will remain vigilant.

The KDA3P program continues to grow! I really cannot understand why more offices are not in this program. Not only does it more than pay for itself, it saves your office enough money on a monthly basis to easily cover your dues. This is truly a program that basically puts money back in your pocket, just for being a member of the KDA. **If you have not already done so, please look into KDA3P, and encourage your component members to do the same.**

We are closing in establishing a State-Wide Mental Health Program for the Dental Community in cooperation with the State Dental Board. Dr. Kate von Lackum is leading this work group and doing her normal stellar job. Hopefully big news on this front will be coming soon!

In the coming meeting we will be taking action on the budget for the coming year. It comes with great challenges which will be discussed. We can meet this challenge and continue to move the organization forward. I do wish to mention one of the wild cards in the budgetary process is that we are in the process of replacing one of our long-term team members at the KDA office. Melissa Nathanson has been with the KDA for more than 25 years, her dedication and commitment to our organization have allowed our KDA Today to become one of the few profitable journals in print within Dentistry. Melissa's efforts are to be applauded, and she is to be celebrated! We can only hope we can begin to find someone to match her heart and effort as we fill her spot. Thank you, Melissa! From me, and from the entire KDA, past and present!

As previously mentioned, the **2025 Kentucky Meeting is August 14-17 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Louisville.** The preliminary program is out, and we have a great slate of courses arranged by Dr. Brandon Stapleton. There was strong emphasis on Kentucky based speakers for this meeting. Our long-term data has shown that these tend to be our most successful courses. Our meeting overlaps the first weekend of the Kentucky State Fair, and our headquarters hotel is at the entrance to the Fairgrounds. Because of this it is recommended that you remind everyone to book their rooms sooner than later, and you do the same! Bring your whole team! Great courses, exhibit Hall, Friday night President's party with a live band, and the State Fair across the street! Come and enjoy!

Together We Thrive! This has never been truer, and everyone is now needed. Feel free to reach out to me with any comments, questions or suggestions!

11. REPORT OF THE 6TH DISTRICT TRUSTEE. Dr Fred Howard presented the following report: Report from the 6th District Trustee to the American Dental Association

Report from the ADA 6th District Trustee

As I enter my 8th month on the American Dental Association Board of Trustees (BOT), there has been a lot of activity on the BOT beyond what any of us could have anticipated. One of the greatest challenges has been the implementation of a new Account Management System (AMS), Fonteva that was rolled out last fall, about 2 years earlier than originally planned. There were many obstacles, especially during the renewal period for our members. After becoming aware of this, the BOT implemented a “Health Check” on the AMS by an independent source that revealed many short comings with the system. The customization of the system for the constituents and components created many unexpected issues and the need for a Project Management Officer (PMO) to oversee the project and to break down the barriers of communication was brought to the attention of the BOT. A PMO is now in place and our goal is to have in place a stable AMS prior to the upcoming renewal cycle in October. The benefits of Salesforce in customizing how we reach out to members cannot be realized until the AMS is stabilized. A forensic audit of the AMS implementation is currently being conducted.

Financial issues that have arisen, partially relate to the ineffective roll out of the AMS. Dues remittances were delayed, and further loss of members occurred. The previous BOT made the decision to fully fund the AMS from reserves without any dues assessment as was required when the previous conversion to Aptify occurred. Our current Long Term (LT) reserves as of 4/31/2025 stands at \$63 million which is down \$142 million from our previous high of \$205 million in 2022. The majority of this reserve spending (53%) has been dedicated to the AMS conversion (\$53 million) and the ADA merger with Forsyth (\$22 million). ADA Forsyth provides an opportunity to increase our non-dues revenues and to decrease dues in the future. Other items contributing to reserve spending were the 2023 and 2024 budget deficit of \$27.5 million and the build out of our new ADA headquarters at 401 N. Michigan Ave., \$14.1 million. The sale of our previous headquarters building at 211 E. Chicago Ave is in a Quasi Building Fund which is currently at \$103 million. Note: All of these 2024 numbers are unaudited.

The BOT and our Interim ADA Executive Director, Dr. Betsy Shapiro are implementing many cost savings across the board to better manage our finances.

The continued loss of members is of utmost concern. The membership model pilot constituents continue their work, and we should see some tangible results of their efforts by the end of this year. With the unstable AMS, no new constituents were added to the pilot this year. The ADA continues to work on insurance reform, ERISA legislation in congress, through the Federal Trade Commission and through the federal courts. The current administration has proposed many changes that impact dental health and dental care such as decrease in NIH funding, decrease in Medicaid funding and the Fluoride issues. Your ADA continues to stand on science and to advocate for our profession on these issues.

I have virtual BOT meetings on 6/25 and 6/27 prior to our KDA Executive Board meeting and will give an oral update on 6/28/2025.

Respectively submitted,

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12. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY.

**University of Kentucky College of Dentistry
Kentucky Dental Association Executive Report**

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June 2025

College Updates

- The College conferred degrees to 65 students of the Class of 2025 at our commencement on May 10, 2025. Many in the Class are moving into private practice, while others have elected to continue their studies in post-doctorate pursuits:
 - Private Practice/Corporate/DSO: 58%
 - Residency/AEGD/Internship: 29%
 - Public Health/FQHC: 8%

This was our first year conferring DMD-MBA dual degrees to two students who also earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Gatton College of Business and Economics in addition to their doctoral degrees.

- March 17-18, the Seal KY Program partnered with UK Dental North Fork Valley to provide care to 100 students at Martha Jane Potter Elementary in Whitesburg, KY, over a two-day period. The Seal KY Program is one of the College's most impactful and long-standing initiatives. For over 25 years, this program has provided our first-year dental students with their first opportunity for direct patient care—an experience that is both educational and deeply rewarding.
- UKCD Periodontology graduate students earned scores in the 97-99 percentile on the American Academy of Periodontology In-Service Examinations. This examination is conducted nationally every year and is taken by all periodontal residents/students and this is the highest score ever achieved by our students.
- The Division of Endodontics received full CODA accreditation for our new Graduate Certificate Program in Endodontics. The first class of three graduated in May 2025.
- The Division of Orofacial Pain held its 20th Annual TMD, Orofacial Pain, and Dental Sleep Medicine Mini Residency Program. This five-day didactic program was attended by 38 participants from 17 different US states and 16 countries.
- The UK College of Dentistry has a very active Pathways Committee. The committee has held meetings in both East and West Kentucky to encourage young adult students to consider dentistry as a profession. They have produced a video and will hopefully be able to show it to the executive council members at the next meeting.

Faculty & Staff Updates

- **Dr. Mauro Santamaria has been selected as the College of Dentistry's 2025 UK Research Professor.** Dr. Santamaria has accomplished so much since he joined UKCD in 2022 and is very deserving of this award. He has obtained two internal grants (CCTS and IRC), has published 29 papers since joining us (averaging nearly 10 papers per year), has mentored four master's thesis by UKCD

residents, two DMD students, and four international PhD candidates, and has been invited to multiple national and international talks (American Academy of Periodontology and scientific meetings in Italy, Argentina, Colombia, Peru, New Zealand, and Brazil), which speaks to the international recognition of his research and clinical abilities and thus has represented our UKCD very well with his research accomplishments. Congratulations, Dr. Santamaria!

- **Dr. Mohamed Bazina** fulfilled the requirements for Angle Midwest Society of Orthodontics membership and completed the Simon Sinek+ AAO Inspiring Leadership Program.
- **Dr. Lucania Shaddox** was nominated and approved as a Fellow of the [American College of Dentists](#) in recognition of her exceptional contributions to the profession, leadership, and service to the public and the field of dentistry.
- **Dr. Mohamed Bazina** was selected for the American Association for Orthodontists' (AAO) sponsored scholarship award for the Academy for Advancing Leadership's 2025 Chairs & Academic Administrators Management Program (CAAMP), July 28-30 in Atlanta, GA.
- The UK ASDA chapter bestowed the following honors on ASDA Day 2025:
 - Staff of the Year: **Aaron Alcorn**, Dental Assistant III
 - Faculty of the Year: **Dr. William Sadler** and **Dr. Stephen Jones**

Presentations

- **Dr. Ian Boggero** gave a research lecture, "Too Tired to Sleep: Associations of Poor Sleep and Fatigue to Chronic Orofacial Pain," at High Point University in North Carolina.
- **Dr. Mohamed Bazina** spoke at the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.
- **Dr. Lorri Morford** and **Dr. James Hartsfield** presented a seven-hour "Genetics Overview" to the Orthodontic, Pediatric Dentistry, Endodontic, Periodontic and Oral Facial Pain Residents of the West Virginia University School of Dentistry in Morgantown, WV on March 20th.
- **Dr. Jeff Okeson** presented "The relationship between Orthodontics and TMD", The Iraqi Orthodontic Study Club, Bagdad, Iraq, (Zoom).
- **Dr. Jeff Okeson** presented "Maintaining a Healthy Masticatory System through Orthodontics," The Thomas Matthew's lecture series, The University of Texas A&M College of Dentistry, Department of Orthodontics, Dallas Texas.
- **Dr. Luciana Shaddox** was an invited speaker at several prestigious events and conferences, representing the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and advancing awareness of Grade C Molar-Incisor Pattern Periodontitis through her lectures and research presentations:
 - University of Pennsylvania – Frontiers in Science Seminar (January): "*Grade C Molar-Incisor Pattern Periodontitis: What Have We Learned So Far?*"
 - University of Puerto Rico – 24th Annual Mark Wilson Conference (February): Keynote Speaker "*A new look into Molar-Incisor Pattern Periodontitis Susceptibility*"
 - AADOCR Annual Meeting – New York (March): Delivered the lecture "*Grade C Molar-Incisor Pattern Periodontitis: What Have We Learned So Far?*"

- Rutgers University – Research Day (March): Keynote Speaker, “Grade C Molar-Incisor Pattern Periodontitis: What Have We Learned So Far?”
- Advocacy Day – Capitol Hill (Spring 2025): Participated in national advocacy efforts on behalf of oral health research and the profession
- EuroPerio11 – Vienna (May): Presented on “Exome Sequencing Profile in Grade C Molar-Incisor Pattern Periodontitis”

Research Publications

- **Dr. James Hartsfield** presented “Factors in External Apical Root Resorption (EARR) Concurrent with Orthodontia” as a part of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry MS in Oral Sciences OSCI 562 (Craniofacial Biology) course in Chicago on March 31, 2025.
- Sangalli, L., Gilmore, G. R., **Moreno-Hay, I.**, Whitehurst, L. N., Alessandri-Bonetti, A., & **Boggero, I. A.** (2025). Feasibility of brief behavioral telehealth interventions for sleep and pain in adults with chronic musculoskeletal orofacial pain: An idiographic clinical trial. *Cranio: the Journal of Craniomandibular Practice*, 1–20. Advance online publication
- **Drs. Ingrid Mathias-Santamaria** (Restorative Division) and **Mauro P. Santamaria** (COHR), along with **Manuela Miguel** (UKCD Post-doc), have recently published a manuscript in the *Journal of Periodontology*. This publication presents both the cellular and clinical findings of a newly developed material designed to enhance mucosal wound healing.
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- **Dr. Jeff Okeson** Editorial: “The Role of the Dental Healthcare Provider” *The Journal of Craniomandibular Disorders and Sleep Practice*. Vol 43, No. 1. Pp 6-7, 2025.

Other News:

- **Drs. Andrew S. Cude and Timothy A. Cude** were featured guests on the March edition of “The Startup Dentist Podcast” with Stephen Trutter. The Drs. Cude were interviewed about their first year in private practice, sharing their successes and challenges including but not limited to 2,000 new patients, > \$1 million in collections, donation of > \$10,000 to their give partner and other charities, growing from a staff of 3 to 9, expanding from 3 operatories to 6 with wheels in motion to outfit rooms #7 and #8.
- **Dr. Pamela Stein appeared on the “Dr. Greg Davis on Medicine” podcast to discuss** the findings from the UKCD’s 2023 Kentucky Early Learners' Oral Health Surveillance project and discuss what providers and the state could do to improve children’s oral health in Kentucky.
- **Dr. Pamela Stein appeared on the** Lexington Community Action Council's podcast, “Look Who's Talking,” to discuss some misconceptions about oral health and the importance of oral health care in children.
- **Dr. Ian Boggero's** Orofacial Pain graduate student, Salma Habib, received a \$3,000 grant from the American Academy of Orofacial Pain to conduct her proposed study. The title of her project is “Effectiveness of Morning Occlusal Guides (MOG) on Preventing Occlusal Changes in Patients Treated with a Mandibular Advancement Device (MAD): A Preliminary Study.”
- **Dr. Ronald Singer** wrote a column advising parents how to [“Keep your child’s smile on track with these tips.”](#) The article was republished by the [Northern Kentucky Tribune](#). The University of Kentucky Public Relations & Strategic Communications Office provides a weekly health column available for use and reprint by news media. In celebration of Children's Dental Health Month,

Research Events

Dental Implant Symposium 2025

The 10th Annual Dental Implant Symposium, held on Friday, March 14, 2025, at the Gatton Student Center, was a resounding success, drawing an impressive crowd of approximately 170 attendees. Attendees ranged from faculty and students at the University of Kentucky to private practitioners, specialists, and representatives from esteemed dental organizations.

In addition to the usual poster sessions, this year’s event introduced an exciting new format that included oral presentations from several residents, further enhancing the interactive nature of the symposium. The afternoon portion of the event featured poster presentations from the University of Kentucky’s DMD students, who showcased their innovative research and clinical applications in dental implantology.

The results of the poster and oral presentation sessions were highly anticipated, and the following individuals were recognized for their exceptional work:

- **DMD Student Winners:**
 - Natalie Siddoway & Celine Arce – Prosthetic Rehabilitation of Posterior Implants with Challenging Positions Using a Digital Workflow: A Case Report.
 - Samuel Callister, Ahmad Kutkut, & Galal Omami – New Consideration for Using Limited View Cone-Beam Computed Tomography for Accurate Planning Guide Implant Surgery.
- **Graduate Student/Resident Winners:**
 - Monica Yacoub & Mohanad Al-Sabbagh – Optimizing Guided Bone Regeneration with Customized Titanium Mesh: A Clinical Case Study and Treatment Approach.

- Manuela Viana Miguel, Ingrid Santamaria, & Mauro Santamaria – Prosthetic-Surgical Approach to Treat Severe Peri-Implant Soft Tissue Dehiscence (PSTD) in the Aesthetic Zone.

American Association of Dental and Craniofacial Research 2025

Twelve presenters—UKCD research faculty and their mentees — represented UKCD’s Center for Oral Health Research at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Dental and Craniofacial Research (AADO CR) in New York. Members of the group gave several poster and oral presentations over the course of the three-day meeting:

Student/mentor(s)	Division	Title	Session date/time
Cho / Sharab	Ortho	Reliable 3D Facial Image Analysis Using Soft Tissue Landmarks	Thursday, March 13 11:00 am – 12:15 pm
Payne / Rojas	DSII	Caries Prevalence and Medical Status of Individuals Taking Transmucosal Buprenorphine	Thursday March 13 3:15 – 4:30 pm
Saltz / Rojas	DSII	Clinical Decision-making around Opioid Prescribing in Dentistry: A Qualitative Analysis	Friday, March 14t 8-9:30 am
Adriankaja /Shaddox/Mattos	COHR/Perio	Inflammatory Mediators and Bleeding on Probing in Hispanic Adults with Type 2 Diabetes	Friday, March 14 11am-12:15pm
Enzs /Shaddox	COHR/Perio	Integrating C/MIP Periodontitis Screening in Community-Based Dental Outreach Programs	Friday, March 14 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM
Eltarzy/Shaddox	COHR/Perio	Chemical Debridement Rinse Effect on Periodontal Healthy & Diseased Biofilm	Friday, March 14 3:15- 4:30 PM
Anjary/Shaddox	COHR/Perio	Local Immunoinflammatory Profiles in Response to Treatment in Primary and Permanent Dentitions in Molar-Incisor Pattern Periodontitis	Friday, March 14 3:15- 4:30 PM
Stroud / Shaddox	COHR/Perio	Social Vulnerability and Utilization of Dental Services in Kentucky	Friday, March 14 3:15- 4:30 PM
Casarin/Shaddox & Santamaria	COHR/Perio	Distinct Metagenomic and Immune Signatures in Localized Vs Generalized Grade C Periodontitis	Friday, March 14 3:15- 4:30 PM
Amel /Shaddox & Andriankaja	COHR/Perio	Association Between Diet and Periodontitis in Diabetes Hispanics	Saturday March 15 11am-12:15pm
Courtney /Stein	COHR	The 2023 Kentucky Early Learner’s Oral Health Surveillance Project	Saturday March 15 11am-12:15pm
Mishra/Shaddox & Boggero	COHR/Perio	Impact of Sleep on Oral Microbiome	Saturday March 15, 3:15-4:30 pm

UK Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) Research Day

The event happened on April 1 at Central Bank Center in Lexington. The conference attracted a total of 1,154 attendees, with 224 registrants from the College of Dentistry, and 204 attending the featured KNAPP Lecture, which was a great success! Dr Nibali from King’s College London was the keynote speaker, delivering an engaging and insightful address. This year’s CCTS featured **387 research posters**, with the **College of Dentistry contributing 42 posters**, highlighting the college's strong research presence and continued excellence.

CCTS Poster Competition Winners:

• Undergraduate Category:

- **1st Place:** Jessie Bryant, mentored by Courtney Brown and team, on “Investigating Emergency Department Use for Non-Traumatic Dental Conditions in Kentucky: A Study on Social Vulnerability”
- **2nd Place:** Peyton Ash, mentored by Ian Boggero and team, on “Chronic Overlapping Pain

Conditions Predict Pain Intensity and Fatigue in Young Adults with Temporomandibular Disorder”

- **DMD/Graduate, Case Report & Literature Review Category**

- **1st Place:** Scott Guthrie, mentored by Ian Boggero and team on “Effect of Tongue Posture on Masticatory Musculature Activity — A Review of Electromyography Studies”
- **2nd Place:** Samuel Callister, mentored by Ahmad Kutkut and team, on “New Consideration for Using Limited-View Cone-Beam Computerized Tomography for Accurate Planning Guide Implant Surgery”
- **3rd Place:** Claudia Jennings, mentored by Lina Sharab and team, on “A Review of Exercise as an Adjunctive Pain Management Strategy in Orthodontics: Optimizing Patient Comfort and Treatment”

- **DMD, Clinical & Translational Science Category**

- **1st Place:** Sophia Li, mentored by Marcia Rojas/Doug Oyler and team, on “Self-Reported Opioid Use and Disposal Among Adolescents and Young Adults After Tooth Extraction”
- **2nd Place:** Alyssa Saltz, mentored by Marcia Rojas/Craig Miller and team, on “Factors Influencing Opioid Prescription in a Dental Academic Setting: A Qualitative Analysis”
- **3rd Place:** Matthew Jacobson, mentored by Luciana Shaddox and endodontics team, on "Impact of 3D-Printed Model Designed for Apicoectomy Training on User's Knowledge, Confidence, and Interest"

- **Graduate & Postdoc, Basic & Clinical Science**

- **1st Place:** Manuela Viana Miguel, mentored by Ingrid and Mauro Santamaria and team, on “Insulin-Loaded Silk Fibroin/Chitosan Film for Oral Mucosa Healing - A New Drug Delivery System.”
- **2nd Place:** Bridget Faltas, mentored by Mauro Santamaria and team, on “Comparison Between Two Types of Collagen Matrices to Treat Single Gingival Recession: a Data Reanalysis”
- **3rd Place:** Tyler Parrish, mentored by Cristina Perez and team, on “Understanding and Implementation of Vital Pulp Therapy: A Nationwide Survey”

Philanthropy/Alumni Relations

- **UKCD Alumni Association Board Update**

On March 11, 2025, the UKCD Alumni Association held its first quarterly Alumni Board Meeting. Alumni board members can participate in person or via Zoom from anywhere across the country. Dean Okeson provided an update to the board on the status of the college, and our event committee chairs updated the group on plans for all of our 2025 signature events. A moment of silence was held for alumni who had passed away since our last quarterly meeting. If you are interested in joining the alumni board, please contact Ryan Vicini at rlvici2@uky.edu

- **Alumni Dinner for 2025 UKCD Graduates**

A graduation celebration for the UK College of Dentistry Class of 2025 was held at the Mane on Main on March 13, 2025. This celebration, hosted by the UKCD Alumni Association, honored not only the graduating DMD class, but also all those completing one of the College’s graduate programs. The alumni board recognized Caitlin Beach for serving as the Class of 2024 student representative to the alumni board during her time in dental school. Additionally, each year, the UKCD Alumni Board invites several young alumni to serve as guest speakers and discuss their “life after dental school” experience with the group. The 2025 guest speakers were Dr. Karah Brown (’18 and ’24) and Dr. Friend Bechtel

('21).

- **UKCD Holds Annual Donor Appreciation Dinner**

On April 18, 2025, the College hosted its annual Donor Appreciation Dinner at the Hyatt Regency to celebrate philanthropy and achievement. This event provides a unique opportunity for donors to hear firsthand how their generosity has made a life-changing difference for UKCD students. Dean Jeff Okeson served as emcee for this year's program.

- **Save the dates for UKCD Alumni:**

The UKCD Alumni Association would like to invite alumni and friends of the College to save the dates for these upcoming alumni events/activities:

- August 15 – Alumni Reception at the KDA Annual Meeting
- August 23 – Golf Tournament
- October 17-18 – Fall Symposium Alumni Weekend
- February 6, 2026 – Barrels & Kegs Tasting and Silent Auction

13. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE COLLEGE DENTISTRY.

University of Louisville School of Dentistry (ULSD) Kentucky Dental Association Executive Board Report

Meeting Date: June 28, 2025

Submitted: June 9, 2025

Leadership Updates

- UofL School of Dentistry faculty member and former dean Dr. T. Gerard Bradley became the 20th President of the University of Louisville on March 26, 2025. Dr. Bradley came to UofL as ULSD's dean in 2016. He then became the executive vice president and university provost for UofL, serving as the chief academic officer and overseeing all colleges, schools, and deans. In addition to his role as university president, Dr. Bradley remains part of the School of Dentistry faculty as a Professor in the Division of Orthodontics.
- The UofL Office of the Provost – with support from search firm Isaacson, Miller – is coming to the end of the search process for dean to replace Dr. Bradley. Faculty, staff, students, and residents are meeting with finalists for the dean position during May and June.

Student Activities

- Convocation for class of 2025 DMD, dental hygiene, and advanced standing students took place Saturday, May 10 at the Louisville Palace. Speakers included Dr. Samantha Shaver (on behalf of the Kentucky Dental Association), Dr. Stephanie Riehn (on behalf of the Kentucky Dental Hygienists' Association), Austin Browner (DMD Class President), and Andromeda Royer (Dental Hygiene Class President). Austin Browner also spoke at the university's morning graduation program at the Yum Center.
- The UofL School of Dentistry's newest postgraduate students and residents will begin their programs July 1, followed the DMD class of 2029 on July 31 and the dental hygiene class of 2027 on August 13. The White Coat Ceremony for our newest students will take place on Saturday, September 6, 2024.

Student Honors & Awards

- The Louisville Chapter of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) received the Gold Crown Award for Advocacy at the annual session. This honor is a testament to all the hard work and passion these students put into organized dentistry. Their commitment to advocacy and leadership not only strengthens LASDA but also brings great pride to ULSD.
- The Louisville Chapter of Student National Dental Association (SNDA) received an Outstanding Community Engagement Award from the UofL Community Engaged Symposium in March. SNDA members dedicate hundreds of hours each year to service and outreach in Louisville and beyond.
- Abbey Wells from the DMD class of 2026 was selected by our faculty as this year's Hinman Scholar. In honor of this achievement, she was awarded a scholarship and was recognized at the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society meeting in Atlanta in March.
- Arjun Patel from the DMD and MSOB class of 2026 has been selected for a sponsorship to attend the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists (AADEJ) meeting in San Diego this fall.
- Fourteen DMD students from the class of 2025 were inducted into the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society this spring:
 - Dr. Trevor Anderson
 - Dr. Ashley Jackson
 - Dr. Mekenzie Ballard
 - Dr. Tanner Jensen
 - Dr. Christopher Blake
 - Dr. Garrett Keele
 - Dr. Cameron Brown
 - Dr. Jumin Kim
 - Dr. Kelly Brown

- Dr. Kamilah Nasim
- Dr. Kara Decker
- Dr. Paige Tierney
- Dr. Amanda Dilliha
- Dr. Amira Vaughn

Research

- This year 70 students were accepted into ULSD's Summer Research Program. They will present their research at Research!Louisville in October.
- Dr. David A. Scott has received notice that a grant application (R21DE034521-01A1 - Mechanisms of cannabinoid-resistance among oral spirochetes) has been selected for potential funding by NIDCR.
- Dr. Lara Christie Monteiro has received a Louisville Research Core (LRC) grant, which will cover the costs associated with the use of UofL MNTC's equipment for research on endogenous erosion and ceramic dental materials, conducted as part of the Summer Research projects by students Cortney Cotnoir and Arianna Mestanza. These studies aim to generate preliminary data for future NIH grant applications.
- The following faculty members have been selected for funded internal faculty research grants:
 - Dr. Toru Deguchi - Cytotoxicity of Direct Print Aligners
 - Dr. Sudha Gudhimella - Salivary Hormone Analysis in Correlation with Growth Anticipation for Comprehensive Orthodontics
 - Dr. Sudha Gudhimella - Synthesis, Characterization, and Comparative Evaluation of Sustained Nitric Oxide-Releasing Elastomeric Chains for Antimicrobial Action
 - Dr. Gustavo Santaella - Impact of Disinfection on the Microstructure and Image Quality of Intraoral Photostimulable Phosphor Plates (PSPs)

Faculty & Staff News

- Dr. George Kushner received the Brian Alpert Educator of the Year award at the AO North America annual meeting in April. The award, which is named in honor of a longtime ULSD faculty member, recognizes Dr. Kushner's significant contributions to surgical education and supporting the training and development of future leaders in the field of musculoskeletal care.
- Dr. Hima Bindu Dukka has been granted fellowship with the International Team for Implantology.
- The following faculty and staff members were honored by the class of 2025 during the Honors & Awards Program that takes place the day before graduation:
 - Mr. Glen Gustilo – LASDA Staff Appreciation Award
 - Dr. Brian Marrillia - William R. Wolfe Full-Time Faculty Award
 - Dr. Mark Schulte - D.T. Cummins Part-Time Faculty Award
 - Dr. Hugh Gardner - Wilson Teaching Award
 - Dr. Christiano de Oliveira Santos - Wood E. Currens Award
- Since February, the UofL School of Dentistry has welcomed the following full-time faculty:
 - Mrs. Lauren Joseph – Dental Hygiene/Radiology
 - Mr. Rafael Reyes-Font – Dental Hygiene/Radiology
- Since February, one full-time faculty member has retired:
 - Dr. Sharon Cooper-Carpenter – Dental Hygiene

Alumni Affairs & Continuing Education

- More than 100 alumni and guests from DMD and dental hygiene classes ranging from 1975 to 2015 attended reunion events at the School of Dentistry and other Louisville locations over the weekend of June 6-7, 2025. Members of the DMD class of 1975 – known as “The Cavaliers” – were honored as golden alumni. Another reunion celebrant of note is this year's ULSD Alumni Fellow, Dr. Ann Windchy.
- Alumni events this fall will include the Alumni and Friends Reception at the Galt House during the KDA Kentucky Meeting, the Dental Hygiene Legacy Symposium, the Woodward/Burch Floss Walk, and the Orthodontic Alumni Council Annual Meeting. ULSD will also host gatherings for advanced education program graduates at fall conferences such as the American Academy of Periodontology meeting.

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Recommendations to the Executive Board:

- None

14. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY OF PIKEVILLE.

June 2025

College Updates:

- Recruitment of students and faculty are currently underway. Recruitment models have been developed in keeping with the mission of the TCDM to serve rural, underserved populations.
- A successful Commission on Dental Accreditation Site Visit was completed on March 18 & 19, 2025. A formal announcement is anticipated following the next meeting of the Commission in August 2025.
- A 3+3 pathway to earn B.S. and D.M.D. degrees at UPIKE in six years is currently under development.
- The TCDM is collaborating with the Pike County Health Department (PCHD) to provide dental care to pediatric patients at the PCHD. This successful partnership has provided access to care for many patients. Plans are underway to expand the partnership.
- A press conference was held in April 2025 to announce a \$2.35 million gift from Delta Dental of Kentucky to the Tanner College of Dental Medicine. This includes funding for digital equipment, six pediatric dental operatories, and scholarships.
- UPIKE is in the process of establishing the Appalachian Center for Preventive Medicine (ACPM) in Floyd County. This interprofessional clinic will include collaboration of the Tanner College of Dental Medicine, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kentucky College of Optometry, Elliott School of Nursing, and the students in the Master of Science in Social Work program.
- In May 2025, the University of Pikeville-Tanner College of Dental Medicine received notification of obtaining ADA CERP recognition.

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

- None

15. KDPAC REPORT/CONSENT CALENDAR.



KENTUCKY DENTAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

28 June 2025

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Monthly recurring donations: \$1,250

2025 Donations \$ 6,350 and growing!

Through the financial contributions of member dentists, KDPAC supports congressional candidates who understand the importance of dentistry and its contribution to overall health. Regardless of party affiliation, KDPAC supports candidates who will advocate for dentists and patients.

Your KDPAC dollars help keep health care policy sane. Legislators write laws. Agency workers interpret laws and create policies and rules. We need to influence rational decision making at all levels.

This fall we will continue our push to increase Medicaid reimbursement. Next year is a budget year for Kentucky so our efforts will need to have a significant impact. We will also start working toward Insurance Transparency. Our PAC dollars will be needed to increase our exposure to legislators. Please encourage your component members to donate to the KDPAC.

The KDA has become a “player” in state politics. We need contacts for all our legislators. Our goal is to have a KDA contact for every member. The Key Contact Program connects KDA members with Members of Congress to proactively drive the legislative process rather than responding to legislation after the fact. KDA Key Contacts influence the policy process at the state and federal levels by developing relationships with elected officials. By meeting and making contacts with your elected officials in several ways, you can achieve true conversations about issues important to the profession, and become a trusted advisor when bills are drafted or considered.

Any member who wants to get involved in the Key Contacts program can. If you don’t have a pre-existing relationship with a legislator, we can arrange a meeting to initiate contact. If you do have a pre-existing relationship, we will make note of it and reach out to you when contact with the legislator is needed.

Please reach out to members of your component to see if they have an existing relationship with their elected officials **OR** if they would like to develop one. Contact the KDA for more information.



Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Shaver, DMD – KDPAC Chair

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16. COMPONENT REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR.

The LDS report:

March CE - Audubon Country Club with Dr. Kent Sabey presenting "Why Do Endodontists Love Their CBCT's so much?"

April CE - Martins BBQ with Dr. Scott Shuler presenting "Endodontic Resorption"

Free Clinics are held monthly

September 12, 2025 is our Day at the Downs for LDS members.

West Central Report:

West Central Dental Society has had a busy summer. On May 30th, the society enjoyed Medical Emergencies with Michelle Adams, RDH, BS with a golf scramble afterwards. On June 13th, a KASPER course was held with Dr. Rebecca Mercke presenting on Management of Pain in the Dental Office. The next event scheduled with West Central will be held on August 8th at the Bruce Convention Center in Hopkinsville from 9-noon. It is the request of the WC society that any leadership from the KDA be invited to the August meeting as it is expected to be the largest turnout of the year. It may be a great day to showcase the KDA3P product and share any updates prior to the state meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laura Hancock

Report for NKDS:

There have been various events in NKDS these past months, including:

- Florence Y'all's outing May 30th - minimal attendance
- Continuing education at the Ft. Mitchell Country Club
 - Passing the Torch - Navigating Successful Dental Practice Transitions with Dr. Thomas Perrino and Stock Yards Bank - April 15th
 - Digital Dentures with Dr. Jyme Charette - March 11

There are also a few upcoming CE events in the fall, including:

- KASPER - Sept. 16
- Dental Sleep Medicine - Oct. 14

Additionally, NKDS has noticed a phishing scam inviting dentists to something called "PUNCHBOWL" - individuals should be aware of this and if they have questions can reach out to the NKDS team.

Sincerely,

Stetson Earl

Southeastern Dental Society: Component Report

The Southeastern Dental Society met on April 10, 2025 at Season's Restaurant in Corbin, KY. Current President of the KDA, Dr. Matt Milliner, and the Executive Director, Dr. Stephen Robertson, attended the meeting to update the society on the relevant topics within the association. In addition to these updates, the current climate of Medicaid was discussed and the upcoming annual sessions meeting in August. Elections for the upcoming year were also held. The meeting was well attended and participants enjoyed the meeting. The next meeting date has not been yet scheduled, but it will most likely be late summer/early fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaitlyn S. Patel, DMD

Bluegrass Dental Society

Hello,

I may be late to a zoom appearance on the June 28 executive board meeting. I will be traveling late into the morning coming home from family vacation.

Please accept this as a brief report on the BGDS:

Our President and Vice President moved to Illinois.

The BGDS has made an offer to David Carpenter for the role of Executive Director. Lee Eachus has resigned. Mr. Carpenter has until Friday to respond. He was not on an AMG.

We have no officers currently and nobody pushing us forward. We have no meetings set. Next action will be a new slate of officers and a kick off meeting in Fall.

Kate

17. WELL BEING WORK GROUP.

WELL-BEING WORKGROUP UPDATE 6/18/2025

Members: Dr.'s Steve Robertson (steve@kyda.org), Rachel Gold (rgolddmd@gmail.com), Stetson Earl (Stetson.d.earl.dmd@gmail.com), Kate von Lackum (kvonlack@gmail.com), Robert Baldau Sam Shaver (samsworld@aol.com), Matt Milliner (msmilliner@gmail.com).

ADA – State Well-Being Program Directory (see attached in e-mail). This State Well-Being Program Directory provides a list of state contacts to help connect you to support during your time of need.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Dental Association

1920 Nelson Miller Parkway
Louisville, KY 40223-2164
Phone: 502.489.9121
Web: www.kyda.org

Kentucky Professional Recovery Network (KYPRN)

Staff Contact: Brian Fingerson, RPH, Founder
Phone: 502.262.9342
Email: kyprn@att.net
Web: www.kyprn.com

Staff Contact: Emily Caporal, Director
Phone: 502.230.8442
Email: emily@kyprn.com

The Wellbeing Workgroup (WBW) met with Emily Caporal, director of KYPRN. Mrs. Caporal made a presentation reviewing the programs available for substance abuse disorder and mental health concerns. Licensees may contact her for support. The KY Board of Dentistry will refer providers in need to her, albeit most have been for substance abuse disorder (SAD). Colleagues can also request assistance for a provider that may present concerning risk factors or signs. She did state that any provider may contact her for referrals to therapists and medical intervention. She was in support of an Employee Assistance Program that licensed providers could utilize to address the mental health needs of our dental provider workforce.

Completed Action Items:

1. **AllOneHealth Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**

The KDA now has a new specialist with AllOneHealth– Braedon Schaefer. I will coordinate a presentation from Braedon to our WBW on the financial quote and services available through a KDA sponsored EAP for member dentists, their hygienists and team.

State dental associations utilizing AllOneHealth's EAP include: **FL, NY, northwestern IN, Minnesota, MI, D.C., starting in Massachusetts next month.**

\$0.25 a month, \$3 a year, per dentist. For covered dentists, everyone in their office covered, hygienist is covered under dentist. Original quote was for 2800 dentists in KY, closer to 1000 dentists in KDA, 4 sessions per issue, unlimited issues / concerns for the year. Braedon needs an accurate count on the number of dentists, workers, students we want to cover to offer an accurate EAP quote for the KDA.

Kate and Robert met on June 18, 2025 with Dean Okeson and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Emily Winfrey via ZOOM. Organized dentistry is welcome to come speak with students. We can coordinate any of the following via Dr. Emily Winfrey: An ASDA lunch and learn, ASDA after hours event, speaking with third- or fourth-year students in their practice management course. The UKCD undergraduate students (AKA dental students) are covered by Talk Space. The college has a contract with them for 24-7 counseling needs, remote therapy. UKCD has merged with UK Healthcare. Dental students have open access to the counseling

center on UK's main campus. Dr. Winfrey can coordinate Trax for urgent crisis situations that is a program that creates a community of concern for a student with immediate mental health needs. The residents / post-grad students may not have coverage, however. Dr. Winfrey will report back to us if those students (presumably licensed dentists) would benefit from the KDA offering an EAP.

UKCD would like component members to reach out to new graduates particularly in rural areas of the state.

Rachel – Dean Dr. Margaret Hill at UL has a mental health professional employee at the dental school every day. She is interested in having their students covered with the KDA EAP so they have a different place to get help outside of the school setting.

Dean Hill states, currently their dental school has many more IEP and 504 accommodations for written exams mostly for students with ADD/ADHD and anxiety. A general theme has emerged in that today's dental students don't have coping mechanisms for when things don't go right, when school or clinic work goes off the rails.

Google AI states: Both IEPs (Individualized Education Programs) and 504 plans are designed to support students with disabilities in school, but they differ in their legal basis, focus, and the types of services they provide. IEPs, under IDEA, focus on specialized instruction and related services, while 504 plans, under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, focus on providing accommodations to ensure equal access to education.

Rachel and Dean Hill discussed reigniting a lecture series by practicing dentists. Dr. Hill welcomed dentists from KDA and private practice dentists to speak with UL students. Dr. Gold, Dr. Earl and Dr. Robertson all requests classroom time. Practice management course at UL. Dr. Nessbaucher directs the fourth-year practice management course at UKCD now.

UL had three deaths in 2024/2025, one hit and run killed on a scooter. Two students died by suicide, one a mere two weeks prior to graduation. There was an action plan built around helping the student who died by suicide, and he was current on that action plan. Even in settings where help and resources are given, death by suicide and self-harm will still occur. We fight the good fight regardless of outcomes. We learn from what works and what doesn't in this ever evolving arena. At least we are in the arena talking about and working on mental health assistance.

Sam - researched the ADA well-being resource directory for other existing programs that we could tap into or from which we can learn.

I sent emails requesting information to contacts from the ADA's State Well-Being Directory in the following states; **CA, FL, IL, IN, KS, MA, MS, MO, AND TN.**

I spoke with **Mary McCune** from **California**. She admitted that they are having the same struggles as KY. They have a wellness committee devoted to substance abuse but nothing specifically for mental health issues. They are trying to develop one. They are also going to do some peer to peer training on resources for some of the more rural constituents. Teaching the resources; not teaching what exactly to say, not to be a counselor. They did look into an outside

vendor, but it was cost prohibitive. They are encouraging the use of TalkSpace through the ADA. Dental Professionals Network. I told her I would stay in touch as KY continues its journey.

Tennessee, **David Tiner**.

Tennessee Dental Wellness Foundation

Contact: Dr. David Tiner, DDS, LMFT, Executive Director

Phone: 615.628.3200

Email: info@tndentalwellness.com

Web: <https://tndentalwellness.com>

Oregon has a wellness tab, resources, on their ODA website. **Julie Spaniel** in Oregon, Wellness Program director.

I have a Zoom set up with **William Hamel, DDS** listed as the **IL contact**. Illinois is trying to develop a plan.

An excerpt from his email "I would be happy to help and have a phone conversation about your needs. I am on the board of the National Council of Dentist Health Programs. We are only about 2 years old and just now reaching out to states to find out the status of their dentist wellness programs and what we might do to help. We are supported by the ADA and are on a mission to help states do all they can to support dentist health and wellness. Most of us on the board are in recovery so our emphasis at first was substance use disorder. We are now including wellness and mental health support as well. I will be happy to tell you about Illinois and what we do as well as what other states are doing."

Zoom is Friday 3/21 at 8am.

I also received an email from **Alan Budd, DMD** the **MA** contact and set up a Zoom with him. Dr. Budd is the addiction program. They will launch AllOneHealth EAP program next month for their MDA members.

An excerpt from his email "Thank you for reaching out. As President of the National Council of Dentist Health Programs, I appreciate the work you're doing to strengthen Kentucky's Well-Being Program. I'd be happy to share insights from both my role with NCDHP and my experience here in Massachusetts. I am copying Bill Claytor, our board VP and director of North Carolina Caring Dentists Program to see if he can join."

Zoom is Tuesday 3/25 at 1 pm.

Steve – to reach out to the ADA. Felecia Bloom at the ADA (per Sam).

Next Well-being Workgroup (WBW) meeting: **tbd with Braedon's presentation**.

ADA Resources

Frequently, you may have questions that require the attention of staff with expertise in a variety of areas. Please contact our member service center at: 312.440.2500.

ADA Wellness Website

[ADA.org/wellness](https://ada.org/wellness)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Phone: Dial 988

Call or Text the Lifeline at 988, available 24/7

Web: <https://988lifeline.org>

AA World Services

Phone: 212.870.3400

Web: www.aa.org

AL-ANON

Phone: 888.425.2666 or 757.563.1600

Web: <https://al-anon.org>

American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry

Phone: 401.524.3076

Web: www.aaap.org

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Phone: 888.333.2377

Web: <https://afsp.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Public Inquiries: 800.232.4636 Web:

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation

Email: info@drbreenheroes.org

Web: <https://drlornabreen.org/>

Federation of State Physician Health Programs

Phone: 978.347.0600

Web: www.fsphp.org

Hope for the Day

Web: www.hftd.org

International Doctors in Alcoholics Anonymous

Web: <https://www.idaa.org/>

National Association for Children of Addiction

Phone: 301.468.0985

Web: www.nacoa.org

National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI)

Phone: 800.950.6264

Web: www.nami.org

National Council of Dentist Health Programs

Email: info@ncdhp.org

Web: www.ncdhp.org

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Email: AskNIAAA@NIH.gov

Phone: 301.443.3860

Web: <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Phone: 800.662.4357

Web: www.findtreatment.gov

Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS)

Phone: 855.227.2776

Web: <https://pcssnow.org>

18. COUNCIL ON ANNUAL SESSION

In April, KDA Executive Director, Dr. Stephen Robertson, KDA President, Dr. Matt Milliner, Council on Annual Session Chair, Dr. Gina Davis and the KDA Staff had the opportunity to do a site visit with hotel staff at this year's meeting venue, the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The venue has been renovated recently, and is a little smaller than the Galt House Hotel, but it's a great space that will be a good fit for our meeting.

A big thank you to Dr. Brandon Stapleton, KDA Scientific Session Chairman, for a great line-up of speakers. This year's schedule includes something for everyone.

We are excited to have the Velvet Crush Band with us on Friday night for "*Friday Night Fever*". This is a FREE event on Friday night that is open to everyone, so put on your dancin' shoes and join us for a night of fun! The Kentucky State Fair will be going on during our meeting as well, so bring the family along for some fun. Be sure to check out this year's program and join us for a great weekend. Everyone should have received the preliminary program guide, but you can also access the program on our website at www.kyda.org.

We encourage our Executive Board members to share information about the meeting with all your component society members and their families and staff and encourage them to attend. Help us make this year's meeting a great success!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gina Davis, Chairman
Council on Annual Session

19. KDA COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS.

The Council on Government Affairs has convened several times this year to discuss vital issues impacting our members. Following a productive legislative session, our main objective has been to determine the priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

Firstly, we strongly advocate for the continued emphasis on the Medicaid dental benefit program. The pressures our members face in sustaining this program and delivering quality oral healthcare are at a critical juncture. It is essential that we build upon the momentum established by last year's initiatives.

Secondly, we recognize the importance of aligning with other state organizations in advocating for Dental Loss Ratio (DLR) legislation. Implementing DLR will enhance transparency within dental third-party payer programs. This increased visibility will enable our patients and policyholders to better understand how their premiums are allocated towards patient care.

Moreover, we must persist in our support for fluoride protection through public education. It's crucial to convey to legislators the significance of fluoride and the serious health and cost implications for both patients and the state if its use is diminished.

I extend my gratitude to the members of the council, our staff, and the Executive Committee for their unwavering support and valuable contributions.

Respectfully submitted, Darren Greenwell, DMD, MAGD

20.THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY TO KMAP.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bickers, Erin L (CHFS DMS DFM)" <erin.bickers@ky.gov>
Date: April 29, 2025 at 8:23:06 AM CDT
To: "Bickers, Erin L (CHFS DMS DFM)" <erin.bickers@ky.gov>
Subject: Federal Rule Changes to the MAC and Creating the New BAC

Good morning! The *Ensuring Access to Medicaid* final rule made changes to 42 CFR 431.12, which governs Medicaid advisory committees. The rule takes effective on July 9, 2025.

Yesterday, DMS launched changes to the current Advisory Council on Medical Assistance in [KRS 205.540](#) to become the new Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC), as well as to create the new Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC). Attached is an FAQ, which DMS will keep updated as we receive new questions.

Every current Advisory Council member was sent a letter, as was every nominating organization, indicating their specific situation as it relates to the transition to the new MAC. If a current Advisory Council member is in an unexpired term on July 9, they will be automatically appointed to the new MAC by Commissioner Lisa Lee. If a current Advisory Council member is in an expired term or if there is a vacancy on or before July 8, a new appointment will be necessary either by the appropriate association submitting nominations or by individuals applying to represent the consumer advocacy groups.

There are two new websites:

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/bac.aspx>
<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/medicaidadvisory.aspx>

More information including the new MAC and BAC applications and the FAQ may be found on the website.

We appreciate you sharing this information with your networks. We are actively recruiting members for the BAC, and to fill vacancies on the new MAC. Attached are two flyers to help us recruit BAC members that you may share.

For inquiries about the MAC, please send those to kymactac@ky.gov.

For inquiries about the BAC, please refer them to dms.bac@ky.gov or call 502-219-2170.

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From: Garth Bobrowski <whitnic2@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 5, 2025 12:35 AM
To: todd@kyda.org; steve@kyda.org; janet@kyda.org; Darren Greenwell
<darrengreenwell@hotmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: MAC Meeting Info and Reports

Please add this to MAC (Medicaid) report for the KDA Executive Board.
Garth

FYI and possible Action Items for your consideration:

1. Since I am officially not on the TAC anymore, the TAC voted Dr. B.J. Millay to be the new Chairman of the dental TAC. I'll help in anyway as we make this transition. BJ will need to prepare the TAC agendas about 2 weeks and get this to Erin Bickers at DMS and the TAC members. See below for her email address.
2. I don't know if you all, or the Executive Committee, or the Executive Board will want to make a change to replace me on the Monthly ZOOM calls with Com. Lee, since I am not on the TAC.
3. We learned some of the new rules for the new MAC/BAC GROUP developed by the Feds. at our last MAC MEETING ON 3/27/25 : The Commissioner of Medicaid in each State will make the appointments to the MAC/BAC , instead of the Governor.
Each appointee will serve ONE term of 4 years, then has to be replaced. There was clarification made at our last MAC MEETING on the status of several MAC members, like me , who have already been on the current MAC past 4 years. Current MAC members can be replaced by the Commissioner or she can elect to keep those members on for a term of 4 years. It appears that DENTAL. will remain as one of the groups represented on the new MAC/BAC.

I sent several reports to Steve as the meeting was in progress.
Garth

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bickers, Erin L (CHFS DMS DFM)" <erin.bickers@ky.gov>
Date: March 27, 2025 at 12:08:23 PM CDT
To: Annissa Franklin <annissa@ullexfay.org> , Ashima Gupta <squintak@gmail.com> , Beth Partin <epartinfnp@gmail.com> , "Dr. Cathy Hanna" <cathyh@apcinet.com> , "Dr. Sheila Schuster" <kyadvocacy@gmail.com> , Eric Wright <eric.wright@louisville.edu> , Frances Couch - Barry Admin <fcouch@pccek.com> , Garth Bobrowski <whitnic2@msn.com> , Jerry Roberts <jerryroberts1@gmail.com> , John Dadds <john.dadds@ccc1884.org> , Kent Gilbert <kgilbert@union-church.org> , Mackenzie Wallace <mwlongoria@alz.org> , "Martin, Barry" <mrtconsulting@msn.com> , Nina Eisner <nina.eisner@uhsinc.com> , Peggy Roark <peggyroark8@gmail.com> , Philip Travis <ptravis@wellingtonparc.com> , "Proctor, Bryan" <bryan.proctor@orphancarealliance.org> , "Steven L. Compton" <drcompton@fseyecare.com> , Susan Stewart <sstewart@arh.org> , Heather Smith <heathersmith@renmed.net>

Cc: "Bickers, Erin L (CHFS DMS DFM)" <erin.bickers@ky.gov>, "Sheets, Kelli M (CHFS DMS DFM)" <Kelli.Sheets@ky.gov>
Subject: MAC Meeting Info and Reports

Lots of information from today's meeting, have a great day!

From the Chat:

Here's a new report from the Commonwealth Fund that has estimated what a cut of \$880B in Medicaid funds would mean for KY's GDP, tax revenue, and jobs:

[https://www.commonwealthfund.org/sites/default/files/2025-03/Ku impact medicaid snap cuts Tables.pdf](https://www.commonwealthfund.org/sites/default/files/2025-03/Ku%20impact%20medicaid%20snap%20cuts%20Tables.pdf)

Here are some one-pagers KVH has created about Medicaid benefits and potential cuts for KY:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1S8_FX5i9LZbLkoQQQJabmD1m3oR7g6Y2

This is Ky Medicaid enrollment by congressional district, not in the report

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-C/part-431/subpart-A/section-431.12>

Kent

Here is a talking point doc I generated from the PDF on Medicaid Proposals. – Attached to email

Families First -The information is currently posted on the Office of The Secretary's website:

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/os/Pages/default.aspx>

[Complete List of Conditions](#) | [Compassionate Allowances](#) | [SSA](#)

[Medicaidunwinding.ky.gov](https://www.medicaidunwinding.ky.gov)

[Medicaid Public Health Emergency Unwinding - KHBE](#)

Sharing the registration link for the monthly virtual forum:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tZtYrduioqTkjGtIrc94E1TvCmi-X31NGa3qZ>

Families First -The information is currently posted on the Office of The Secretary's website:

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/os/Pages/default.aspx>

Possible Agenda Item - Education around SSI waiting period – How do members navigate / who can help– Loss of Waiver (I think I grabbed it all)

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From: Garth Bobrowski <whitnic2@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 9:12:24 AM
To: janet@kyda.org <janet@kyda.org>
Subject: Fwd: Medicaid Rate Win in Kansas

Janet, I just got this info yesterday.
Info for the Executive Board.
Thanks,
Garth

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ronnie Coleman <rcoleman@benevis.com>
Date: June 18, 2025 at 7:24:53 PM CDT
To: "Dr. Steve Robertson" <steve@kyda.org>, Libby Milligan <libby@mssgov.com>
Cc: Garth Bobrowski <whitnic2@msn.com>
Subject: Medicaid Rate Win in Kansas

We won a rate increase in Kansas. Below is a comparison of the new rates to the old rates for our top 25 codes. I've attached the rates that will increase on July 1.

Comparison Table

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description	Old KS Rate (\$)	New KS Rate (\$)	Change (\$)	Percentage Change (%)
D0120	Periodic Oral Exam	24.26	36.39	12.13	50.0%
D0145	Under Age 3 Exam	30.74	46.11	15.37	50.0%
D0150	Comprehensive Evaluation	33.20	49.80	16.60	50.0%
D0210	Complete Series X-ray	63.60	76.32	12.72	20.0%

D0220	Periapical 1st X-ray	13.74	16.49	2.75	20.0%
D0230	Periapical Additional X-rays	11.45	13.74	2.29	20.0%
D0272	Two Bitewings	23.11	27.73	4.62	20.0%
D0274	Four Bitewings	33.51	40.21	6.70	20.0%
D0330	Pano X-ray	60.42	72.50	12.08	20.0%
D1110	Prophylaxis - Age 13+	47.37	63.95	16.58	35.0%
D1120	Prophylaxis - Child	34.66	46.79	12.13	35.0%
D1206	Topical Fluoride Varnish	19.64	21.60	1.96	10.0%
D1208	Topical Fluoride	19.64	21.41	1.77	9.0%
D1351	Sealant Per Tooth	28.53	31.38	2.85	10.0%
D2391	One Surface Composite	80.14	96.17	16.03	20.0%
D2392	Two Surface Composite	85.86	103.03	17.17	20.0%
D2393	Three Surface Composite	91.58	109.90	18.32	20.0%
D2930	Stainless Steel Crown	129.60	142.56	12.96	10.0%
D2934	Esthetic Coated SSC	140.00	154.00	14.00	10.0%
D3220	Pulpotomy	64.80	71.28	6.48	10.0%
D7140	Simple Extraction	95.40	104.94	9.54	10.0%
D7210	Surgical Extraction	129.67	142.64	12.97	10.0%
D7240	Complex Surgical Extraction	175.00	192.50	17.50	10.0%
D9230	Nitrous Oxide	37.14	44.00	6.86	18.5%

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TAC Report

Meeting Date: 5/9/25

Members of TAC present:

- 1. Dr. Robert Millay (Chairman)**
- 2. Dr. Joe Petrey**
- 3. Dr. Kaitlyn Patel**
- 4. Dr. Carol Braun**

Unable to attend:

- 1. Dr. Justin Kolosa**

This was the first Dental TAC meeting without Dr. Garth Bobrowski. During our meeting on 2/7/25, Dr. Bobrowski formally resigned from the TAC. A new chair had to be elected. I, Dr. Robert Millay, was elected by the TAC Membership to be the new chair.

My first meeting as chair was very interesting. I had only attended one prior meeting with Dr. Bobrowski, and most people in attendance that were not the elected TAC members seemed to be conversational for the most part. I was hoping this would continue through to my first meeting since I would be new to most content learning as I go. Needless to say this was not the case.

Topics requested to discuss included New Business:

- a. Medical Loss Ratio**
- b. VAB (value-added-benefits) per year for members.**
- c. Adding codes and payment for POC (Point of Care) testing. Adding codes and payment for placement of intra-socket dressing.**
- d. Increasing administrative burden: cumbersome portals for filings and pre authorizations, chart requests, audits of files, credentialing process, revalidation process.**
- e. Medicaid addressing findings presented in article in Courier Journal.**
 - i. Aging out provider population for state in general**
 - ii. Access to care**
 - iii. Claims of adequate provider networks when 5 counties (possible up to 7 currently) don't have a dentist and Over 45% of providers are in two counties of Fayette and Jefferson (and higher if include the Lexington/Louisville/Covington Triangle, not mentioned in article.)**
 - iv. Poor oral health and the direct link to overall costly medical conditions**
- f. Other:**

There was very little productive conversation with most questions asked to gain clarity. One MCO did clarify the MLR was 90%. VAB for patients as well as payments to providers are all lumped in the 90% was confirmed. The state was helpful in providing a link to contracts to be evaluated if someone wants to read them. When I did go to look, I did not note a direct contract between the state and avelis and dentaquest.

Some area of portals, especially avelis, and the cumbersome nature of the administrative burden created by the MCO's was discussed. The only response was they are working on it and have added some improvements. Which we did recognize and thank them.

My overall conclusion from this meeting was without specific direct questions or comments, you will never get an answer. This leaves us in quite difficult position on topics to address without your help.

Please feel free to reach out to any members of the TAC to give questions and direction to future meetings. Right now, we will need your support to help.

Included are the minutes from the 2/7/25 meeting for review if desired. 5/9/25 meeting minutes can be submitted once approved by quorum of TAC members.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted Dr. Robert Millay

21.OLD BUSINESS.

KDA Antitrust Statement

It shall be the policy of the Kentucky Dental Association to be in strict compliance with all Federal and State Antitrust laws, rules and regulations. To ensure that the Kentucky Dental Association and its members comply with antitrust laws, the following principles will be observed:

- The Association or any committee, section, chapter, or activity of the Association shall not be used for the purpose of bringing about or attempting to bring about any understanding or agreement, written or oral, formal or informal, expressed or implied, among two or more members or other competitors regarding prices or terms and conditions of contracts for services or products. Therefore, discussions and exchanges of information about such topics will not be permitted at Association meetings or other activities.
- There will be no discussions discouraging or withholding patronage or services from or encouraging exclusive dealing with any supplier or purchaser or group of suppliers or purchasers of products or services, any actual or potential competitor or group of actual potential competitors or any private or governmental entity.
- Any discussions of prices or price levels are prohibited. In addition, 1) no discussion is permitted of cost of operations, supplies, labor or services; 2) allowance for discounts; 3) terms of sale including credit arrangements, and 4) profit margins and mark ups, provided this limitation shall not extend to discussions of methods of operations, maintenance, and similar matters in which cost or efficiency is merely incidental.
- There will be no discussions about allocating or dividing geographic or service markets or customers.
- There will be no discussions about restricting, limiting, prohibiting, or sanctioning advertising or solicitation that is not false, misleading, deceptive, or directly competitive with Association products or services.
- There will be no discussions about discouraging entry into or competition in any segment of the marketplace.
- There will be no discussions about whether the practices of any member, actual or potential competitor, or other person are unethical or anti-competitive, unless the discussions or complaints follow the prescribed due process provisions of the Association's bylaws.
- Certain activities of the Association and its members are deemed protected from antitrust laws under the First Amendment right to petition government. The antitrust exemption for these activities, referred to as the Noerr-Pennington Doctrine, protects ethical and proper actions or discussions by members designed to influence: 1) legislation at the national, state, or local level; 2) regulatory or policy-making activities (as opposed to commercial activities) or a governmental body; or 3) decisions of judicial bodies. However, the exemption does not protect actions constituting a "sham" to cover anticompetitive conduct.

- Speakers at committees, educational meetings, or other business meetings of the Association shall be informed that they must comply with the Association's antitrust policy in the preparation and the presentation of their remarks. Meetings will follow a written agenda approved in advance by the Association or its legal counsel.
- Meetings will follow a written agenda. Minutes will be prepared after the meeting to provide a concise summary of important matters discussed and actions taken, or conclusions reached.

At informal discussions at the site of any Association meeting, all participants are expected to observe the same standards of personal conduct as are required of the Association in its compliance. It is the policy of this Association that a copy of these Antitrust Compliance Policy be given to each officer, director, committee member, official representative of member companies, and Association employees annually and that the same be read or understood at all meetings of the membership of the Association.

KDA's proactive efforts

It has always been KDA policy to be, and to remain, in strict compliance with all federal and state antitrust laws, rules and regulations. The House of Delegates adopted an Antitrust Statement in 2008 to ensure that member dentists and the KDA, its committees, regions, components and activities comply with antitrust law. This policy addresses all communications, including written, digital, oral, formal or informal, expressed or implied. It has been adopted and included in the KDA Board Manual, which is given to every new officer and trustee. The KDA is committed to providing employees, volunteer leaders, member dentists and dental team members with educational tools to help them avoid antitrust violations.

22. BOARD MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of the Board, I will:

- listen carefully to my fellow Board members;
- carefully consider and respect the opinions of my fellow Board members;
- respect and support all majority decisions of the Board;
- recognize that all authority is vested in the Board;
- keep well-informed of developments relevant to issues that may come before the Board;
- participate actively in Board meetings and actions and not discuss elsewhere what I am unwilling to discuss in Board meetings;
- bring to the attention of the Board any issues I believe will have a significant effect on our organization or those we serve;
- attempt to interpret the needs of all those we serve to the Board;
- refer complaints directly to the proper level on the chain of command;
- recognize my job is to ensure that the organization is well-managed, not necessarily to manage the organization;
- represent all those whom this organization serves and not a particular geographic area or interest group;
- consider myself a "trustee" of the organization and do my best to ensure that it is well-maintained, financially secure, and always operating in accord with our stated objectives and in the best interests of those we serve;
- always work to learn how to do my job better; and
- acknowledge conflicts of interest between my personal life and my position on the Board, and abstain from voting or attempting to influence issues in which I am conflicted.

As a member of the Board of Directors, I will not:

- criticize fellow Board members or their opinions, in or out of the Board room;
- use the organization or my position for my personal advantage or that of my friends, relatives or associates;
- discuss the confidential proceedings of the Board outside the Board room;

- promise how I will vote on any issue before hearing the discussion and becoming fully informed;
- interfere with the duties of staff or undermine the authority of our executive director to perform his/her duties; and speak for or on behalf of the organization unless specifically authorized to do so.

23. NEW BUSINESS.

MOTION: Dr. Dusitn Harper moved to accept the KDA Antitrust Statement as presented.
Dr. Rachel Gold seconded the motion.

ACTION: APPROVED.

It was suggested the past KDA Legislative activities be on a continuous PowerPoint presentation during CE Rooms at the 2025 KDA Annual Meeting, if no AV is available, paper copies be placed on the seats.

Report from the Budget and Finance Committee

It is the recommendation of the committee to not reimburse the 2025 ADA Delegates for the 6th District Caucus since there is no travel involved this year (zoom meeting). (this amount is \$650.00 for each delegate).

The committee also recommended the ADA Delegates only be reimbursed for travel based on receipts provided with a maximum of \$3,000.00 reimbursement. This would also pertain the 6th District meeting when and if there is an in person meeting moving forward.

MOTION: Dr. Mark Moats moved to require receipts for all ADA Delegates concerning travel and expenses to be submitted to the KDA office with a maximum of \$3,000.00 for reimbursement and when the 6th District is a zoom call or no travel involved the ADA Delegates will receive no reimbursement (\$650.00), this motion is effective immediately.

Dr. Zak Taylor second the motion.

ACTION APPROVED.

KDA 2026 KDA Budget

	Adopted Budget 2025	Year to Date 12-31-2024	Proposed Budget 2026
REVENUES			
KDA Dues	438,000.00	402,834.80	451,000.00
KDA Assessment	80,000.00	67,800.00	60,000.00
One time Assessment			72,000.00
Annual Session	85,000.00	58,355.75	60,000.00
Interest Income	2,000.00	7,856.00	5,000.00
Rental Income-Lou Dental Soc	5,410.00	5,410.00	5,410.00

ADABEI (ADA)	22,000.00	10,556.93	11,000.00
Insurance for Members	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
ADA Dues Rebates	500.00	1,208.42	500.00
Non-Budgeted Revenue	500.00	0.00	12,500.00
Rental Income	62,400.00	68,600.00	63,600.00
TOTAL REVENUES	713,810.00	640,596.90	759,010.00
Gain on Investment	-	11,713.00	-
Journal Fund Contribution	45,000.00	105,096.00	9,221.00
Mid States Mtg	-	18,827.88	-
	758,810.00	\$ 776,233.78	768,231.00

	Adopted Budget 2025	Year to Date 12-31-2024	Proposed Budget 2026
EXPENSES			
A. Fixed disbursements over which the House has no control but must have approval			
Utilities & Maintenance:			
		\$	
Telephone	8,500.00	9,591.43	9,600.00
Gas, Electric & Water	25,000.00	26,853.30	26,000.00
Rent	86,431.00	86,430.72	86,431.00
Maintenance Expenses	18,500.00	21,614.11	20,000.00
Janitorial Expenses	11,000.00	11,053.04	11,000.00
Total Utilities & Maintenance	149,431.00	155,542.60	153,031.00
Accounting & Audit Services	21,000.00	19,125.00	20,000.00
Attorney Fees	1,000.00	17,706.00	1,000.00
Insurance	13,000.00	12,376.97	13,000.00

Printing and Postage	2,000.00	1,783.94	2,000.00
Personal Property tax	325.00	974.78	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	276.99	500.00
		\$	
A. TOTAL	187,256.00	207,786.28	190,531.00

Miscellaneous Needs moved from Category A to Category E.

B. Items Controlled by the House Of Delegates

General Administrative Expenses:

		\$	
Equipment Maint & Rent	22,000.00	28,052.79	25,000.00
Technological Support	9,204.00	10,712.40	10,000.00
Membership Dues & Subs	750.00	820.00	750.00
Support Staff Expenses	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00	2,149.36	3,000.00
Executive Board Expenses	1,500.00	999.87	1,500.00
President's Expenses	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
1st Vice President Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00
Secretary-Treasurer Travel Exp.	3,650.00	3,650.00	-
ADA Delegates Expenses	36,500.00	31,341.60	36,500.00
Leadership Conference	500.00	0.00	500.00
KOHC Membership	300.00	300.00	300.00
Ex. Dir. Discretionary Expenses	750.00	750.00	750.00
Auto Expenses	5,000.00	0.00	-
Total General Administrative Exp.	86,654.00	78,026.02	81,800.00

Adopted Budget 2025	Year to Date 12-31-2024	Proposed Budget 2026
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Council/Committee/Work Group Exp.:

Council on Annual Session	-	-
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Council on Govt Affaris	-	-	
Long Range Planning Committee	-	-	
New Dentist/Membership Steering Committee	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
General Council Expenses	250.00	0.00	250.00
UK-UL KSDS Student Support	5,000.00	1,794.67	6,000.00
Total Council/Committee/Work Group Expenses:	7,250.00	<u>1,794.67</u>	8,250.00
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B. TOTAL	93,904.00	<u><u>79,820.69</u></u>	<u>\$</u> 90,050.00

	Adopted Budget 2025	Year to Date 12-31-2024	Proposed Budget 2026
C. Staff Compensation			
Executive Directors Expenses	11,000.00	13,632.61	\$ 15,000.00
Salaries-Staff	395,000.00	398,710.72	390,000.00
Prior year adjustment/accountants	-	19,825.00	-
Staff Benefits	30,000.00	36,101.01	36,000.00
Retirement Plan Contributions	15,800.00	15,800.00	15,800.00
Payroll Taxes	25,000.00	30,409.02	30,000.00
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C. TOTAL	476,800.00	<u><u>514,478.36</u></u>	<u>\$</u> 486,800.00

Total Expenses

D. Fund Contributions

Reserve Expenditures	-	(\$ 39,193.49)	-
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D. TOTAL	0.00	<u><u>(\$ 39,193.49)</u></u>	0.00
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E. Non-Budgeted Expenses

Mid States Expense	-	\$ 13,119.94	-
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Investment Fees	850.00	1,347.00	850.00
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E. TOTAL	850.00	14,466.94	850.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	758,810.00	\$ 776,233.78	768,231.00

MOTION: Dr. Zak Taylor moved to accept the 2026 KDA Budget proposal from the Budget and Finance Committee with the Secretary/Treasurer travel expense reduced to 0.

Dr. Andy Elliott second the motion.

ACTION: APPROVED.

A Medicaid Work Group of the Board was established.. The members are: Drs. **Kaitlyn Patel, Dustin Harper, Cliff Lowdenback, Matt Milliner** and **Andy Elliott**.

MOTION: Dr Andy Elliott moved to make a Work Group of the Board to explore if the number of people going to the ADA meeting as delegates of KDA needs to be changed. Members of the Work Group are: **Drs. Ansley Depp, Kevin Wall, Stetson Earl, Rachel Gold and Matt Milliner**.
Dr Gina Davis seconded the motion.

ACTION: APPROVED.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Budget and Finance Committee **Dr. Zak Taylor**

KDA Chairperson **TBA**

Journal Committee **TBA**

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS.

Technical Advisory Committee to the Kentucky Medical Assistance Program

Dr. Kaitlyn Patel

Dr. Joe Petrey

Council On Annual Sessions

Dr. Gina Davis

Dr. Zak Taylor

Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs

Dr. Andy Elliott

Council on Governmental Affairs and Federal Dental Services

Dr. Darren Greenwell

BYLAWS CHANGES.

Dr Zak Taylor moved to amend the bylaws Chapter V, Section. Composition to a allow the First Vice President the right to vote. **Dr. Mark Moats** seconded the motion.

ACTION: APPROVED.

It was the consensus of the Board to make the following change to the bylaws.

CHAPTER IV - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 12. Application Form

There will be a nomination form to be completed by the applicant. It will include, name, home address, work address, name of component society, offices held in component society or KDA, as well as other highlights from the applicant's curriculum vita. There must be attestation from the candidate that all information is correct, and that he/she can and will perform the duties of the office he/she is seeking. The candidate must also sign a conflict of interest statement. The Application will include three (3) letters of recommendation from members of the Kentucky Dental Association. The application will include a 2" X 2" color quality photograph of the applicant and an essay stating why he/she wishes to hold the office, and what his or her priorities are for the KDA and the ADA. Candidate essays and priority statements will be published in the KDA

Today. Any active member of the KDA can self-nominate to the open position, including the person currently holding the position. The application form will be for all candidates, including those holding office whose term has expired if seeking another term. If no applicants are received by the deadline a nomination from the floor of the KDA House of Delegates is acceptable with a written statement.

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SECTION 11. RULES OF ORDER.

The rules contained in ~~Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure~~ current edition of the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure shall govern deliberations of the General Assembly in all cases not specifically covered in these Bylaws.

24. FUTURE KDA BOARD MEETINGS. The next KDA Board meeting will be August 14 at 3:30pm at the KDA Annual Meeting and August 17 immediately following the Closing of the KDA House of Delegates.

25. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kevin Wall
Secretary/Treasurer