## KONL Legislative Affairs Committee MINUTES

Date: January 11, 2016
Time: 10 A.M. EST
Conference Call

ATTENDANCE: Sally Davenport, Courtney Hollingsworth, Joann Mattingly, Belinda Blair, Frank Wilson, Kim Dees

ABSENT: Mary Bardin, Belinda Barnett, Laura Williams, Kimberly Probus

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

	TOPIC	CONCLUSIONS/	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
		RECOMMENDATIONS	
I.	Welcome	The conference call began at 10:10 a.m. with Sally Davenport chairing the meeting. The minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting were approved.	
II.	Old Business A. Committee Strategic Work Plan	The group discussed activities surrounding the four action items within the KONL Strategic Plan's Work Plan that are the responsibility of the Legislative Affairs Committee and determine whether they had been completed or if additional actions were needed.  1) Monitor legislation using KHA action alerts and information gleaned from Committee members' hospital resources.	Sally Davenport noted that so far there have not been any action alerts from KHA, but that she will forward them when appropriate to the committee.

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	2) Committee members will communicate with their local representatives and nurses who have been elected to the Kentucky Legislature to let them know about their role in KONL and to advance KONL legislative positions.	Ms. Davenport asked if the committee was aware of any newly elected nurses to the legislature. Action: Kim Dees agreed to check and see if there have been any changes.
	3) Committee will formulate a KONL position (support, oppose, monitor progress) of legislation that has been introduced.	Sally Davenport noted that Kim Dees had emailed her on Friday at the request of Mike Rust, President of the Kentucky Hospital Association. Mr. Rust has requested that KONL review and determine whether KONL supports, opposes or will follow with interest the bill to create a new section of KRS 309. Ms. Davenport has emailed a copy of this bill to the members. The group discussed questions that they have related to this matter. Action: The Committee will request that Kelly Jenkins, KBN representative to the KONL Board provide information to the committee concerning what, if any, opinion about the new section the KBN has stated. In addition, members of the committee will study the new section and will send an email expressing their opinion about it to Ms. Davenport no later than Wednesday, January 13 <sup>th</sup> afternoon.  Ms. Davenport noted that Kelly Jenkins, KBN representative to the KONL Board has asked that the KONL support HB 163. Action: The committee voted to support HB 163.

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			Ms. Davenport requested discussion of HB 97, the "Safe Infants Law". She provided information to the committee concerning the bill. <u>Action:</u> The committee voted to support HB 97.
		<ol> <li>Committee positions will be submitted to the KONL Board and communicated to membership through the KONL website and the member emails.</li> </ol>	Ms. Davenport noted that communication about the KONL support for the two bills will be communicated via the KONL website.
III. N	New Business		
	A. KHA Legislative Platform	Ms. Davenport reminded the group that she had forwarded to them the KHA Legislative Platform document obtained at the November, 2015 Healthcare Leadership Meeting.	None.
	B. AONE Federal Priorities	Ms. Davenport reminded the group that they had been sent a report from Ina Glass concerning the AONE federal legislative priorities that she obtained when she attended the AONE Affiliates meeting in December, 2015.	None.
	C. KHA Day at the Legislature	Ms. Davenport noted that the KHA Day at the Legislature is scheduled for February 25, 2016. Kim Dees provided an overview of the day's activities as she had attended in 2015. Ms. Davenport asked who would be interested in attending this year.	In addition to Ms. Davenport, Joann Mattingly and Belinda Blair expressed interest in attending the event. When further information is provided by KHA, Ms. Davenport will send this to those interested.

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B. Adjournment	The conference call meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.	The next meeting will be held on January 29 <sup>th</sup> . Jennifer Stephens, executive assistant to Ms. Davenport will poll the members to determine the time of the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Davenport