

Kentucky Diabetes Prevention & Control Program - State Staff



Theresa Renn RN, BSN, CDE - KDPCP Coordinator

Role Description: Theresa is the Program Coordinator for KDPCP which is supported by both the state and federal funds. At the state level she supervises diabetes staff and provides program coordination for day to day management of KDPCP. She also coordinates and provides expertise for diabetes activities carried out by regional coordinators and other staff in all 56 local health departments.

Areas of Expertise: Theresa is the primary contact for the CDC state grant, state and federal funds, training requirements, DSMT trainings, KY Diabetes Research Board and overall issues/questions concerning the diabetes program.

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Janice Haile RN, BSN, CDE - Diabetes Quality Improvement Coordinator

Role Description: Janice is responsible for quality improvement efforts including collaboration with a number of key stakeholders, particularly in the area of assessment and planning. Janice also has a major role in work with the Diabetes Centers of Excellence and is the editor and publisher for the quarterly statewide newsletter. Along with other staff, Janice will help with the responsibility for professional education and public health workforce development.

Areas of Focus: Janice is the primary contact concerning the state newsletter for professional (KY Diabetes Connection), the KY Diabetes Resource Directory, diabetes in schools/Board of Nursing recommendations for school nurse delegation, the annual KY Diabetes Symposium, and the state Diabetes Performance Improvement Plan.

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Reita Jones RN, BSN - Diabetes Community Health Coordinator

Role Description: Reita is responsible for community-based activities including coordination of Diabetes Today Coalitions. She is also responsible for the administration of Diabetes CATALYST, the web-based planning and tracking system used by state and local partners including the local health departments. In addition, Reita plays a major role in efforts to establish collaborative relationships with key stakeholders to implement critical changes in the health care system intended to improve access to high quality diabetes care across the state. She also serves as the co-evaluation lead along with the program epidemiologist.

Areas of Expertise: Reita is the primary contact concerning the diabetes coalitions or 841 cost center, Diabetes CATALYST (community planning and reporting), the KDN Health Plan Partnership, the Kentuckiana Health Alliance Quality Improvement Consortium (KHAQI-C), the Kentucky Health Quality Agenda (KHQA), Diabetes Collaboratives and KDPCP activity data.

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Becki Thompson RN, BSN, CDE - DCOE Coordinator

Role Description: Becki is responsible for coordination of the diabetes and Medicaid projects including DCOE's and KenPAC Connection programs. This includes the provision of leadership for project development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation: and serves as a resource person to state and local health department staff, Medicaid, vendors/contractors etc.

Areas of Expertise: Becki is the primary contact for the DiaMed/DiaWEB data management system and diabetes Medicaid projects i.e. DCOE and KenPAC Connection program. In general, she is a great resource for any disease/case management questions/issues. Becki has expertise in working with people with diabetes and facilitating barriers to care/meeting standards of care.

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Teri Wood, PhD - Epidemiologist

Role Description: Teri serves as program epidemiologist and is responsible for surveillance and evaluation including collection, tabulation, analysis and distribution of diabetes data. She has heavy involvement with the monitoring aspect of the diabetes Medicaid efforts, i.e. DCOEs and the KenPAC Project. In addition, she assists in defined efforts for the other chronic disease and health promotion programs (BRFSS, Tobacco and Healthy Communities).

Areas of Focus: Teri is the primary contact for diabetes data in Kentucky including an impact document and numerous fact sheets. She has expertise in evaluation and serves as the co-evaluation lead for KDPCP. She is the primary contact for outcomes concerning diabetes Medicaid projects.

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