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Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



Bobbie Beth's Tidbits...

What a Celebration!

KCDHH Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary

The Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing celebrated its 20th year on October 26th at a scenic horse farm in Danville, Kentucky. The day started with the Commission having its quarterly meeting, which was the shortest one in history, and proceeded with a slide show. The former Executive Director, Bill Rogers, and current Executive Director, Bobbie Beth Scoggins were highlighted and thanked for their wonderful contributions to the agency and to the deaf and hard of hearing community.

Next, the artisan group known as “The three B’s” (Bees), Betty Taylor, Beulah Hester, and Barbie Harris, unveiled a beautiful hand-made three-piece



stained glass piece donated to the Commission for its 20th year anniversary. The piece was made up of a royal blue “KCDHH” with three bees at the bottom and two independent pieces with two multicolored hands—each finger representing the 20 years of service provided. It is to be proudly hung at the KCDHH office.

Then the slide show continued with photos of former and current Commissioners, former and current staff, volunteers, and many individuals who have somehow been involved in the success of the Commission.

The food was arranged on an old fashioned wagon. A pig was roasted and served, homemade ice cream was provided and a multitude of dishes were brought and enjoyed by the attendees.

There were games for the children, as well as games for the adults, but far and away the most fun game was the tug-of-war. There were senior citizens against senior citizens, staff against staff, and staff against senior citizens. Unfortunately, there was a lot of cheating! Someone always ended up with his feet in the air and his behind on the wet ground, but it just added to the entertainment.

No one knows how this celebration can be topped for future anniversaries. As we look back on that day, we will not be able to hold back the smiles created from the memory of it.

Bobbie Beth

And they're off...

1980 An adhoc committee was established to lobby for the formation of a Commission on Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Kentucky.



1982 Governor John Y. Brown signed House Bill 34 establishing the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired.



1983 William B. Rogers is named Executive Director of KCDHH.

1986 The High Risk Registry, which identifies children at risk for hearing loss, was mandated by the General Assembly.

1987 An Interpreter Training Program (ITP) was established at Eastern Kentucky University and monies for support services at Kentucky colleges and universities was added to the Council on Higher Education budget.

1992 KRS 156.160 required American Sign Language (ASL) to be recognized and taught for foreign language credit in public schools and institutions of higher learning.

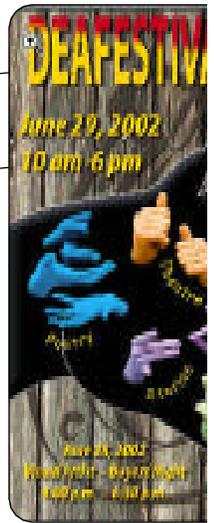
1990 KRS278.548 required the Public Service Commission (PSC) to provide a relay service for the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired.

1992 Signing of House Bill 740 established a Mental Health Advisory Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Issues within the Cabinet of Human Resources (CHR).

1993 William B. Rogers retired and Governor Jones appointed Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins as his successor.



1994 Task Force on Services to Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing was established to create a strategic and long-range plan for providing adequate services to deaf and hard of hearing persons.



2002 Fifth DeafFestiva in Lexington at the KY draws 10,000 attendees. Kentucky is now known as a regional festival.



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2002 Senate Bill 128 requires insurance companies to pay for hearing aids for children under the age of 18.



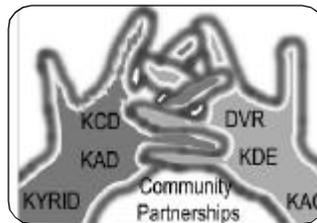
2001 KCDHH premiered six Deaf Access Stations, videoconferencing stations strategically placed throughout the Commonwealth to provide access to state agencies.

2001 KCDHH's Deaf Resource Library opened to the public, operating as a leading resource for deaf and hard of hearing related topics.

Still going strong...



2000 KCDHH works towards collaborative synergy with all state agencies and community organizations. "Commonwealth and Communities working together."

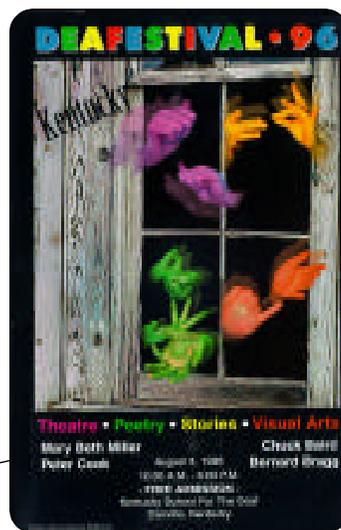


1998 Governor Paul Patton signed Senate Bill #37, requiring all working interpreters to be licensed and established the Kentucky Board of Intepreters.



1998 Access Center, providing interpreter and CART referral service for state agencies, was established.

sage of House Bill 538 free specialized telephones ard of hearing, and speech residents of KY through the tribution Program.



1996 First DeaFestival-Kentucky, held at KSD in Danville, draws 3500 attendees.

1997 Information, Referral, and Advocacy Program became streamlined with the use of a centralized database.



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