

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 10, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Government Contract Review Committee met on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 3:55 PM, in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Donald Douglas, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Donald Douglas, Co-Chair; Representative Mark Hart, Co-Chair; Senators Stephen Meredith, and Reginald L. Thomas; and Representatives Jared Bauman, Bobby McCool, and Rachel Roarx.

Guests: Chris Lewis, Division Chief, Division of Consumer and Senior Protection, Office of the Attorney General (OAG); Wil Schroder, Senior Chief Counsel, OAG; Eric Pelfrey, Director for Professional Services, Department of Highways, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC); Jason Siwula, Executive Director, Office of Project Development, Department of Highways, KYTC; Katie Smith, Chief Financial Officer, Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation (KHRGC); Jamie Eads, President and Chief Executive Officer, KHRGC; Ashleigh Bailey, Chief Legal Officer, KHRGC; Charity Roberts, Branch Manager, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS); Angela Blankenship, Social Service Specialist, DCBS, CHFS; Roger McCann, Director, Division of Family Support, DCBS, CHFS; Wesley Duke, General Counsel, CHFS; Allen Brenzel, Clinical Director, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), CHFS; Rachel Dockal, Budget Specialist, DBHDID, CHFS; Crystal Adams, Division Director, DBHDID, CHFS; Dondra Meredith, Deputy General Counsel, Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), Education and Labor Cabinet (ELC); Denise Lyons, Commissioner, KDLA, ELC; Beth Milburn, Deputy Commissioner, KDLA, ELC; Mike Tuggle, Assistant Director, Division of Administration and Financial Management, Department for Public Health (DPH), CHFS; Gloria Dennis, Ryan White Part B Program Manager, DPH, CHFS; Bob James, Assistant Director of Epidemiology, DPH, CHFS; and Kim Beers, Division Director, Division of Administration and Financial Management, DPH, CHFS.

LRC Staff: Jarrod Schmidt, Kim Smith, and Elizabeth Raymond.

MARCH DEFERRED ITEM:

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Youngblood & Associates, 26-22. A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart to defer the contract to the April 2026, meeting. Representative McCool seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart to approve minutes of the February 2026, meeting of the committee. Senator Meredith seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Personal Service Contract List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Personal Service Contract Amendment List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Memoranda of Agreement List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Memoranda of Agreement Amendment List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

A motion was made by Senator Meredith to consider as reviewed the Kentucky Entertainment Incentive Program Agreements List, with exception of those items selected for further review by members of the committee. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS WERE REVIEWED
WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Goldberg Simpson, LLC, 2600001815.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC ADVOCACY

Jeffrey Sherr, 2600001818.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SES, Inc., 2600001093.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Palmer Engineering Company, 2600001877; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2600001927; HMB Engineers, Inc., 2600002143; QK4, Inc., 2600002146; H. W. Lochner, Inc., 2600002148; Palmer Engineering Company, 2600002149; Aecom Technical Services, Inc., 2600002206; Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., 2600002212; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., 2600002218.

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

LMO Consulting, LLC, 2600001658.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Multi, 2600000092; Perry County Ambulance, 2600001694; Proactive Medical Review and Consulting, LLC, 2600002191.

DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Laura Mundell Cutler, 2500001075-1; Eugene Carl Fletcher, 2600001337.

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Hurst Review Services, Inc., 3865-2026.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

CMTA, Inc., 2600001998.

KENTUCKY STATE POLICE

Right Brother Aviation, LLC, 2600001841.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Subramania Sritharan, 26-33; Pines and Vines Farm, LLC, 26-34.

KY HOUSING CORPORATION

Gibson Consulting, LLC, 2027-1; Caine Mitter & Associates, 2027-10; Allgeier Company d/b/a Valbridge Property Advisors, 2027-2; Value Tech Realty Services, Inc.,

2027-3; Ballast, Inc., 2027-4; Crowe, LLP, 2027-5; Regulatory Solution, LLC, 2027-8; Frye Environmental, LLC, 2027-9.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

EnrollmentFUEL, LLC, 033-26; Bryanna Carroll Strategies, Inc., 034-26; VetForward, LLC, 035-26.

OSH REVIEW COMMISSION

James L. Dickinson, 2600001111-1.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Bricker Graydon Wyatt, LLP, 2400002963-1; Parsons Transportation Group, Inc., 2600001800.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

The Chartis Group, LLC, 7158597; William O. Cleverley Associates, Inc., K26-131; Kaufman, Hall & Associates, LLC, K26-132.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

MGT Impact Solutions, LLC, 00001134.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

SynthesiaEDU, 252642; SynesthesiaEDU, 262801.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE AMENDMENTS WERE REVIEWED WITHOUT OBJECTION:

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Multi, 2400000143.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Strand Associates, Inc., 1800001355; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2000000569; Palmer Engineering County, 2000001237; Gresham Smith, 2100001616; Palmer Engineering Company, 2200001264; Palmer Engineering Company, 2200001264; Leslie M. Haney & Albert W. Gross Partners, 2200001395; QK4, Inc., 2200001850; QK4, Inc., 2200001938; H.W. Lochner, Inc., 2200001939; Aecom Technical Services, Inc., 2200002702; WSP USA, Inc., 2200004569; Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 2300001882; WSP USA, Inc., 2300002483; WSP USA, Inc., 2400000050; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., 2400002432; H. W. Lochner, Inc., 2400002659; HDR Engineering, Inc., 2500002009; QK4, Inc., C-00240486.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Express Mobile Diagnostic Services, LLC, 2400001984.

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES

Third Rock Consultants, LLC, 1900002766; Omni Architects, 1900003529; Biagi Chance Cummins London Titzer, Inc., 2300001530; Clotfelter/Samokar PSC, 2300003339; Kersey and Kersey, Inc., 2400000413; Schmidt Associates, Inc., 2400001641; K. Norman Berry Associates, 2400002807; EOP Architects, PSC, 2500000185; Joseph & Joseph, PLLC, 2500000756; Tower Pinkster Titus Associates, Inc., 2500001039; Kersey and Kersey, Inc., 2500002958.

KENTUCKY EMPLOYERS MUTUAL INSURANCE

HMC Service Company, Inc., 26-HMC-001.

KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Third Rock Consultants, LLC, 12FW003126; Sustainable Streams, LLC, 16FW000034.

KENTUCKY STATE FAIR BOARD

Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, 2400003875.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

The Animal Clinic, 26-11.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Multi, 001-26; Multi, 001-26; Multi, 010-26; Multi, 010-26.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Crown Services, Inc., 2400001748; Wyatt Tarrant and Combs, 2400002963; Cei of America, LLC, 2400003855.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Stengel-Hill Architecture, A231120.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Walker Parking Consultants, 25-169.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENTS WERE REVIEWED
WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES

Kentucky High School Athletic Association, 2600001915.

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Jefferson County Soil Conservation District, 2600000560; City of Lewisport, 2600000771; Gateway Area Development District, 2600000971; North Marshall Water District, 2600001193.

DEPARTMENT FOR LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

Council On Postsecondary Education, 2600001335.

DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City of Fleming - Neon, 2600000098; Knott County Fiscal Court, 2600000769; City of Camargo, 2600001521; Butler County Industrial Development Authority, 2600001666; Perry County Fiscal Court, 2600001755; Clinton County Industrial Development, 2600001832; Perry County Fiscal Court, 2600002018; Harlan County Fiscal Court, 2600002026; Perry County Fiscal Court, 2600002088; Knott County Fiscal Court, 2600002250.

DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAID SERVICES

Department of Juvenile Justice, 2600001134.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Cicatelli Associates, Inc., 2600001705.

DEPARTMENT FOR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

National Able Network, Inc., 2600001507.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Kentucky FFA Foundation, 2600001177; Boyd County Fair, Inc., 2600001256; The Clinton County Fair Association, Inc., 2600001260; Old Reliable Germantown Fair, 2600001261; Laurel County Agriculture Fair, 2600001264; Friends of the Oldham County Fair, Inc., 2600001265; Pulaski County Fair Board, Inc., 2600001266; Shelby County A & M Association, 2600001267; White Oak Produce, LLC, 2600001454.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Nelson County Board of Education, 2600001468; Breathitt County Board of Education, 2600001477; Campbell County Board of Education, 2600001481; Butler County Board of Education, 2600001486; Christian County Board of Education, 2600001511; Covington Independent School District, 2600001513; Cumberland County

Board of Education, 2600001514; Danville Independent School District, 2600001516; Dayton Independent School District, 2600001523; Elliott County Board of Education, 2600001526; Fairview Independent School District, 2600001528; Frankfort Independent School District, 2600001530; Montgomery County Board of Education, 2600001540; Paducah Independent School District, 2600001541; Paintsville Independent School District, 2600001542; Spencer County Board of Education, 2600001545; Taylor County Board of Education, 2600001553; Union County Board of Education, 2600001559; Washington County Board of Education, 2600001561.

KENTUCKY HORSE PARK

Georgetown Scott County Parks and Recreation, 2600001913.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation, 2600001796; Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation, 2600001797.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS WERE
REVIEWED WITHOUT OBJECTION:**

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES

Chrysalis House, Inc., 2400001682; Pennyroyal Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Board, 2400003636; Pathways, Inc., 2400003751; Comprehend, Inc., 2500002785; New Vista of the Bluegrass, Inc., 2500002793.

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

University of Pikeville, 2500001270.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Kentucky Youth Advocates, Inc., 2400001665; Kentucky Youth Advocates, Inc., 2400001673; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2400003432; Kentucky Housing Corporation, 2500001691; Eastern Kentucky CEP, Inc., 2500003381.

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

United States Department of the Interior, 2500002383.

DEPARTMENT FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

City of Hopkinsville, 2500001069.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2400001034; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2400001394; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2400001628; Park Duvalle Neighborhood Health Center, 2400002033; Grace Community Health Center, Inc., 2400002524; National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network, Inc., 2400002772; Family Health Centers, Inc., 2400002784; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000501; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2600000503.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Hope Center, Inc., 2400002592.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Harlan County Boys and Girls Club, 2400005155; Corbin Independent School District, 2500002996; Barren County Board of Education, 2500003008; Clay County Board of Education, 2500003068; Jessamine County Board of Education, 2500003076; Harlan County Boys and Girls Club, 2500003172; Washington County Board of Education, 2500003230; Franklin County Board of Education, 2500003236; Franklin County Board of Education, 2500003238; Green River Regional Educational, 2500003261; Leslie County Board of Education, 2500003323; Green River Regional Educational, 2500003374; Boyle County Board of Education, 2500003380; Boyd County Board of Education, 2600000262; Green River Regional Educational, 2600000512; Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative, 2600000829.

PUB PROTECTION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Housing Oriented Ministries Established for Services, Inc., 2400002346.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

City of Cadiz City Treasurer, 2400002104.

THE FOLLOWING KENTUCKY ENTERTAINMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS WERE REVIEWED WITHOUT OBJECTION:

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Cold Metal, 2600001762; Dice of Chance, 2600002193; Decentralized Thriller, LLC, 2600002194; Music Therapy, LLC, 2600002195; Halfway Pictures, 2600002196; MAH1 Ent, LLC, 2600002197; Starline Productions, LLC, 2600002199; Uplift Productions, LLC, 2600002200; Verve Productions, LLC, 2600002201.

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS WERE SELECTED
FOR FURTHER REVIEW:**

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Berger Montague PC, 2600001982; Brian Levin, P.A., 2600001984; Joel Bieber, LLC, 2600001990; Salim-Beasley, LLC, 2600001994. Chris Lewis, Division Chief, Division of Consumer and Senior Protection, OAG; and Wil Schroder, Senior Chief Counsel, OAG, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. Lewis stated these four contracts are the remaining agreements not executed in time to be included with the 14 previously presented to the committee from the September RFP. The contracts are contingency-fee based, meaning a firm would need to recover \$380 million on behalf of the state for the full maximum potential value of \$20 million to be paid.

A motion was made by Representative Bauman to consider the contracts as reviewed. Senator Meredith seconded the motion, which passed.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

WSP USA, Inc., 2600001823; QK4, Inc., 2600001830. Eric Pelfrey, Director for Professional Services, Department of Highways, KYTC; and Jason Siwula, Executive Director, Office of Project Development, Department of Highways, KYTC, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. Siwula stated alternative delivery is a construction contracting method different from the traditional design-bid-build model typically used by KYTC. He noted it includes approaches such as design-build, progressive design-build, and construction managers, all of which involve contractors earlier in the process. These methods can encourage innovation, improve project speed and timeliness, and potentially reduce costs by changing how construction contracts are procured and delivered.

A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart to consider the contracts as reviewed. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which passed.

KENTUCKY HORSE RACING AND GAMING CORPORATION

Frost Brown Todd Gibbons, 2026-001; Frost Brown Todd Gibbons, 2026-002; Embry Merrit Womack Nance, PLLC, 2026-003; Embry Merrit Womack Nance, PLLC, 2026-004; Sturgill, Turner, Barker, Maloney, PLLC, 2026-005; Sturgill, Turner, Baker, Maloney, PLLC, 2026-006; Dentons Bingham Greenbaum, LLP, 2026-007; Dentons Bingham Greenbaum, LLP, 2026-008. Katie Smith, Chief Financial Officer, KHRGC; Jamie Eads, President and Chief Executive Officer, KHRGC; and Ashleigh Bailey, Chief Legal Officer, KHRGC, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Co-Chair Hart, Ms. Smith stated the RFP was issued to create a pool of law firms the corporation could choose from as its regulatory responsibilities

expanded to include horse racing, sports betting, and charitable gaming licenses. Having multiple firms available helps avoid conflicts of interest when legal services are needed. Four firms applied and all were awarded contracts, though the corporation does not expect to use the full contract amounts. In most cases, legal matters will initially be handled by the two in-house attorneys, with outside counsel engaged only for more complex issues. Firms will be selected based on best fit, absence of conflicts, and lowest price.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Smith stated the organization followed its procurement procedures and obtained approvals from the finance committee and board in December 2025. Drafting of the contracts occurred in January with a planned effective date of February 1. However, the law firms took longer than expected to sign the contracts and returned them after February 1; therefore, the contracts are retroactive despite prior approvals being in place.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Bailey stated these are the corporation's first contracts for outside legal counsel on these types of issues. Each contract includes renewal options, which are expected to make future contracts easier and help ensure they are completed and submitted to the committee before their effective dates.

In response to Senator Thomas, Ms. Bailey stated no work has been performed and no billing has occurred to date.

A motion was made by Senator Thomas to consider the contracts as reviewed. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed.

TRANSPORTATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

HNTB Corporation, 2600002178. A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart to defer the contract to the April 2026 meeting. Senator Meredith seconded the motion.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL SERVICE AMENDMENTS WERE SELECTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW:

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

KVC Behavioral Health Care/Croney & Clark, 2400001863; KVC Behavioral Health Care/Croney & Clark, 2400001864; KVC Behavioral Health Care/Croney & Clark, 2400001867. Charity Roberts, Branch Manager, DCBS, CHFS; and Angela Blankenship, Social Service Specialist, DCBS, CHFS, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Ms. Blankenship stated five contracts were amended this quarter. Two contracts were reduced by about \$411,000 and those funds were reallocated to three other contracts with the same agency, including one that increased by \$55,000. The reallocation was done to address waitlists in certain service regions and the total contract amount with the agency did not change. The agency tracks outcomes for families, conducting six-month and 12-month follow-ups, and reports that

over 90 percent of children remain in their homes after services are completed. Data is maintained and could be used for longer-term research on generational outcomes.

A motion was made by Co-Chair Hart to consider the contracts as reviewed. Representative Bauman seconded the motion, which passed.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS WERE
SELECTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW:**

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES**

Seven Counties Services, Inc., 2400002687; University of Kentucky Research Foundation, 2400003211. Wesley Duke, General Counsel, CHFS; Allen Brenzel, Clinical Director, DBHDID, CHFS; Rachel Dockal, Budget Specialist, DBHDID, CHFS; and Crystal Adams, Division Director, DBHDID, CHFS, discussed the contracts with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Ms. Dockal stated there was not an exact count of personnel involved, but the contract requires Seven Counties Services, Inc. to provide a minimum number of staff to administer the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center (KCPC). These administrative roles primarily consist of clinical professionals, including a director of forensic psychology, psychologists, licensed program administrators, psychological associates, physicians, and forensic directors.

In response to Representative McCool, Ms. Adams stated all staff covered by this contract support waiver programs. Nurses must be accounted for separately because Medicaid provides a higher reimbursement rate for those positions. The change simply reallocates funds from one budget line to another to cover higher-than-expected nursing fringe costs while staying within the total funding amount.

A motion was made by Chair Douglas to consider the contracts as reviewed. Senator Meredith seconded the motion, which passed.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Community Action Kentucky, Inc., 2500001690. Roger McCann, Director, Division of Family Support, DCBS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Mr. McCann stated the contract modification relates to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), a federally funded program created by Congress in 1981 and operating since 1982. The modification adds newly awarded Federal FY26 funds to a contract that originally began July 1, 2025, using FY25 funds. The program primarily helps low-income households pay heating and cooling bills, provides subsidies to prevent winter energy deficits, and a crisis component to prevent utility disconnections during winter. Funding for LIHEAP has generally remained stable over the years, with occasional increases during economic crises or events like the COVID-19 pandemic.

A motion was made by Representative Roarx to consider the contract as reviewed. Senator Thomas seconded the motion, which passed.

DEPARTMENT FOR LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

The Dollywood Foundation, 2500003361. Dondra Meredith, Deputy General Counsel, KDLA, ELC; Denise Lyons, Commissioner, KDLA, ELC; and Beth Milburn, Deputy Commissioner, KDLA, ELC, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Ms. Lyons stated the contract amendment provides a temporary bridge for a statewide program. Rapid enrollment exceeded the local partner's capacity and available funding, so the amendment offers up to six months of additional support to maintain services while they secure sustainable funding. This is a one-time request.

In response to Senator Thomas, Ms. Milburn stated as of the end of December 2025, the Imagination Library had enrolled 137,236 children, about 51 percent of the total eligible population of 266,500 children aged birth to five.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Lyons stated these are the unexpended funds from the previous year.

In response to Chair Douglas, Ms. Meredith stated the Dollywood Foundation, which operates the Imagination Library globally, tracks some program data. In Kentucky, a new collaboration between the foundation, the Governor's Office of Early Childhood, and the Kentucky Center for Statistics aims to track enrollment and long-term outcomes, such as school readiness and literacy. This data-sharing effort was first included in the contract about one to two years ago, and while still in its early stages, it is expected to provide insights on the program's impact on Kentucky children over time.

In response to Chair Douglas, Ms. Lyons stated the goal is to use libraries and partnerships to promote early learning and share data across programs to identify areas of need. While having books at home supports school readiness, the key factor is the interaction between caregiver and child. The organization aims to continue fostering these opportunities wherever possible.

A motion was made by Senator Thomas to consider the contract as reviewed. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

University of Louisville Research Foundation, 2400002516. Gloria Dennis, Ryan White Part B Program Manager, DPH, CHFS; and Bob James, Assistant Director of Epidemiology, DPH, CHFS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Chair Douglas, Ms. Dennis stated the contract increase is due to the KRS requirement of 40 clients per case manager. Currently, the Kentucky HIV/AIDS Care Coordinator Program (KHCCP) serves over 2,700 clients, 49 percent of Kentucky's

HIV population, with 24 case managers. To improve the ratio and accommodate growing client numbers, 20 additional case managers are being added.

A motion was made by Representative Bauman to consider the contract as reviewed. Co-Chair Hart seconded the motion, which passed.

DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

University of Louisville, 2400003024. Mike Tuggle, Assistant Director, Division of Administration and Financial Management, DPH, CHFS; and Kim Beers Division Director, Division of Administration and Financial Management, DPH, CHFS, discussed the contract with the committee.

In response to Senator Meredith, Ms. Beers stated the contract modification funds the Rural Health Transformation Program, specifically three leadership positions; two filled and one placeholder for potential additional support.

In response to Senator Meredith, Mr. Tuggle stated the modification was attached to the original agreement, which used general funds for infectious diseases, as a temporary measure to avoid delays in creating a new contract. Starting in FY27, the Rural Health Transformation Program will have its own separate contracts for personnel and services.

In response to Senator Meredith, Mr. Tuggle stated the contract was awarded to the University of Louisville due to their staff's expertise in leading large-scale projects. This is a statewide initiative requiring specialized leadership and skills that the department could not recruit quickly enough to launch on its own.

A motion was made by Senator Thomas to consider the contract as reviewed. Representative Roarx seconded the motion, which passed with Senator Meredith and Chair Douglas voting no.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM.