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March 6, 2012

Beth Mills  
Commissioner of Social Services  
200 East Main Street  
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Ms. Mills:

Thank you for your part in the February 28 presentation on the future plans for the Black & Williams Neighborhood Center. Since 2003, the North Central Area Health Education Center has maintained an active presence in that building. We have appreciated the support of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government in making our Lexington outreach work possible.

I am writing to ask you to recommend that the NC AHEC program be assigned to the category of tenants who pay \$4.83/square foot for office space. I feel that the AHEC program should qualify because:

- We are a non-profit program that serves low income and disadvantaged residents of Lexington and Fayette County.
- Our funding comes from state, federal and private sources. We receive no urban/county funding.
- Because of subsidized office space in the Black & Williams Neighborhood Center, we are able to allocate more of our limited resources to programs and outreach activities.
- Our funding has undergone continued erosion in recent years, and is more at risk now than ever.
- A significant increase in costs in the Lexington AHEC office could be an unmanageable burden and could eventually force us to close the office.

Please feel free to contact me at 859 380-9488 or [evelyn.tackett@kctcs.edu](mailto:evelyn.tackett@kctcs.edu) if I can provide other information. Thank you again for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn Tackett".

Evelyn Tackett  
Director



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## WHAT IS “AHEC”?

The **mission** of the North Central Area Health Education Center (NC AHEC) is to promote healthy communities through innovative partnerships. We do this in part, by providing community health education in **low-income, underserved and disadvantaged areas.**

NC AHEC is a **non-profit program.** It receives state, federal and private funding. It does not receive partner funding from LFUCG.

NC AHEC has been in the **Black & Williams Neighborhood Center since 2003.** Since then, the NC AHEC has brought the following to Lexington and Fayette County:

**Health Fairs – 14,325** participants came to Lexington’s Fiesta Latina, Body & Soul, Tarde Infantil and others

**Prevention - 18,681** people were served through programs on domestic violence, safety, immunization, nutrition, HIV/AIDS, breast cancer, CPR and lay health worker training

**Cultural Competency – 1,500** people were served through interpreter training, and through cultural competency presentations to community and public service organizations.

**North Central Kentucky Area Health Education Center  
Community Partners as of January, 2012:**

Bluegrass Community Health Center  
Bluegrass Community & Technical College  
Cardinal Valley/Village Branch Lexington Public Library  
Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services  
Kentucky Department for Public Health  
Lexington-Fayette County Health Department  
Lexington Lion's Club  
Lexington Public Schools (various)  
Susan G. Komen For the Cure  
Jesus el Buen Pastor Community Program  
Russell Cave Church of Christ  
Southeast Medical Interpreters Association  
Transylvania University  
University of Kentucky College of Medicine

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## *Welcome to the North Central Area Health Education Center!*

**The North Central AHEC is the newest of Kentucky's eight regional AHEC Centers and is part of the [National AHEC Organization \(NAO\)](#). The North Central AHEC was established in 1998 to serve 16 counties in the north central portion of the State. The main office is located in Park Hills with a smaller office in Lexington.**



### **Mission**

The mission of the North Central AHEC is to promote healthy communities through innovative partnerships. This is accomplished by providing:

- Educational support services to health professions students and health care providers
- Community health education, and
- Programs that encourage health professions as a career choice

### **Values**

The North Central AHEC is a health education organization whose members adhere to the following core values:

- We believe in the value of education to strengthen individual and community health and wellness.
- We believe in responding positively to the needs of the community in a professional manner.
- We believe that the needs of the community determine the activities and programs of the AHEC.
- We believe in serving a diverse, multicultural community using respect, creativity and inclusiveness.
- We believe in collaborating with others to meet the mission of the North Central AHEC.
- We believe that honesty, open communication and humor are essential to our function as a professional organization
- We value the creativity and individuality of each of our members.

### **Vision**

The North Central AHEC is driven by a vision of:

- Health care students-in-training working and living in rural and underserved communities as a critical part of their professional education.
- Diverse, multicultural communities in northern and central Kentucky having full access to health education information.
- School students receiving guidance that will enable them to prepare for careers in health care.

### **Services**

Under the leadership of Evelyn "Karkie" Tackett, MHA, Center Director, the North Central AHEC has developed cooperative relationships with area clinics, hospitals, health departments, schools, colleges, and community groups. Programs and services include:

- clinical education training opportunities for health care professions students,
- identification and recruitment of potential clinical training sites for health professions students,
- health education programming for schools and community groups,
- health careers recruitment activities in schools, and
- programs to meet the growing health needs of the Hispanic and underserved minority populations.

### **Host Site**

The host organization for the North Central AHEC is [Gateway Community and Technical College](#), a unit of the [Kentucky Community and Technical College System](#). With approximately 2,800 students in 28 program areas on three campuses, Gateway is fully accredited by the Council on Occupational Education. Gateway Community and Technical College has partnered with more than 120 local businesses to serve more than 3,000 students in customized short-term training in the last 12 months.

### **Advisory Board**

The activities of the North Central AHEC are guided by an Advisory Board which is composed of community leaders, health professionals, educators and students. Mr. Chris Goddard, CEO of HealthPoint Family Care in Newport, currently chairs the Advisory Board. For a complete list of Advisory Board members, click on "Advisory Board" in the directory on the left side at the top of this page.

### **Service Area**

The North Central AHEC provides services in the following Kentucky counties:

[Anderson](#)

[Boone](#)

[Bourbon](#)

[Bracken](#)

[Campbell](#)

[Fayette](#)

[Franklin](#)

[Gallatin](#)

[Grant](#)

[Harrison](#)

[Jessamine](#)

[Kenton](#)

[Owen](#)

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