

Melody Nall

Experience

Community Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky Lexington, KY
University of Kentucky

Engagement Director

- Support rural health networks and coalitions with resources and training.
- Lead focus groups and key informant interviews for specific projects in rural Kentucky.
- Provide support and assistance for community organizations that foster community and economic development in the state.
- Work with 120 County Extension offices as a support for their community and economic development needs, specifically related to rural health systems.
- Direct support to engagement team staff on CEDIK regional and statewide efforts.

Purchase Area Health Education Center Murray, KY
Murray State University

Outreach Coordinator

- Coordinate pre-health professions student programs including: health professions shadowing, Rural Community Health Scholars summer program, advising students for applications to professional schools, annual Health Career Professions Expo on Murray State University campus.
- Design and implement successful programs that connect current medical students on four medical campuses to Western Kentucky hospitals.
- Coordinate and manage Western Kentucky Rural Healthcare Network composed of six hospitals. – Including peer groups, community health needs assessments, and connections to statewide resources.
- Promote and advocate for underserved population in Western Kentucky related to unmet health care needs.
- Create and implement health education programming for service learning projects for college students.
- Collaborate with community organizations in the 12 county service area to seek grants and assist with applications regarding health education and increased health services.

University of Louisville, Kentucky Cancer Program Paducah, KY

Regional Cancer Control Specialist

- Manage district office for the eight counties in the Purchase Area of Kentucky.
- Coordinate CDC funded Comprehensive Cancer Control efforts for the region, partner with many community agencies, health care organizations, businesses and schools.
- Research, design and implement health promotion programs related to the prevention, screening and early detection of cancer.
- Promote collaboration and coordination of outreach efforts to the underserved population in Western Kentucky related to cancer issues.

Purchase District Health Department Mayfield, KY

Senior Health Educator/Health Education Coordinator

- Planned and implemented health education programs including Preconceptional Health Counseling and Postponing Sexual Involvement (abstinence curriculum for middle school students).
- Program planning for health education staff and district employees addressing topics such as healthy living, nutrition, safety, consumer health issues, heart health, and cancer prevention.
- Successfully prepared grants to secure additional funds for health promotion and education programs

March of Dimes Paducah, KY

Executive Director

- Responsible for program implementation, income development and public/professional education for 15 counties in Western Kentucky.
- Recruited, trained and directed volunteer board of directors.
- Represented Western Kentucky at national meetings for the organization.

Education

Murray State University Murray, KY

- Master of Science – College of Education
- Human Development and Leadership

University of Kentucky Lexington, KY

- Bachelor of Health Science – College of Allied Health
- Major in Community Health
- Graduated with High Distinction

Georgetown College Georgetown, KY

- Major in Biological Sciences

Awards received/
Professional
Memberships

Employee of the Year – Purchase District Health Department 1994

Certified Health Education Specialist – The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. 1998, Master CHES - 2011

Kentucky Public Health Leadership Institute Fellow - University of Kentucky 2002

Kentucky Coalition on Teen Pregnancy – Board Member – 1995 – 2001

Kentucky Rural Health Association – 2005 – present, Secretary, 2013-18

National Cooperative of Health Networks – 2012- present

NCHN Leadership Institute 2013

University of Kentucky CEDIK Advisory Council member – 2010 – 2015

University of Kentucky Extension State Advisory Board representative for CEDIK – 2012 - 2014

Kentucky Office of Rural Health “The Bridge” quarterly magazine Advisory Board member – September 2014 – present

“Strengthening Skills for Leading Others” – Educational Technology Team Award, Southern Region NACDEP June 2016

“Kentucky Promise Zone Downtown Revitalization Program” – NACDEP Excellence in Teamwork – 2018 National Runner-up Award, 2018 Southern Region First Place Award, June 2018