



## Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children

### Steering Committee Meeting Notes

August 31, 2020 – 2:00 to 3:00 EST

#### Attendees:

Tomarra Adams Whitney Allen	Spalding University United Health Care	Jess Lawrence Amalia Mendoza	Cairn Guidance <b>Coalition Coordinator</b> - Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
Elizabeth Anderson- Hoagland	DPH - Kentucky Health Promotion Program	Wendy Morris	Dept. for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) KDE – School-based Health Services.
Laura Beard	Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence	Stephanie O'Connor	
Emily Beauregard Joe Bargione Christopher Bolling	Kentucky Voices for Health Bounce Coalition American Academy of Pediatrics- Kentucky Chapter	Donna Piercy Josie Raymond Julia Richerson	Humana State Representative – District 31 Family Health Centers- Iroquois
Stephanie Bunge Rhonda Caldwell	KDE- Student Tracking and Data Kentucky Association of School Administrators	Vestena Robbins Sheila Schuster	DBHDID Advocacy Action Network
Veronica Cecil Penny Christian	KY Dept. for Medicaid Services Parent Teacher Association 16 <sup>th</sup> District	Lucy Senters Eva Stone	KY Dept. for Medicaid Services Jefferson County Public Schools
Angela Cooper Amanda Goldman Candace Gurley Mahak Kalra Elise Kearns	Kentucky Voices for Health Gordon Food Service Kentucky SKY Program Kentucky Youth Advocates University of Kentucky	Mike Stone Jim Tackett Alicia Whatley Beverly Winsch	KY Council on Problem Gambling KDE – Coordinated School Health Kentucky Youth Advocates Bounce Coalition

#### Meeting Objective:

- Steering Committee Members review and discuss Kentucky's Expanded Access School Based Services Program

#### Pre-Meeting Assignment:

View webinar on Expanded Medicaid in Schools:

<https://mediaportal.education.ky.gov/uncategorized/2020/05/medicaid-expansion-webinar-part-2/>

#### Meeting Notes:

##### Update on Membership Campaign

The Coalition Logo was selected by the Steering Committee via a survey, and is now being used in the membership campaign. A list of organizations for initial outreach by the Foundation was sent to Steering Committee members and members have been sending additional contacts to the Coalition

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Coordinator Amalia Mendoza. The invitation letter was also sent to the Steering Committee for review. The Foundation is finalizing development on a Wix website on which the membership form will be available. Once the Wix and form are set up, Steering Committee members are encouraged to send out membership invitations to their networks.

### Kentucky's Expanded Access School Based Services Program

- Lucy Senters, and Stephanie O'Connor presented a brief overview of the Medicaid Expanded School-Based Health Services Programs. The Steering Committee members engaged in questions and conversation.
- Resulting from the conversation, some of the member recommendations included:
  - Expanded list of services: it is important to have a comprehensive list of services covered – for example, explicitly including primary care and preventive services on educational materials. Having a complete list of billable services/codes will also help each school estimate potential reimbursement.
  - Data Sharing: It will be important to have a standard process for providers to use for sharing information developed by the state and prescribed for all schools that meets both FERPA and HIPAA requirements. This would improve care coordination, quality reporting, and continuity of care while also reducing the potential for duplicate services / billing.
  - Clarification that SB 8 requirement: SB 8 requires for one school counselor or school-based mental health services provider for every 250 students, using the language: “who is **employed** by the school district”. This has created some confusion as to whether contracted provider agencies wouldn't meet the requirement. This is an important clarification given the reimbursement rates from Medicaid for school-based health services which would not necessarily cover the complete cost of having a full time employed mental health provider in a school. Depending on how this mandate is enforced, schools may feel persuaded to end existing contracts with CHMC's or other MH providers in order to meet the mandate.
  - Coordination with MCOs: the school-based health services program is fee for services. It will be important for MCOs to know what is happening in school and the services provided out of school, so closer coordination with the schools will be important.
  - Stakeholder input and community review of materials: a new brochure and parental consent have been created by KDE to educate parents/ guardians on expanded access to Medicaid services in schools. With the success of the program largely dependent on having consent to provide services, it is important for stakeholders to be involved in the implementation process and have the community review and revise materials.

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## Coalition Policy Planning

- The September meeting of the Coalition will be dedicated to prioritizing health issues for the strategic plan development, as well as identifying those issues related to health in schools during the pandemic that may require an immediate response.
- The October meeting of the Coalition will be dedicated to reviewing the 2021 legislative priorities. It was highlighted that one priority issue to address is the more systemic problem of funding schools. The KCHC also wants to make sure it is coordinating and supporting mission-similar legislative platforms from other organizations or groups working on children's health or PreK-12 issues, so Steering Committee members who are aware of such legislative proposals/ platforms are asked to share them in order to have a more comprehensive list to review.

## Decisions/ Actions Steps

- Steering Committee members will send Amalia additional organizations to include in membership campaign mailing: name of organization, contact and email address.
- Steering Committee members are asked to send Amalia legislative proposals / platforms that other groups working on children's health issues / education are developing, in order to make sure we coordinate and support.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 29, 2020 from 2:00 to 3:00p.m. EST.

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