



Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children

Steering Committee Meeting Notes

August 31, 2021, 1:00 to 2:00 EST

Attendees:

Sheila Schuster	Advocacy Action Network	Jim Tackett Stephanie Bunge	Kentucky Department of Education
Kelly Pullen	Aetna Better Health of Kentucky KY SKY Program	Lucy Senters	Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
Jennifer Miller	Anthem	Elizabeth Anderson-Hoagland Nicole Barber-Culp	Kentucky Department for Public Health
Joe Bargione Beverly Winsch	Bounce Coalition	Molly Lewis	Kentucky Primary Care Association
Tracey Antle	Cumberland Family Medical Center Inc.	Emily Beuregard Cara Stewart	Kentucky Voices for Health
Jessica Lawrence	Cairn Guidance, Inc.	Mahak Kalra Crystal Willis	Kentucky Youth Advocates
Wendy Morris	Dept. Behavioral Health, Dev.& Intellectual Disabilities	Laura Beard	Pritchard Committee
Amalia Mendoza Allison Adams Ashley Brauer	Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky	Elle Humphrey	St. Elizabeth Healthcare
Lauren Sherrow	GLSEN Bluegrass	J. Eric Davis	United HealthCare Community Plan of Kentucky
Amanda Goldman	Gordon Food Services	Liza Creel	University of Louisville
Rhonda Caldwell	Kentucky Association of School Administrators		
Mike Stone	Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling		

Meeting Objectives:

Review and discuss how the Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children can advocate to protect students considering the continuing COVID 19 Pandemic and the Supreme Court Ruling vacating the lower court's injunction on HB1, SB1, SB2 and HJR77

Meeting Notes:

I. Member Updates

- The Steering Committee welcomed a new member organization, **The Kentucky Association for School Social Work**, represented by Lori Vogel.
- On August 10, 2021, the letter from the Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children Steering Committee with the **three recommendations related to school funding** was sent to Sen. Max Wise and Rep. James Tipton, School Funding Task Force Co-Chairs, and Sen. David Givens, Sen. Reginald Thomas, Sen. Mike Wilson, Rep. Kim Banta, Rep. Tina Bojanowski, Rep. DJ Johnson, School Funding Task Force Members.



- **The policy priority tree** was finalized. Based on these priorities and what other coalition's working on children's health and education issues are proposing, the KCHC will develop a policy agenda for the session. Steering Committee members who know about other policy agenda's being developed were asked to send them to Amalia Mendoza, in order to coordinate agendas and support.
- We were unable to get Dr. Brandy Kelly Pryor to lead the conversation around equity in schools and the bill proposals related to limiting speech on race in schools for the August meeting, so the conversation was moved to the September meeting and may have a different presenter, Dr. Rashaad Abdur-Rahman from Founder and CEO of the Racial Healing Project.
- A reminder was made to the Steering Committee to complete the **Coalition Survey**, which will be sent out by Dr. Wunsch on September 7th.
- Some members have expressed conflicts with the standing meeting date / time. Amalia will send out a survey with some alternatives.
- Mahak Kalra from Kentucky Youth Advocates presented an update on **Kentucky Bloom campaign**. The Bloom Kentucky initiative is focused on statewide policy change that aims to prevent and mitigate the impact of childhood adversity. Information can be found at: <https://kyyouth.org/bloom/>
- Emily Beauregard shared the link to an updated **ARPA FAQ** with new information about the expanded Child Tax Credit, eviction relief funds, and more: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YJqfoiEM6CN5HV3bWC9CDq5D0JKkcKfz/view?usp=sharing>

II. The Impact of New Laws Limiting Gov. Beshear's Executive Authority and Preparing for a Special Session

Cara Stewart and Emily Beauregard presented on the impact of new laws limiting Gov. Beshear's Executive Authority and preparing for a special session (slide deck accompanies these notes). Committee members expressed support of the recommendations to safeguard the health and wellbeing of children and their families.

There are 3 committees that have called special meetings. The dates and times for these are as follows:

- Wednesday, September 1st at 10:00 AM ET: Joint Meeting of the IJC on State Government and IJC on Local Government
- Wednesday, September 1st at 1:00PM ET: IJC on Education
- Thursday, September 2nd at 11:30AM ET: IJC on Health, Welfare & Family Services

Next Meeting: September 28, 2021. 1:00 to 2:00 EST.