



Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children

Steering Committee Meeting Notes

February 28, 2023, 1:00 – 2:00 EST

Attendees:

Joy Varney	Aetna Better Health of Kentucky	Michelle Malicote Candace Carpenter	Kentucky Department for Public Health- School Health Branch
Christopher Bolling	American Academy of Pediatrics – Kentucky Chapter	Denise Beach	Kentucky Health Department Association
Jennifer Miller	Anthem Medicaid	Gannon Tagher	Kentucky Nurses Association
Joe Bargione	Bounce Coalition	Kathleen Christian	Kentucky Parent Teacher Association – 16th District
Vestena Robbins	Dept. Behavioral Health, Dev.& Intellectual Disabilities	Molly Lewis	Kentucky Primary Care Association
Melissa Goins	Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers	Emily Beauregard Cara Stewart	Kentucky Voices for Health
Amalia Mendoza Allison Adams Alexandra Kerley Katy Walker	Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky	Alicia Whatley	Kentucky Youth Advocates
Joseph Frazier	Kentucky Chamber of Commerce	Laura Beard	Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence
Mike Stone	Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling	Elle Humphrey	St. Elizabeth Healthcare
Elizabeth Anderson- Hoagland	Kentucky Department for Public Health – Health Promotion Branch	J. Eric Davis	United Health Care
Brian Boisseau	Kentucky Department for Public Health – Physical Activity and Nutrition Program		

Meeting Objectives:

- The Steering Committee will discuss further policy actions and process related to the relevant children’s health / school bills presented in the 2023 legislative session.
- The Steering Committee will hear a presentation on the unwinding of the Medicaid Continuous Enrollment Provision and discuss what the coalition and its member organization can do to reduce any negative impact on children and their families.

Pre-Meeting Materials Included in Packet to Review:

- Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children brief on LGBTQ+ children and youth.
- Letter to legislators accompanying KCHC LGBTQ+ brief.
- Press release on Ban Conversion Therapy bill.
- Mason-Dixon Poll on Gender Affirming Care.
- Consumer Rights Public Health Emergency Unwinding Plan.
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Meeting Notes:

I. Member Updates

- Aetna Better Health of Kentucky - SKY has a free 3-part Trauma Informed Care training series for parents, providers and partners on Adverse Childhood Experiences and Building Resilience in Children and Families beginning March 1, 2023. Link to [registration](#).
- ThriveKY will be holding its monthly updates series on state and federal policies that impact the health and wellbeing of Kentuckians on March 6, 2023, from 2:00 to 3:00 EST. Link to register [here](#).
- KVH & the coalition of ThriveKY partners will provide in-person around the Commonwealth events this year, April through November, with updates on state and federal policies that impact the health and wellbeing of Kentuckians. Link [here](#) for more information.
- March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month and March 14, 2023, is Disordered Gambling Screening Day. Link [here](#) for more information.
- The Bounce Grand Rounds on addressing secondary and vicarious trauma will take place March 16, 2023. [View the event flier](#) and [click here to register](#).
- The Prichard Committee is holding its 2023 Groundswell Summit for June 14th and 15th. The Groundswell Summit is a networking and resource gathering opportunity for Kentucky educators, families, administrators, and other community leaders who are seeking new and innovative ideas for increasing student success. Link here for [registration](#) and information.
- The KCHC Steering Committee will meet virtually via zoom until we are able to provide a venue for both in-person and virtual participation.

II. 2023 Legislative Session – Priority Bill Discussion

Cara Stewart led the group in a conversation around bills filed that the Steering Committee could consider supporting or opposing:

Bills to Support		
Bill # / Sponsor	Summary	Status
HB162 Lisa Willner (D-35), primary co sponsor Killian Timoney (R-45)	<i>Topic: Children's Mental Health</i> Youth Mental Health Protection Act – KCHC supported with press release.	02/23/23: to Appropriations & Revenue (H)
HB196 Ken Fleming (R-48)	<i>Topic: Children's Mental Health</i> Establish the Kentucky Mental Health Safety Center within the University of Louisville to be known as SafeKY; require SafeKY to create, implement, and maintain a real-time electronic mental health application; require the application be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year; require the application to be made available at no cost to all elementary, secondary, and postsecondary students and the parents and teachers of those students, among others.	02/17/23: to Health Services (H)



HB384 Myron Dossett (R-9),	<i>Topic: Child Nutrition and childhood obesity prevention</i> Establish the Healthy Farm and Food Innovation Board and specify membership; establish the healthy farm and food innovation fund; among other stipulations.	02/21/23: to Committee on Committees (H)
HB200 Ken Fleming (R-48)	<i>Topic: healthcare workforce</i> Establish the Kentucky healthcare workforce investment fund to enable the CPE, healthcare programs, and healthcare providers and facilities to match public and private dollars for the purpose of awarding scholarships to eligible students and healthcare incentives to eligible healthcare programs, among others.	02/24/23: recommitted to Appropriations & Revenue (H)
SB135 Shelley Funke Frommeyer (R-24)	<i>Topic: Adverse Childhood Experiences</i> Maternal Mental Health Bill - Require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to make information on postpartum depression and a postpartum assessment tool available on its website; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to develop and implement a collaborative program aimed at improving the quality of prevention and treatment of postpartum depression.	02/24/23: 3rd reading, passed 33-0 with Committee Substitute (1) and Committee Amendment (1-title)

Bills to Oppose		
Bill #/ Sponsor	Summary	Status
SB5 Jason Howell (R-1)	<i>Topic: Children's Mental Health / Health Education</i> By July 1, 2023 , each local board of education shall adopt a complaint resolution policy for its local schools to address complaints by parents or guardians on material, programs or events that is harmful to minors which has been provided or "is currently available to a student" enrolled in the local school district. KDE by May shall provide model complaint resolution policy. "Harmful to minors" includes, along with human sexuality, what is "Is patently offensive to prevailing standards regarding what is suitable for minors." <u>The school principal</u> shall determine: whether the material, program, or event that is the subject of the complaint is harmful to minors; whether student access to material that is the subject of the complaint shall remain, be restricted, or be removed; whether a program or event that is the subject of the complaint shall be eligible for future participation by students in the school). Parent can appeal to school board.	02/23/23: 3rd reading, passed 29-4 with Committee Substitute (1)
SB 150 Max Wise (R-16)	<i>Topic: Children's mental health / health education</i> Among other stipulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon enrollment, school districts shall provide a notification to the student's parents listing each of the health services and mental health services related to human sexuality, contraception, or family planning available at the student's school and of the parents' right to withhold consent or decline any of those specific services. • The Kentucky Board of Education, the Kentucky Department of Education or the school district shall not require or recommend policies or procedures for the use of pronouns that do not conform to a student's biological sex as indicated on the student's original, unedited birth certificate issued at the time of birth. • Any course, curriculum, or program offered by a public school on the subject of human sexuality provided by school personnel 	02/17/23: floor amendment (1) filed



	or by third parties authorized by the school shall allow for the parents of a student to decline their student's participation in the course, curriculum, or program	
HB177 Shane Baker (R85)	<i>Topic: Children's Mental Health</i> Among other stipulations: provide that specific governmental employees shall not encourage or coerce a child to withhold information from a parent; recognize additional rights beyond those enumerated; require local boards of education or boards of directors of public charter schools to adopt specific policies to promote involvement of parents in education; require obtaining parental consent prior to procuring, soliciting to perform, arranging for the performance of, providing a referral for, or providing medical or mental health services to a child; waive sovereign, governmental, and qualified immunity; specify applicability;	02/23/23: to Judiciary (H)
HB470 Jennifer Decker (R-58)	<i>Topic: Children's Mental Health</i> The provision of gender transition services to a person under 18 by a health or mental health provider is to be considered unethical and unprofessional conduct, and lead to the revocation of the providers' license, it makes failure to report the provision of gender transition services a crime, prohibits the use of public funds for gender transition services and Medicaid coverage for gender transition procedures for a person under 18, among other stipulations.	02/21/23: to Judiciary (H)
HB3 Kevin Bratcher (R-29)	<i>Topic: Adverse Childhood Experiences</i> Expands who is detained pretrial or pre-adjudication. Makes detention mandatory for children charged with a "violent felony offense" as defined in Kentucky statute for up to 48 hours (not including weekends or holidays), pending a detention hearing. Waives confidentiality provision of juvenile justice records for all children who have admitted to or been adjudicated for a "violent felony offense" and the records remain open for five years after the date of admission or adjudication.	02/24/23: floor amendment (7) filed to Committee Substitute

Comments to the bills under consideration and additions made by the Steering Committee:

- HB196 could potentially move, however there are some concerns with respect to this app, including how it would relate to the new 988 line and funding for that in the next session, or stop tip lines made available to schools for free.
- HB200 has a lot of potential to move given the shortages in nurses, mental health professionals and other health care workers, so it has support from Kentucky nurses, hospital association, etc. This would provide a great opportunity for scholarships to get more students interested in these fields.
- HB41 should be added to the list, it is a KDE toolkit for foster care, addressing the educational needs of children in foster care.
- HB141 on emergency insulin programs should be added to the list of bills to support.



- SB5 – there are already ways for parents to file complaints. This adds language about “offensive to prevailing standards” which is not defined. It shifts power to the school principal, adding a lot of pressure on a principal, who already has a lot going on, and taking it away from school site-based decision-making councils and school boards.
- SB470 – a lot of concern already expressed by the medical associations. People from outside the state are being brought in for hearings and they are not listening to the clinicians and other health providers and parents from Kentucky. The Kentucky American Academy of Pediatrics has sent a letter to the legislature and are asking their members to oppose the bill as well.
- HB538 should be added to the bills to oppose because of how it expands and extends suspensions and expulsions and will most likely only contribute to increasing disparities in schools.

After this review and discussion, the Steering Committee agreed that Amalia would send out a survey with the bills discussed for the Steering Committee members to vote.

III. The Unwinding of the Medicaid Continuous Enrollment Provision.

Emily Beauregard presented an overview of the timeline and activities the state has presented related to the Medicaid unwinding, going over the presentation included in the Steering Committee packet.

Next Meeting: March 28, 2023. 1:00 to 2:00.