



Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children

Steering Committee Meeting Notes

March 28, 2023, 1:00 – 2:00 EST

Attendees:

Sheila Schuster	Advocacy Action Network	Mike Stone	Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling
Christopher Bolling	American Academy of Pediatrics – Kentucky Chapter	Erica Davis	Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
Jennifer Miller	Anthem Medicaid	Michelle Malicote	Kentucky Department for Public Health-School Health Branch
Joe Bargione Beverly Winsch	Bounce Coalition	Kathleen Christian	Kentucky Parent Teacher Association – 16th District
Vestena Robbins	Dept. Behavioral Health, Dev.& Intellectual Disabilities	Emily Beauregard	Kentucky Voices for Health
Kate McDonald	Feeding Kentucky	Laura Beard	Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence
Amalia Mendoza Katy Walker	Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky	Elle Humphrey	St. Elizabeth Healthcare
Eva Stone	Jefferson County Public Schools	J. Eric Davis Jake Archibald Stephanie Koenig	United Healthcare
Joseph Frazier	Kentucky Chamber of Commerce		

Meeting Objective:

- The Steering Committee will review the 2023 Legislative session bills and KCHC and activities and priorities stemming from the session.

Pre-Meeting Materials Included in Packet to Review:

- 2023 Legislative Bill Tracker (updated).
- Priority Bills Chart (updated).
- KCHC-AAN Summary of SB150
- Statement by KDE Commissioner Glass on SB150

Meeting Notes:

I. Member Updates

- **Trauma Informed Care Series: ACEs and Building Resilience- March 1, 2023:** Aetna Better Health of Kentucky - SKY has announced this free 3-part Trauma Informed Care training series for parents, providers and partners on Adverse Childhood Experiences and Building Resilience in Children and Families. [Registration.](#)



- **State and Federal Policy Updates – March 6, 2023:** 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. [Registration.](#)
- **ThriveKY Regional Advocacy for Thriving Communities Series:** 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. Speakers will discuss how to advocate for a stronger safety net through public assistance programs designed to support thriving communities. [Registration](#)
- **Problem Gambling Awareness Month:** March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month and March 14, 2023, is Disordered Gambling Screening Day. The Harvard Medical School Teaching Hospital and the Cambridge Health Alliance Division on Addiction have prepared a screening day toolkit which includes information about gambling disorder, screening day resources for hosts and supporters, and the screener itself. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Bounce Grand Rounds: Addressing Secondary & Vicarious Trauma - March 16th, 2023, 10:00am - 11:30am EST:** The Bounce Coalition is holding a virtual forum designed to foster cross-sector collaboration and build a more resilient, trauma-informed community while generating practical solutions. [View the event flier](#) and [click here to register.](#)
- **2023 Groundswell Summit:** The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence has announced the 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. Click here for [registration](#) and information.

II. **2023 Legislative Session Review and Conversation on the Coalition’s Policy Actions during the Session.**

The Steering Committee congratulated Dr. Sheila Schuster for Senate Resolution 18 which honored her career.

The Steering Committee discussed the overall session including the process of the Committee in terms of acting on prioritized bills.

Some members expressed that they could not vote in representation of their organization on actions which hadn’t been reviewed by their leadership, so they could act as citizens, signing on to letters or calling legislators, but would need more time to consult with their organizations for them to be representing the organization in policy actions. This was made particularly clear this session with respect to DEI legislation.

Some options discussed with respect to this were:

- The Steering Committee needed to be more prepared in advance. Over the interim, between sessions, have the Steering Committee agree on positions related to general topics, such as immunizations, transgender health, mental health, etc. Then have representatives take this back to their organizations to get general approval on the statement so that when a piece of legislation is moving forward on a position taken, the statements can be issues and the



organizations have already had the conversations and voted, so it would expedite taking actions during the session.

- Make sure we are consulting with the Kentucky chapter of the organization beforehand. Some larger organizations are less nimble, so it is harder to get quick approval for actions if the consultation needs to go higher up in the organization.
- If we see bills coming, have blanket statements ready on some critical issues as a coalition, much like we did with the immunization brief and the LGBTQ+ brief.
- It is also important to clarify who is voting (the denominator) to determine the majority for certain positions. The MOU signed by Steering Committee members provides guidelines on this, e.g., state agency representatives are ex-officio, non-voting members. Members who have not attended meetings for a period would also not be counted in the denominator.
- Another option with respect to the “denominator” to determine the majority on a vote is that those who have chosen to pass on a vote are not included in the denominator. Each representative would have to vote for or against to determine what the coalition will support or oppose.

The Steering Committee began conversations with respect to the next steps on the bills which passed this session.

- There is a need to do damage mitigation. It is important to enhance coordination with more medical allies, such as the KMA, the KPA, KY Family Practice Organization, etc.
- The coalition should begin coordinating monitoring efforts, find a group, a central place where people are reporting issues stemming from the legislation and its impact.
- Increase the understanding, the education around some of the issues that seemed to have been voted on by legislators without complete information. Conversations with legislators working on these issues, codification of standards of care, get testimonies to legislators between sessions, meet with Committee Chairs.
- Increase the involvement of faith communities.
- Consider a Children’s Summit to bring together coalitions and other partner organizations.

The conversation on next steps will continue at the April meeting of the Coalition.

Next Meeting: April 25, 2023. 1:00 to 2:00.