



## Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children

### Steering Committee Meeting Notes

June 28, 2022, 1:00 to 2:00 EST

#### Attendees:

Sheila Schuster	Advocacy Action Network	Erica Davis	Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
Melissa Goins	Family Youth Resource Services Centers - CHFS	Elizabeth Anderson-Hoagland	Kentucky Chronic Disease Program - Kentucky Department for Public Health
Kate McDonald	Feeding Kentucky	Alesha Staley	Coordinated School Health - Kentucky Department for Public Health
Amalia Mendoza Chloe Atwater	Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky	Emily Beauregard	Kentucky Voices for Health
Eva Stone	Jefferson County Public Schools	Alicia Whatley	Kentucky Youth Advocates
Joseph Frazier	Kentucky Chamber of Commerce	Laura Beard	Prichard Committee
Vestena Robbins	Kentucky Dept. Behavioral Health, Dev.& Intellectual Disabilities	Elle Humphrey	St. Elizabeth Health Care
Shannon Parker	Kentucky Family Thrive – KY DPH	Eric Davis	United Health Care

#### Meeting Objective:

The Steering Committee will hear a presentation on child and youth mental health programs at the state level and begin planning discussions on this priority health issue

#### Pre-Meeting Materials Included in Packet to Review:

- KCHC Steering Committee priority health issue survey results.
- Data from the 2022 School Pulse Panel (IES) related to mental health and schools (click on Mental Health and Well-Being tab): [IES](#)

#### Meeting Notes:

##### I. Member Updates

- The Steering Committee welcomed Feeding Kentucky, the newest member organization to the Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children. Kate McDonald, No Kid Hungry Kentucky Campaign Director for Feeding Kentucky, will be representing the organization.
- On July 7, 2022, the **9-8-8 101 Webinar** is being offered from Noon – 1:00 p.m. by Megan Cole, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – KY Chapter and Marcie Timmerman, Mental Health America of Kentucky. The webinar is free, but registration is required. Tune in and learn all that you need to know about the roll-out on July 16<sup>th</sup> of the National **9-8-8 Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Line**.

Link to register: [9-8-8](#)



- **ThriveKY & CHFS Monthly Advocacy Updates, State & Federal Policy.** August 2, 2022 at 2:00 EST.

Link to register: [ThriveKY](#)

If you miss the monthly state and federal policy updates, or ThriveKY Advocacy Series, you can see them on the [Kentucky Voices for Health YouTube channel](#).

- The PTA's 125 Anniversary Convention took place June 14-19 and this is the [2022 PTA Capitol Hill Day Ask: Community Safety and Youth Violence Prevention](#) document.
- The Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children's Newsletter launched on June 1, 2022. Please distribute among your networks. Send in information and suggestions to Chloe Atwater for the July edition.
- The July meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 27, from 1:00 to 2:00.

## II. **Presentation on Child and Youth Mental Health Programs at the Federal and State Level**

The KCHC Steering Committee responses to the survey on the priority health issue to be addressed this year resulted in child and youth mental health selected as the priority. It was clarified that this does not mean the KCHC won't respond to other health issues that affect the population of focus of the coalition, the ones already prioritized in the KCHC policy priority tree. It is an agreement to address an issue which most have deemed critical at this time and doubling the coalition's efforts to support change.

A first step in this direction is to know the state of child and youth health in Kentucky, and what programs are already in place to address the issue, so as to not duplicate efforts, but rather determine where the KCHC can be most useful in supporting improvements for children and youth, in the school setting.

With that in mind, Dr. Vestena Robbins, Senior Executive Advisor, Innovation & Implementation Support Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, began the conversation with a presentation on the Federal and State Level programs.

The slide deck with the presentation will be sent to all Steering Committee members.

At the next meeting of the Steering Committee, follow up questions for Dr. Robbins will be addressed. The Steering Committee will then have an overview on understanding and improving children's mental health by Dr. Sheila Schuster, Executive Director of the Advocacy Action Network.

**Next Meeting:** July 27, 2022, 1:00 to 2:00