



Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children

Steering Committee Meeting Notes

September 29, 2020, 2:00 to 3:00 EST

Attendees:

Elizabeth Anderson- Hoagland	DPH - Kentucky Health Promotion Program
Tracey Antle	Cumberland Family Medical Center, Inc.
Nicole Barber-Culp	Kentucky Department for Public Health
Joe Bargione	Bounce Coalition
Laura Beard	Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence
Emily Beauregard	Kentucky Voices for Health
Angela Cooper	Kentucky Voices for Health
Amanda Goldman	Gordon Food Service
Mahak Kalra	Kentucky Youth Advocates
Elise Kearns	University of Kentucky
Amalia Mendoza	Coalition Coordinator - Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
Donna Piercy	Humana
Sheila Schuster	Advocacy Action Network
Lucy Senters	KY Dept. for Medicaid Services
Mike Stone	KY Council on Problem Gambling
Jim Tackett	KDE – Coordinated School Health
Alicia Whatley	Kentucky Youth Advocates
Beverly Winsch	Bounce Coalition

Meeting Objective:

- Discuss the Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children priority health issues.

Pre-Meeting Assignment: Complete prioritization survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WPRV5LF>

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Updates:

- The Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children web site has been created. It will continue to be developed but an initial version for the membership campaign has been set up. The membership letter being distributed will contain a link to the membership form on the web site.

Link: <https://www.kentuckyhealthychildren.org/>

- Twenty-four organizations have signed the memorandum of understanding (MOU). The Kentucky Department of education is signing the MOU with the following addition:



“The laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall govern all questions as to the execution, validity, interpretation, construction and performance of this MOU or any of its terms. Any suit, action or other proceeding regarding the execution validity, interpretation, construction, or performance of this MOU shall be filled in the Franklin Circuit Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.” And a signature line for the KCHC.

- The survey on priority health issues received 19 responses from Steering Committee members. A summary of the survey was presented by Amalia Mendoza. The summary is being sent with these meeting notes.

Priority Health Issues Conversation:

- The survey was developed as a starting point for the conversation on priority health issues, but is by no means meant to be comprehensive or conclusive.
- The responses to the survey indicate the intensity of support towards addressing the issues of childhood obesity, children’s behavioral health, access to healthcare, preventive care, and tobacco use, as well as some initial policies and practices for these areas, which will be useful in future planning.

The group posed that access to health care coverage should be dealt with separately from access to healthcare services. Nursing services –a full time school nurse in every school- were considered an important priority given that many of these priorities fit within the services they can provide and or coordinate (preventive services, obesity/diabetes counseling, tobacco cessation, etc.).

- A long-term plan for policies to address some of these issues, while important and something the Coalition could eventually work on, is currently not the direction the Steering Committee wants to take. Given the wave of change brought on by things like the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the issues surrounding racial injustice, the members considered it would be best not to spend too much time planning at present, but rather **develop a more action oriented agenda**. Get quick wins under our belt.
- Short and long term priorities should contemplate:
 - The interconnectedness of health issues and keeping a holistic view of children’s health.
 - A perspective that includes an analysis of the social determinants of health.



- The need to involve local partners, have local representation, in particular local schools.
- A need to ensure that organizations in the coalition don't feel excluded if we narrow the focus only to certain issues that don't align with their priority work; everyone needs to have a vested interest in the Coalition's agenda.
- Keep front and center that increased funding is a theme that runs through all systemic / policy responses to the health issues children face. The Coalition's role should be to define how to support schools in developing their ability to provide access to services or contracting services with other community partners.
- Make sure we're collaborating with other groups, some of which may already taking a lead on an issue.

Next Steps

The next meeting of the Coalition will be dedicated to talking about the 2021 legislative session. Steering Committee members were asked to centralize information about legislation moving forward related to children's health and schools. Additionally, suggestions on a legislator or two that will be presenting such legislation who could be invited to the meeting should be sent to Amalia.

Next Meeting

Monday, October 26, 2020. 2:00 to 3:00 EST