



## Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children

### Steering Committee Meeting Notes

January 01, 2022, 1:00 to 2:00 EST

#### Attendees:

Candace Gurley Kelly Pullen	<a href="#">Aetna Better Health of Kentucky</a>	Veronica Judy Cecil	<a href="#">Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services</a>
Kat Satterley	<a href="#">Alliance for a Healthier Generation</a>	Elizabeth Anderson-Hoagland	<a href="#">Kentucky Department for Public Health</a>
Jennifer Miller	<a href="#">Anthem Medicaid</a>	Dana Nickles	<a href="#">Kentucky Health Department Association</a>
Joe Bargione Beverly Winsch	<a href="#">Bounce Coalition</a>	Penny Christian	<a href="#">Kentucky Parent Teacher Association -16<sup>th</sup> District</a>
Melissa McDonald	<a href="#">Brighter Bites</a>	Emily Beauregard Cara Stewart	<a href="#">Kentucky Voices for Health</a>
Wendy Morris Vestena Robbins	<a href="#">Dept. Behavioral Health, Dev.&amp; Intellectual Disabilities</a>	Alicia Whatley	<a href="#">Kentucky Youth Advocates</a>
Amalia Mendoza Allison Adams Chloe Atwater Alexandra Kerley Allison Wells	<a href="#">Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky</a>	Laura Beard	<a href="#">Pritchard Committee</a>
Lauren Sherrow	<a href="#">GLSEN Bluegrass</a>	Pukur Patel	<a href="#">Seven Counties Services Inc.</a>
Lori Vogel	<a href="#">Kentucky Association for School Social Work</a>	Elle Humphrey	<a href="#">St. Elizabeth Healthcare</a>
Mike Stone	<a href="#">Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling</a>	J. Eric Davis	<a href="#">United Health Care</a>
Jim Tackett Stephanie Bunge	<a href="#">Kentucky Department of Education</a>	Liza Creel	<a href="#">University of Louisville</a>

#### Meeting Objectives:

- The Steering Committee will review and discuss the KCHC coalition survey results and improvements to the coalition's structure and work.
- The Steering Committee will review and discuss the 2022 legislative session bills related to children's health in schools.

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

- Kentucky Coalition for Children's Coalition Survey Report and comments
- 2022 Bill Tracking Chart- Priority and Other Bills
- Letter to the General Assembly for Equity and Justice in Schools
- Principles for Equity and Justice in Schools.

#### Meeting Notes:

##### I. Member Updates

- The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky introduced Chloe Atwater, the Foundation's new policy associate, to the group. Chloe will be supporting the KCHC's work in various ways, including the



coalition's newsletter which we'd like to launch this year. A draft proposal of the newsletter will be presented to the Steering Committee at the February meeting.

- The letter to all legislators from the KCHC Chair, Ben Chandler, was sent with the coalition's *Principles for Equity and Justice in Schools* and the KCHC's equity vision and mission statements. The letter also highlighted the data related to disparities. The link to both is on the KCHC website: [KCHC Policy](#)
- ThriveKY will be joined by leadership from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services for a quarterly program to provide the latest updates on February 7.  
Registration: [ThriveKY](#)
- The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky with the Kentucky Diabetes Network is co-sponsoring Diabetes Day at the Capitol on February 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Registration: [DDC](#)
- Save the date for our Annual Kentucky Tobacco Control Conference with the Kentucky Center for Smoke-free Policy (KCSP). The conference will be held virtually on Thursday, April 14 from approximately 9 AM ET to 4 pm ET (times subject to change).
- The 2022 Behavior Institute will be held June 16-17 at the Galt House.  
More information at <https://www.kyccbd.org>
- Kentucky Youth Advocate led Children's Advocacy Week in January and recordings can be found at the following link, and the [Blueprint for Kentucky's Children](#) and the [KYA Bill Tracker](#) are on line at the highlighted links. The Bloom ACEs campaign policy priorities are on the bill tracker. Children's Advocacy Week Recordings:  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBMzYwCytDLDCsdQeU6GaKv9euWGH-fsk>
- The Prichard Committee provided the link to information on the Greater Owensboro Partnership for Early Development: <https://prichardcommittee.org/goped/>
- The Kentucky Nurses Association provided the following link to an interview with Eva Stone related to the policy proposal of a nurse in all public schools: [KNA - video interview](#)

This information related to events in January would also be shared with the full Steering Committee via email after the meeting.

## **II. Presentation: KCHC Coalition Survey Report. Discussion of results**

Dr. Beverly Wunsch presented the results of the Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children baseline survey. The group discussed some of the suggestions to improve the effectiveness of the coalition that were proposed in the survey by members.

With respect to equity:

- Teach members how to use an equity lens
- Engage more stakeholders who are people of color

With respect to KCHC Steering Committee functioning:

- Explain decision-making process



- Consider partner suggestions and continue gathering member input
- Collect member input in real-time (e.g. use on voting app)
- Provide onboarding support for new members
- Use shared drive
- Connect with larger, kick-off group
- Need better data
- Hold in-person meetings if vaccinated
- Extend meeting length if remote format continues

The comments and suggestions made by the Steering Committee included:

- With respect to **decision-making**, the memorandum of understanding signed by Steering Committee member organizations indicates:

*The Steering Committee will have voting and non-voting members. State agency representatives will be ex-officio members acting in a technical assistance capacity.*

*The rules contained in the most current version of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all rules of this body, in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with this MOU or any special rules of this body.*

*A quorum (simple majority of Steering Committee members) must be present in order to conduct business, vote, and pass motions. Members may participate remotely through video or phone conferencing.*

Given that we would like to have as many Steering Committee organizations participating in the vote, some committee members considered that the suggestion of real-time voting through an app would not give everyone an opportunity to vote. The group felt it would be better to make voting more formal and to vote by survey, sent to all members with a clear explanation.

Committee members also suggested that we have more involvement in the decision-making process from the broader membership. A process suggested was to vote on a topic, then get feedback from other members, and then allow the Steering Committee to weigh in on that.

- With respect to improving our **equity** lens and work, it was pointed out that while the Steering Committee had worked through common language, had an expert guest speaker present, and created an equity vision and mission statement and principles, it was important for the organizations that comprise the Steering Committee to also do some internal work on their equity lens. If we don't come with that lens, we may not be equipped and have the necessary safe space for equity conversations. It is up to each organization to assign the time and commitment to developing an equity lens.

The KCHC needs to have a clear understanding of diversity, of representation on the Steering Committee. Our lens of equity should not be tunnel vision.

- To address the issue of continuing the needed work on **diversity, equity and inclusion**, the Committee agreed that a standing work group should be created. The group did not want to have this group be an "equity group" but rather broader, infusing equity in all aspects of the coalition's work. This *membership group* (tentative name) would look into the training needs of the Committee, put forward motions to the Steering Committee on how to improve some of the other issues brought up in the survey, and continue to promote and oversee the DEI work of the



coalition. Organizations interested in participating in this work group should send an email to the Coalition Coordinator, Amalia Mendoza.

### **III. 2022 Legislative Session**

Cara Stewart reviewed the bills with an impact on children's health, health and education presented so far in the 2022 legislative session.

The group would discuss which bills it would prioritize and possible actions at its February meeting.

**Next Meeting:** February 28, 2022. 1:00 to 2:00 EST.