



## Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children

### Steering Committee Meeting Notes

October 26, 2021, 1:00 to 2:00 EST

#### Attendees:

Jennifer Miller	Anthem Medicaid	Lucy Senters	Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
Joe Bargione Beverly Winsch	Bounce Coalition	Elizabeth Anderson-Hoagland	Kentucky Department for Public Health
Melissa McDonald	Brighter Bites	Penny Christian	Kentucky Parent Teacher Association -16 <sup>th</sup> District
Wendy Morris Vestena Robbins	Dept. Behavioral Health, Dev.& Intellectual Disabilities	Emily Beuregard Cara Stewart	Kentucky Voices for Health
Amalia Mendoza Allison Adams	Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky	Alicia Whatley	Kentucky Youth Advocates
Lauren Sherrow	GLSEN Bluegrass	Laura Beard	Pritchard Committee
Lori Vogel	Kentucky Association for School Social Work	Pukur Patel	Seven Counties Services / Brooklawn and Bellewood
Mike Stone	Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling	Elle Humphrey	St. Elizabeth Healthcare
Jim Tackett Stephanie Bunge	Kentucky Department of Education	Liza Creel	University of Louisville

#### Meeting Objectives:

- The Steering Committee will discuss and approve the Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children's Equity Vision and Mission Statements, and Principles for Equity and Justice in Schools.,
- The Steering Committee will begin conversations around gathering information to develop the KCHC 2022 legislative session policy agenda.

#### Pre-Meeting Materials to Review:

- Kentucky Coalition for Children's Health Equity Vision and Mission Statements & Principles for Equity and Justice in Schools – Draft (included in meeting packet)
- 2022 Session Bill Request Chart – Draft (included in meeting packet)
- Achieving Equity to Build a Stronger Kentucky: A Report of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Task Force on Racial Equity. [KY Chamber Equity](#)
- Big Bold Future: Kentucky's National Rankings Report. [Pritchard Committee](#)

#### Meeting Notes:

##### I. Member Updates

- Dr. Beverly Winsch, evaluator, indicated that while there had been 30 responses to the the Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children's Coalition Survey, around 10 of them were partially completed. This survey constitutes the baseline for the Coalition to measure its progress, so it is important to have as many completed responses as possible. Therefore, the deadline to complete the survey was extended until Thursday, September 28, 2021.



- Laura Beard, for the Prichard Committee, informed the group that Family Engagement in Education Week was November 15-19. Link to resources and activities: <https://prichardcommittee.org/familyengagement/>
- Alicia Whatley, for Kentucky Youth Advocates, informed the group of the *Nix the Next* Campaign and their Advocate Virtual Forum on Youth Tobacco Prevention to take place on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>: [KYA Youth Tobacco](https://kyyouth.org/nixthenext/). <https://kyyouth.org/nixthenext/>
- Vestena Robbins, for the Dept. Behavioral Health, Dev.& Intellectual Disabilities, and Lauren Sherrow for GLSEN Bluegrass, informed the group of GLSEN's Solidarity Week, November 1-5: <https://www.glsen.org/programs/solidarity-week>
- Emily Beauregard, for Kentucky Voices for Health, gave an update on the *ThriveKY* Forum with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), to take place on November 2 at 2:00 EDT: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsdumvrjluGtw8Lq-9DercWDE5WLQ4Cjkt>
- Elizabeth Anderson- Hoagland, for the Kentucky Department for Public Health, indicated that the *Partnership for a Fit Kentucky* was holding a meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 11 am, EST. Register here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdO6grTloHdc4B2fs-HYZ\\_1tDN6LSBS56](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdO6grTloHdc4B2fs-HYZ_1tDN6LSBS56)

This information was also shared to the full Steering Committee via email.

## II. Discussion of KCHC equity vision and mission statements, and principles for equity and justice in schools.

The draft equity vision and mission statements, and the principles for equity and justice in schools presented to the Steering Committee is a product of a Steering Committee work group, based on the Steering Committee discussion held at the October 26, 2021, meeting. The work group participants who developed the draft were Vestena Robbins, Penny Christian, Lauren Sherrow, Laura Beard, Chaka Cummings, Emily Beauregard, Cara Stewart and Amalia Mendoza.

Comments from the group:

- It is good that the KCHC is developing this document; it provides a good grounding for what we consider the best policies and practices. Various members indicated it was well done and well written.
- Make sure the document is not solely about race.
- The equity mission statement doesn't include families, but we do have that in the overall KCHC mission statement.
- It's good we included our understanding of equity and that we used the Annie E. Casey Foundation definition.
- It would be good to include the WHO definition of health:

"Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition."



- The KCHC could design an Equity and Justice webpage to provide definition for key terms, with “pop-ups”, hovering over terms, or hyperlinking to the KCHC shared definitions.
- Mental health is a priority and needs to be explicitly mentioned. The group agreed to add it to the third bullet point.
- The issue of discipline and discipline policies is a critical one for children and youth in schools. The principles should encourage engaging in equitable disciplinary and restorative practices.
- Access to programs (gifted and talented) is an issue that should be brought up in the data.

### **III. Legislative Priorities.**

The group began conversation around the 2022 pre filed bills and how the KCHC wanted to intervene during the session.

It was made clear that the governmental organizations on the Steering Committee could not take a position or vote on a position with respect to any specific legislation.

It was also emphasized that the Coalition must make decisions based on current research, in terms of supporting or opposing any legislation.

The chart included in the packet would be updated for the next meeting, in which there would be a more in-depth discussion on the legislation and the position of the KCHC with respect to some of the pre-filed bills. Steering Committee. Members were asked to send in any additional bills they knew were going to be filed, as well as information as to the groups supporting some of the legislation.

**Next Meeting:** November 30, 2021. 1:00 to 2:00 EST.