



## Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children

### Steering Committee Meeting Notes

June 29, 2021, 1:00 to 2:00 EST

#### Attendees:

Sheila Schuster	Advocacy Action Network	Elizabeth Anderson-Hoagland Nicole Barber-Culp	Kentucky Department for Public Health
Candance Gurley	Aetna Better Health of Kentucky KY SKY Program	Jeff Hadley Donna Piercy	Kentucky Humana Healthy Horizons
Christopher Bolling	American Academy of Pediatrics – Kentucky Chapter	Gannon Tagher	Kentucky Nurses Association
Shannon Smith	American Heart Association	Penny Christian	Kentucky Parent Teacher Association – 16 <sup>th</sup> District
Joe Bargione	Bounce Coalition	David Bolt	Kentucky Primary Care Association
Jessica Lawrence	Cairn Guidance, Inc.	Emily Beuregard Cara Stewart	Kentucky Voices for Health
Amalia Mendoza Allison Adams Ashley Brauer	Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky	Mahak Kalra	Kentucky Youth Advocates
Mike Stone	Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling	Jeb Teichman Divya Cantor Suzanne Lewis	United HealthCare Community Plan of Kentucky
Jim Tackett Stephanie Bunge	Kentucky Department of Education	Elise Kearns	University of Kentucky

#### Meeting Objective:

Develop the Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children 2021 policy agenda.

#### Pre-Meeting Materials to Review:

Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children Policy Priority Survey Results.

#### Meeting Notes:

##### I. Member Updates

- The conversation related to equity which the Steering Committee undertook at the May meeting will be ongoing. Various equity tools were sent with the May meeting notes. A two-hour, in-person meeting in the fall is a possibility to take a deeper dive into the issue and develop coalition equity tools.
- The Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children’s policy recommendations were sent to Commissioner Glass of the Kentucky Department of Education and a meeting has been set with him for July 13, 2021, at 10:00. The participants in the meeting will include the



Coalition Chair and Coordinator, as well as Steering Committee members who have indicated their interest in attending.

- The KCHC Newsletter is being designed. In the meant time, coalition members are receiving updates on Steering Committee Activities via email. The notes from the Steering Committee meetings are also being posted on our web site.
- The Bounce Coalition reported that it held a workshop on developing school trauma informed plans. Thirty-two school districts participated in the workshop from counties all over the Commonwealth. July 1<sup>st</sup> was the date for schools to send their plans to be reviewed by the School Boards. The Kentucky Department of Education is not collecting the plans.
- Kentucky Youth Advocates reported on the release of the Kids Count 2020 Report. Kentucky ranks 37<sup>th</sup> for overall child well-being. Link to the report: <https://kyyouth.org/kentucky-kids-count/>.
- Kentucky Youth Advocates in partnership with the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky is launching a two-year Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) policy campaign. It has the support of various Kentucky-based foundations. The Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children may establish an ACEs work group to coordinate with the campaign on school-related ACEs policy issues.
- The School Funding Task Force of the Kentucky Legislature met for two hours. Adequate funding for schools is an issue the Coalition has already raised in their initial communication with the General Assembly and the coalition may pursue sending a letter to this task force.

## II. Developing the KCHC Policy Agenda

The policy priority survey was sent to all Steering Committee members, and 21 responses were received. A summary document was prepared and included in the Steering Committee meeting packet.

To being the conversation, Jess Lawrence from Cairn Guidance Inc. presented on the importance of developing a policy agenda with a systems and sustainability lens in mind.

The group agreed it was necessary to identify some of the core capacity and sustainability issues that needed to be addressed in order for schools to be able to tackle many of the issues that the coalition has highlighted as its priority policies. Examples of these core issues include, adequate funding, increasing local school data, or a Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) Coordinator for each county to advocate for other policy issues.

The Committee agreed that it was important to advocate for fundamental supports that would allow other more specific policies to be developed.

Jess presented examples of “policy trees” from the Oregon Healthy Kids Learn Better partnership with which she worked and provided a link to the report *Investing in School Health Capacity*:

[https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYPEOPLEFAMILIES/YOUTH/HEALTHSCHOOL/HKLB/Documents/Report\\_SHC.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYPEOPLEFAMILIES/YOUTH/HEALTHSCHOOL/HKLB/Documents/Report_SHC.pdf)



The Steering Committee approved developing a 2021 policy tree and including the core capacity and sustainability issues. The group suggested the following be included among the core capacity and sustainability “trunk” of the tree:

- Increasing school funding
- Equity / racial equity
- Local data
- WSCC coordinator
- ACES and trauma informed schools

It was also mentioned that the tree needs fertile “soil”, those social determinants which also need to be considered which affect the desired outcomes.

An ad hoc group was formed that will develop the draft of the coalition’s policy tree to be reviewed at the next meeting of the Steering Committee. The group will be comprised of: Jess Lawrence, Elise Kearns, Penny Christian, Joe Bargione, Emily Beauregard, and Amalia Mendoza.

### **Next Meeting:**

**July 27, 2021. 1:00 to 2:00 EST.**