



Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children

Steering Committee Meeting Notes

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

Attendees:

Sheila Schuster	Advocacy Action Network	Jim Tackett Stephanie Bunge	Kentucky Department of Education
Kelly Pullen	Aetna Better Health of Kentucky	Elizabeth Anderson-Hoagland Alesha Staley	Kentucky Department for Public Health
Joe Bargione Beverly Winsch	Bounce Coalition	Dana Nickles	Kentucky Health Department Association
Tracey Antle	Cumberland Family Medical Center, Inc.	Donna Piercy Jeff Hadley	Kentucky Humana Healthy Horizons
Wendy Morris Vestena Robbins	Dept. Behavioral Health, Dev.& Intellectual Disabilities	Emily Beauregard Cara Stewart	Kentucky Voices for Health
Amalia Mendoza Allison Adams Chloe Atwater Allyson Wells	Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky	Alicia Whatley	Kentucky Youth Advocates
Eva Stone	Jefferson County Public Schools	Pukur Patel	Seven Counties Services Inc.
Lori Vogel	Kentucky Association for School Social Work	Elle Humphrey	St. Elizabeth Healthcare
Mike Stone	Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling	Elise Kearns	University of Kentucky

Meeting Objectives:

- The Steering Committee will review the results of the 2022 Legislative Priorities survey and discuss possible actions and strategies.
- The Steering Committee will approve the KCHC's newsletter name, sections, periodicity, and content.

Pre-Meeting Materials Included in Packet to Review:

- Summary results of the 2022 Legislative Priorities survey.
- 2022 Bill Tracking Chart – link.
- Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children Newsletter mock-up.

Meeting Notes:

I. Member Updates

- A new member of the Steering Committee was introduced, Alesha Staley will be replacing Nicole Barber-Culp from the Kentucky Department of Public Health's Healthy Schools Team.
- The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky introduced communications associate Allyson Wells, who will be supporting the development of the KCHC Newsletter.



- ThriveKY's **Forum on State and Federal Policy**, with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, will take place on March 7, 2022 at 2pm ET.
Link to register: [ThriveKY](#)
- The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky's Health for a Change webinar on March 17 is **Assessing Family and Intimate Partner Violence**, linked to the Foundation's work on Adverse Childhood Experiences.
Registration link: [H4C](#)
- The Kentucky Public Health Association is holding it's **2022 KPHA Annual Conference** in Bowling Green on April 20-22, 2022 with continuing education credits offered.
Registration and sponsorship information: [KPHA](#)

II. 2022 Legislative Priorities Survey

The relevant bills were reviewed. Additional comments made:

- An updated legislative priority bills survey will be sent out with a third option (besides support and oppose) if more information or understanding of the bill is needed. If that option is checked, someone from KVH or the Foundation will reach out to provide additional information.
- A comments box will be added to each bill on the survey.
- As the Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children selects the bills to support and oppose, it is important to remember we are working within a tight timeline. There are various ways with which we will act as a coalition on the bills the Steering Committee has a majority vote to support or oppose:
 - Action alert will be sent out when bills are up for a critical vote to call the message line to support or oppose.
 - Send a brief letter on the Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children letterhead to the legislator(s) who can influence the bill passage/opposition.
 - Send emails to members of committees, where that is appropriate.
- It is important for legislators to get to know the coalition, to hear from coalition Steering Committee members with more frequency. We want to get our name out there, but also so legislators know they can count on us as a resource.
- The bill tracker is updated regularly. The Google tracker will have the most updated version.
- While it is too late for this session, in the interim session we should include a conversation around some of the national groups that exert influence during the legislative session so we have a context for the next legislative session.

III. Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children Newsletter

Chloe Atwater presented the outline of the newsletter the Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children expects to release this year. Steering Committee members who are interested in working on the newsletter were asked to contact Amalia Mendoza to form a work group.

Next Meeting: March 31, 2022 (Date set via e-mail).