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**Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 03/03/2025**

**Attendance**

X	Alexis Bond <i>NKYHD School Health Coordinator</i>		Gabi Deaton <i>NKYHD Harm Reduction</i>	X	Marsha Bach <i>NKYHD Programs Manager</i>
	Amanda Broderick <i>Anthem</i>		Jade Jacobs <i>PreventionFirst!</i>		Mary Schneider <i>Ext. Office - Cancer Control</i>
	Amanda Conn Starnes <i>PreventionFirst! Sr. Director</i>		Jeff Colon <i>Pastor Lighthouse</i>		Richard Langley <i>NKODCP/NKADD</i>
X	Brittany Stepp <i>ARC</i>		Jill Buntin <i>GCHS Counselor</i>		Robin Webster <i>RMB Agency</i>
X	Brooke Oldfield <i>NorthKey</i>		Jodi Clifford <i>St. Elizabeth Nursing Director</i>		Sarah Bishop <i>NorthKey</i>
	Casey Baker <i>NKYHD Tobacco Educator</i>		Katrina Davis <i>Humana</i>		Sarah Paige Wood <i>Owen Co. DFC</i>
	Christi Jefferds <i>NKISP/NKCES</i>		Kayla Nickum <i>NorthKey Prevention Specialist</i>		Seth Steele <i>NKYHD Harm Reduction Educator</i>
	Christina Weinel <i>NKODCP/NKADD</i>		Kelly West <i>Williamstown FRYSC</i>		Shaina Board <i>Anthem Medicaid</i>
X	Courtney New <i>NKY ASAP</i>		Lauren Kathman <i>NKYHD Harm Reduction</i>		Tyler Mullins <i>GCHS YSC</i>
	Danielle Haley- Business Official <i>GC Schools Public Info Officer</i>		Leslie Salisbury <i>Passport Health</i>		
X	David Judd <i>Kentucky Counterdrug DDRO</i>		Linda Bates - Secretary <i>WellCare</i>		
	Deacon Dzierzawski <i>Evaluator - Epiphany</i>		Lisa Anglin <i>St. Elizabeth Community Liaison</i>		
X	Emily Dade - Chair <i>GCMS YSC</i>		Lori Webb <i>St. Elizabeth</i>		
	Emily Oehler <i>NKYHD Tobacco Educator</i>		Marianne Smith <i>DRE FRC</i>		

**Guests:** Mike Mizer (1N5)

**NOTE:** Due to the Reset & Recharge facilitated by 1N5 during the meeting, only the record of attendance qualifies as official meeting minutes. The following information contains post-meeting updates provided by the Coordinator. These topics were not discussed during the coalition meeting.

● **Substance Update/Legislative Summary**

- Highlighting did not save appropriately when sent with meeting reminder. Will be resent with meeting follow up.
- The deadline to file bills has passed. For the remainder of the legislative session, there will be no new bills to watch.
- HB 211 (provide that local government restrictions on smoking shall not apply to cigar bars) passed 74-19 in House; must pass Senate
- HB 437 (Alcoholic Beverage Control administrators and investigators shall not have the power to make arrests unless he or she is certified) passed 87-6 in House, must pass Senate



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- SB 100 (create the Division of Tobacco, Nicotine, and Vapor Product Licensing within the Department of Beverage Control) passed 33-3 in Senate; must pass House
- **Coordinator's Report**
  - DFC Non-Competing Continuation Application submitted 2/28
- **Budget Overview**
  - Two fringe benefits (\$14.93 each; \$29.86 total) were not deducted - has been fixed
  - Office Depot order \$54.67 had been deducted twice - has been fixed
  - DFC Budget Remaining: \$85,927.35
    - DFC In-Kind Match Requirement Met: %46.56
  - Non DFC-Funding Balance: \$888.99
- **Coalition Capacity Assessment**
  - Scores continue to increase in most areas each year - yay!
  - Diverse recruiting should be seen as a journey - not a destination
    - Diversity in this context is non-prevention professionals

**2025 Meetings @ Oaks Grove Venue in Grant County Park**

April - NO MEETING

May 5th - Truth & Consequences planning for October 2025

June 2nd - Project Sticker Shock

July - NO MEETING

August 4th

September 8th (2nd Monday due to Labor Day)

October 6th

November 3rd

December 1st



## February 2025 Substance Update

### Local Update:

- Second Kenton County dispensary has moved to Carroll County

### State Updates:

- Please see attached Legislative Summary provided by NKY ASAP
  - Orange highlights are bills we discussed last month
  - Blue highlights are new bills to watch since last month's substance update
  - Bills without highlights are bills we have not discussed/are not watching in relation to our work
  - Bills not included in the Legislative Summary:
    - **SB230** - create a per se limit for a blood level of tetrahydrocannabinol signifying intoxication
      - This is a "companion" SB to HB34 which we discussed last month

### Federal Updates:

- None

## Legislative Summary 2-21-25

### Cannabis/Marijuana

#### 7 Bills Introduced

- **SB33** – Changes to penalties for small amounts of marijuana
- **SB36** – Creating ballot question for personal use/recreational cannabis legalization
- **HB34** - Create a limit for a blood level of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) signifying intoxication
- **HB105** – Creating a ballot question for personal use/recreational cannabis legalization
- **HB106** – Changes to penalties for small amounts of marijuana
- **HB571** – Adds additional qualifying medical conditions for medical cannabis use, allows for small amounts of at-home cultivation, allows cannabis to be smoked by cardholders over the age of 18 on their private property
- **SB195** - Remove the requirement that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services collaborate with the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and the Kentucky Center for Cannabis in compiling an annual medicinal cannabis report

### Tobacco/Nicotine/Vaping

#### 7 Bills Introduced

- **SB100** - Create the Division of Tobacco, Nicotine, and Vapor Product Licensing within the Department of Beverage Control *passed 33-3 in Senate*
- **HB62** – Suspend HB11 that was passed in 2024 which requires vape retailers to only sell FDA approved vapes/e-cigarettes
- **HB63** – Companion to HB62 changing language in other statutes to include vapor products
- **HB187** – Creating the “Vaping Settlement Trust Fund” for vaping settlement from Juul – Funds used only by the Tobacco Prevention and

Cessation Program of the Department for Public Health to promote youth vaping prevention and cessation efforts

- **HB218** – Creating the Vaping Settlement Trust Fund for vaping settlement from Juul – 50% to Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy for local programs and 50% to Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control for enforcement of HB11.
- **HB211** - Local government restrictions on smoking shall not apply to cigar bars *passed 74-19 in House*
- **SB269** - Suspend HB11 that was passed in 2024 which requires vape retailers to only sell FDA approved vapes/e-cigarettes

## Mental Health

3 Bills Introduced

- **HB392** - Establish that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services is responsible for providing care that includes emergency and other medical care provided outside of a state facility for patients in state-operated mental health facilities.
- **SB74** - Require certain health insurance policies to provide coverage for an annual mental health wellness examination
- **HB556** - Create the Kentucky Child Mental Health Services Access Program

## Substance Use Treatment/Recovery

9 Bills Introduced

- **SB82** – Updates to recovery residences, including inspections and local government ordinances
- **HB354** – Require the Cabinet to conduct public hearings on certificate of need applications when requested
- **HB355** – Adding additional facilities as being exempt from obtaining a certificate of need

- **HB531** - Exempt chemical dependency treatment facilities, chemical dependency services, and bed capacity of a chemical dependency treatment facility from obtaining a certificate of need
- **HB539** - Require certain health plans to provide coverage for comprehensive supervised substance use disorder treatment
- **HB580** - Require temporary alcohol and drug peer support specialist licensees to become registered alcohol and drug peer support specialists after a maximum period of nine months from the date of issuance
- **HB587** - Updates to recovery residences, including inspections and local government ordinances
- **SB261** - Amend KRS 532.045, relating to defendants prohibited from probation, to include alcohol and drug counselors licensed or certified under KRS Chapter 309 in the definition of "position of authority."
- **HB788** - Require that a dosage regimen for Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone prescribed by a licensed physician to meet the treatment needs of a patient

## Alcohol

### 5 Bills Introduced

- **HB220** - Changes to penalties for impaired driving
- **HB437** - Relating to the police powers of Alcoholic Beverage Control administrators and investigators, to provide that an administrator shall not have the power to make arrests unless he or she is certified law enforcement *passed 87-6 in House*
- **HB611** - Exempt qualified estate collections of vintage distilled spirits from the annual package maximum; limit the exemption to 12 collections in any given 12 months
- **HB618** - Amend various sections of KRS Chapter 243 to allow a licensee to purchase alcohol directly from retailers only to be sold by the drink for consumption on the licensed premises or off-premises pursuant to KRS 243.081

- **SB228** - Create a new section of KRS Chapter 244 to require retail licensees to purchase liquor liability insurance.

## **Controlled Substances**

### 3 Bills Introduced

- **HB320** - Create a criminal offense of trafficking a controlled substance on hospital property as a Class D felony unless a higher penalty applies
- **HB389** - Remove references to a Schedule III controlled substance containing hydrocodone; Require an active account with the electronic monitoring system be maintained by practitioners or pharmacists prescribing or dispensing Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances
- **SB240** – Ibogaine research

## **Other**

### 7 Bills Introduced

- **HB248** - Require the Legislative Research Commission to prepare a family impact statement for every bill, concurrent resolution, joint resolution, amendment, or committee substitute introduced during a regular or extraordinary session of the Kentucky General Assembly
- **HB456** – Changes to impaired driving penalties
- **HB481** – Changes to the potency level of products that can be marketed as Kratom
- **HB537** – Opioid abatement trust fund
- **HB547** - Require each public postsecondary educational institution to provide access to opioid antagonists on campus
- **SB182** - Allow a person injured due to the negligence of an intoxicated minor to bring a civil action against a person who knew or should have

known that the minor consumed alcohol or a controlled substance in the person's home or on property under the person's control, and against any person, other than the minor's parent, who provided the alcohol or controlled substance to the minor.

- **HJR37** - Direct the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to implement a pilot program beginning January 1, 2026, to study the effectiveness of in-home prescription drug disposal in Kentucky