



**KVH Children's Health Task Force
Inaugural Meeting Feb. 25, 1:00 PM
Hosted by Kentucky Youth Advocates, 11001 Bluegrass Pkwy, Suite 100 | Louisville, KY**

MEETING SUMMARY

Participants: Lacey McNary, Kentucky Youth Advocates (Co-Chair)
Anne Joseph, Covering Kentucky's Kids and Families (Co-Chair)
Jodi Mitchell, KVH Exec. Director
Andrea Plummer, Kentucky Youth Advocates
Steve Bryant, BK Public Affairs on behalf of Kentucky Academy of Pediatrics
Therese Sirles, Norton Healthcare/Kosair Childrens Hospital
Kevin Middleton, United Way of KY
Danny Kirkbright, Seven Counties Services
Jan Clark, Child Advocacy Today
Loretta Maldener, Purchase AHEC

Jodi Mitchell welcomed all to the first meeting of the KVH Childrens Health Task Force. All participants briefly introduced themselves. The Task Force is formed to assist with agenda setting and campaign development for KVH according to the coalition's priority, "To improve the health of Kentucky's Children."

Lacey McNary and Anne Joseph are serving as co-chairs of the task force to facilitate meeting discussions and to communicate to KVH leadership on recommendations and to provide reports at KVH monthly meetings. Lacey McNary welcomed all to the KYA offices.

The co-chairs provided an update on recent KVH activities in relation to children's health. KYA, CKKF, and KVH partnered in releasing a joint statement acknowledging the 2nd Anniversary of CHIPRA and to recognize the work that the state has done to expand enrollment for Kentucky's children. KVH also supported the Blueprint for Kentucky's Children's efforts to promote BMI Monitoring through the schools to be able to collect aggregate data by county. Legislation in the 2011 General Assembly is likely to be "dead" for this year however the legislative activity helped to broaden awareness of the issue and will likely be an ongoing initiative. KYA is working with the Department of Education and drafted an Op-Ed for post-session to clarify some of the misleading concerns with the legislation.

Legislation was passed to create a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on Children's Issues. The impact of TACs is leadership dependent so it will be important to follow the development and appointments to this committee. HCR 13, a resolution creating a Childhood Obesity Task Force was passed.

A diabetes alert will be sent out on March 22nd and there may be opportunities to address impact on children. Legislation that would require drug testing for those on public assistance (HB 208) was

discussed and concerns relayed in regards to impact this would have on families. The legislation is not likely to move. There was also a reference made to the Immigration bill and the detrimental effect on kids.

The task force discussed upcoming opportunities. Anne Joseph provided a overview on the recent CHIPRA report that specifically highlighted KY. The CHIPRA Grant Opportunities have been released and there are several teleconferences being held for those interested in applying. No KY recipients were granted in the first round although United Way had applied. KYA is considering an application to support the Benefit Bank ("Through Any Door").

Lacey McNary discussed the recent Urban Institute and Center for Budget Policy and Priorities grant awarded to KY Dept. of Community Based Services. This will likely help to streamline some of the enrollment systems.

Steve Bryant provided an update on Children's Vaccines and the new regulation that will go into effect July 1 that children will need to have updated vaccines prior to enrolling in daycare facilities. AAP is working with Dept. of Public Health (Dr. Davis) on education and awareness efforts. Dept. of Public Health will brief KVH at an upcoming monthly meeting.

Anne Joseph discussed the HHS Secretary's Connecting Kids to Coverage Challenge and it was recommended that organizations support this effort for greater KY involvement. United Way Kentucky is already on board.

The task force also discussed the First Lady's Lets Move Campaign to increase physical activity. Organizations were encouraged to support this campaign.

Lacey McNary indicated that the Blueprint for KY's Children will be having a Steering Committee meeting soon and will survey stakeholders according to the priorities of interest.

Possible future issues for further discussion: KCHIP premiums, breaking down silos in the children's health communities, coordinated school health.

Next meeting should focus on identifying where there are gaps in children's health policy and it was suggested to have Jamie Sparks/Vicki Greenwell speak about Coordinated School Health.

Jodi Mitchell also raised the issue of the variance in numbers in regards to KCHIP eligibles but not yet enrolled. There are concerns with previous numbers. Anne Joseph indicated that Julia Costich at UK will be looking at this to update figures.