

## Human Services Advisory Council

### Minutes

February 20, 2025

The Human Services Advisory Council met Thursday, February 20, 2025 at the Bluegrass Area Development District. Chair Judge Sarah Steele called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves. The following members were present:

Voting Members			
<b>Anderson County</b>	<b>Bourbon County</b>	<b>Boyle County</b>	<b>Clark County</b>
<i>Ann Evans</i>			
<b>Estill County</b>	<b>Fayette County</b>	<b>Franklin County</b>	<b>Garrard County</b>
	<i>Jennifer Hayes</i>	<i>Nicholas Davis</i> <i>Brittany Parker</i>	
<b>Harrison County</b>	<b>Jessamine County</b>	<b>Lincoln County</b>	<b>Madison County</b>
			Melissa Gross
<b>Mercer County</b>	<b>Nicholas County</b>	<b>Powell County</b>	<b>Scott County</b>
<i>Judge Sarah Steele</i> <i>Tobie Reeser-Sherrow</i>			<i>Michele Carlisle</i> <i>Karyn Leverenz</i>
<b>Woodford County</b>	<b>At-Large</b>		
Non-Voting Members			
Staff		Guests	
Gene Detherage Sarah Eldridge Kelly Rode			

*\*Denotes attendance via video conference.*

#### Approval of Minutes

Judge Steele brought the minutes of the November 21, 2024 meeting to the board for approval. Melissa Gross made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Michelle Carlisle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 2025 Meeting Dates

Judge Steele indicated that this committee meets quarterly. It's current schedule is the third Thursday of February, May, August, and November at 10:30 a.m. If there are no changes the following dates will be meetings dates for 2025:

May 15, 2025

August 21, 2025

November 20, 2025

Marchele Jenkins made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2025. Whitney Schlansky seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Committee Bylaws Amendments**

Judge Sarah Steele described proposed amendments to the Committee Bylaws that included the committee name change to “Bluegrass Community Resiliency and Public Health Council” as opposed to the broad name of “Human Services Advisory Council”.

Michele Carlisle motioned to accept the bylaws changes. Robie Reeser-Sherrow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Survey Results**

Gene Detherage presented the results of the survey that was requested at the last meeting. The response rate on the survey was low, received 12 responses. The respondents did seem to have generally a good grasp of the nature of substance use disorders, although many still view it as a mental health condition as opposed to a physical brain disease. Even so, Judge Steele, Gene, and the committee seemed happy with the survey results. Judge Steele mentioned that many committees remain in limbo to some extent but is interested to see that 40% of respondents report having spent some of their local opioid abatement funds. Judge Steele would like to see a list of how people are spending funds and sometimes pooling funds. Gene stated he would follow up with plans about this for the committee and Judge Steele.

### **Community-Based Recovery Support Services**

Gene Detherage talked about how being able to meaningfully move the needle on the impacts of substance use disorders there is significant emerging evidence that to capitalize on treatment episodes individuals there is a deep need to connect them to community-based recovery support services such as non-clinical peer support services, recovery community organizations, recovery housing, and pro social activities. Gene shared that he’ll be working with national stakeholder groups to further develop these concepts and will be sharing those results as they come with the committee. Gene stated that although he has a wide range of experience in recovery ecosystems, his specialty is community based recovery support services.

### **Other Business**

Robin Richmond and Whitney Schlansky shared about her work with the Child Care Council of Kentucky which serves ten counties including Fayette, Jessamine, Madison, Clark, Lincoln, Powell, Boyle, Garrard, and Mercer counties. She shared that they have a new program which can offer opportunities for people working in daycares including which can cover the wages of people entering that work through the WIOA program. Whitney shared that people can also apply for a \$5,000 start up grant to start at-home daycare programs. Gene added the program flyer to a new folder he’s created to track and library these types of opportunities for the region and will maintain it so that folks can access it through the ADD.

Melissa Gross asked about progress on Recovery Ready Communities and mentioned that Estill and Madison County have been talking about developing hub type programs to assist with recovery.

There being no further business, Melissa Gross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tobie Reeser-Sherrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.