

# **TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the 2022 Interim**

**November 10, 2022**

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The 6th meeting of the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee was held on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 10:30 AM, in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Paul Hornback, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Paul Hornback, Co-Chair; Representative Myron Dossett, Co-Chair; Senators Julie Raque Adams, Dennis Parrett, and Robin L. Webb; Representatives Kim King, Phillip Pratt, Brandon Reed, and Rachel Roberts.

Guests: Bill McCloskey, Deputy Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy (KOAP); Brian Lacefield, Executive Director, KOAP; Paula Goff, Early Childhood Development Branch Manager, Department for Public Health, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS); and Andrea Day, Director, Division of Child Care, Department for Community Based Services, CHFS.

LRC Staff: Stefan Kasacavage, Hillary Abbott, Kelly Ludwig, and Rachel Hartley.

The minutes from the meeting of October 13, 2022, were approved by voice vote.

### **Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy Report**

Brian Lacefield provided a brief overview of various events, initiatives, and meetings including: the Farm to Campus Initiative, the University of Kentucky stakeholder meeting, and the Kentucky Agriculture Leadership Program.

Bill McCloskey described the Agricultural Development Board's projects under the program. Mr. McCloskey highlighted programs including the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP), Deceased Farm Animal Removal, Next Generation Farmer, Shared-Use Equipment Program, and the Youth Agriculture Incentives Program.

The only requested program amendment discussed was:

- Jessamine County Future Farmers of America Alumni Association, Inc. requested an additional \$90,000 in Jessamine County funds for CAIP. The

board recommended approval, which would bring the program total to \$190,000.

The following were approved for funds through the On-Farm Energy Program:

- Rich Pullett Farm in Barren County was approved for \$10,150.
- Wes Poole in Daviess County was approved for \$10,150.
- Sheldon Brown in Graves County was approved for \$10,075.
- Chantilly Rose in Owsley County was approved for \$10,150.

The projects discussed included:

- Robert W. Brown was approved for up to \$250,000 in state funds and \$5,780 in Graves County Agricultural Development Funds to build a United States Department of Agriculture-certified meat processing facility in Graves County.
- Caliente Therapy, LLC was approved for up to \$88,250 in county funds to build an equine rehabilitation facility barn and purchase needed equipment.
- Poso Creek Family Dairy, LLC was approved for \$2,500,000 in state funds to support the establishment of a 5,000-cow dairy farm in Fulton County.
- Paris Independent Schools was approved for \$25,000 in Bourbon County funds to construct a greenhouse for the agriculture department.
- Pulaski County Farm Bureau, Inc. was approved for \$2,512 in Pulaski County funds to purchase a grain rescue extraction kit.
- The University of Kentucky Research Foundation was approved for up to \$400,543 in state funds to fund three full-time value chain coordinators for two years.
- Johnson's Custom Meats, LLC was approved for \$12,184 in Breathitt County funds to purchase meat processing equipment to replace equipment lost by recent flooding.

In response to Senator Webb, Mr. McCloskey stated Caliente Therapy, LLC plans to work with veterinary clinics throughout the state.

In response to Senator Hornback, Mr. Lacefield stated Kentucky is attractive to dairy farmers due to Kentucky's vast water resources and regulatory freedom. Many dairy farmers are relocating to Kentucky from the western part of the United States.

### **Early Childhood Development**

Paula Goff stated the Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) received \$7,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2022 from the tobacco settlement funds and served 5,504 families. The funds from the tobacco settlement are used for a Medicaid match. HANDS is designed to assist overburdened parents during the prenatal period until the child's third birthday.

Early Childhood Mental Health received \$900,000 in Fiscal Year 2022 from the tobacco settlement funds, which are used as part of the match for the Maternal and Child Title V Block Grant. The services include consultations, trainings, evaluations, and therapeutic services for children from birth to five years old.

Child Care Health Consultation received \$900,000 in Fiscal Year 2022 from the tobacco settlement funds. The program provides consultation and technical assistance on health, safety, and nutrition for children from birth to five years old.

Early Childhood Oral Health received \$900,000 in Fiscal Year 2022 from the tobacco settlement funds and supports 33 health departments throughout the state.

The Lung Cancer Screening Program received \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2022 from the tobacco settlement funds. The program's goals are to increase lung cancer screenings, reduce morbidity and mortality of lung cancer, and reduce the cost of treating lung cancer.

Andrea Day stated the Division of Child Care has a budget allotment of \$9,283,787 for Fiscal Year 2022, and the majority of the funds go directly to providers through quality incentives with Kentucky All Stars. The tobacco settlement funds are used as matching funds to receive the federal Child Care and Development Fund block grant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.