

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2023 Interim

July 24, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

The second meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services was held on July 24, 2023, at 1:00 PM in Room 149 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Kimberly Poore Moser, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative Kimberly Poore Moser, Co-Chair; Senator Stephen Meredith, Co-Chair; Senator Julie Raque Adams, Senator Karen Berg, Senator Donald Douglas, Senator Greg Elkins, Senator Michael J. Nemes, Senator Lindsey Tichenor, Senator Max Wise, Representative Danny Bentley, Representative Steve Bratcher, Representative Ryan Dotson, Representative Robert Duvall, Representative Deanna Frazier Gordon, Representative Amy Neighbors, Representative Ruth Ann Palumbo, Representative Rebecca Raymer, Representative Steve Riley, Representative Rachel Roarx, Representative Scott Sharp, Representative Russell Webber, Representative Lisa Willner, and Representative Susan Witten.

Guests: Phillip Burnett Jr., Commissioner, Kentucky State Police; Christy Burch, Chief Executive Officer, The Ion Center for Violence Prevention; Rick Wurth, Chief Executive Officer, Children's Home of Northern Kentucky Behavioral Health; Julie Raia, Chief Strategy Officer, Children's Home of Northern Kentucky Behavioral Health; Christopher 2X, Executive Director, 2X Game Changers Organization; Keith Miller, MD, Trauma Surgeon, University of Louisville; Christopher Jones, MD, Transplant Surgeon, University of Louisville; Sherri Craig, Market Vice President, External Relations, CHI Saint Joseph Health; Demetria Blair, Violence Prevention Manager, Lexington, CHI Saint Joseph Health; Jara Burkhart, Violence Prevention Coordinator, London, CHI Saint Joseph Health; Brian Hill, Violence Prevention Manager, Berea, CHI Saint Joseph Health; Kelly Jenkins, Director, Kentucky Board of Nursing; and Jeffrey Prather, General Counsel, Kentucky Board of Nursing.

LRC Staff: DeeAnn Wenk, CSA, Chris Joffrion, Logan Bush, and Becky Lancaster.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023, meeting was made by Senator Meredith, seconded by Senator Douglas, and approved by voice vote.

Overview of Violence in Kentucky

Colonel Phillip Burnett Jr., Commissioner, Kentucky State Police (KSP), discussed the various reporting systems used in the annual Crime in Kentucky Report, the reduction in the number of homicides and other offenses, tracking crimes using fire arms, the largest categories of arrests, the various partnerships that work with the KSP, the plans to recruit and retain more KSP officers, and other victim and community advocacy programs.

In response to questions and comments from Representative Moser, Commissioner Burnett stated that close to half of the KSP officers have completed crisis intervention technique

training.

In response to questions and comments from Representative Witten, Commissioner Burnett stated that it is difficult for KSP to track recidivism for violent crimes, but that he could follow up with more in-depth information regarding recidivism.

In response to questions and comments from Representative Palumbo, Commissioner Burnett stated that incest or statutory rape are labeled as not forceable rape but consensual rape.

In response to questions and comments from Representative Sharp, Commissioner Burnett stated that the Angel Initiative is working well for KSP, is actively promoted online and by the KSP troopers, and it would benefit the community if other entities use the program.

In response to questions and comments from Senator Meredith, Commissioner Burnett stated that the legislature's continued support to allow KSP to be competitive in pay would help with recruitment and retention of troopers.

In response to questions and comments from Representative Webber, Commissioner Burnett stated that the category for consensual rape by incest is labeled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for recording statistics and the increase in bribery charges may be due to multiple charges for one offender.

In response to questions and comments from Senator Berg, Commissioner Burnett stated that cybercrimes are included in other offenses and KSP will consider expanding the arrest categories for more specific data regarding cybercrimes.

In response to questions and comments from Representative Dotson, Commissioner Burnett stated that the combination of holding people accountable and getting people treatment reduces drug crimes.

In response to questions and comments from Representative Roarx, Commissioner Burnett stated that typically the KSP victim advocates with reach out to victims to offer services through various programs but victims can also reach out to the advocates.

In response to questions and comments from Representative Willner, Commissioner Burnett stated that KSP has data if a firearm was present in the crime but not if it was involved in the crime.

Violence Prevention Initiatives

The Ion Center for Violence Prevention

Christy Burch, Chief Executive Officer, The Ion Center for Violence Prevention, Childhood Services and Early Intervention, discussed power-based personal violence, intervention services at emergency shelters, outreach programs, the five keys of engaging in prevention, and the Green Dot Program.

In response to questions and comments from Representative Moser, Ms. Burch stated that businesses typically pay for the trainings but free trainings are offered for the Green Dot cities.

In response to questions and comments from Senator Douglas, Ms. Burch stated that early steps to preventing abuse are helping people understand what healthy relationships look like and it is possible to be an active bystander which can safely intervene. She stated that the ION Center has a middle school program provided by rape crisis centers to help children understand how they can help to prevent abuse at home, school, or in the community.

In response to questions and comments from Senator Berg, Ms. Burch stated that primary prevention starts with knowing everyone is a bystander, having skills and tools to be active bystanders, and recognizing high risk situations to intervene early.

Childhood Services and Early Intervention

Rick Wurth, Chief Executive Officer, Children's Home of Northern Kentucky (CHNK), Behavioral Health, discussed CHNK's four-pronged approach to early intervention services for long-term favorable results, the Sanctuary Model for trauma informed care, and moving trauma services upstream in collaboration with community partners across healthcare, education, and judicial systems.

Julie Raia, Chief Strategy Officer, CHNK, discussed the use of evidence-based practices, expanding access to mental health services, health professional shortages that exacerbate barriers to accessing services, and the five-year expansion plan for CHNK to close the gap in available services.

In response to questions and comments from Senator Adams, Ms. Raia stated that CHNK received an increase in the residential treatment rates for youth that are wards of the state and some of the outpatient services only received a slight increase. Mr. Wurth stated that the improvements are not due to Medicaid reimbursement rates but to private donors that fund CHNK's work.

In response to questions and comments from Representative Willner, Mr. Wurth stated that the Northern Kentucky public school systems are the largest customers using the four-pronged approach as CHNK expands access to services related to addiction for students and parents.

In response to questions and comments from Senator Wise, Mr. Wurth stated that CHNK has not discussed or collaborated with the Kentucky Center for School Safety but will contact the center.

Community Violence Prevention

Christopher 2X, Executive Director, 2X Game Changers Organization, discussed how the 2X Game Changers Organization is geared towards children that are impacted by violent shootings in the Louisville Metro area, the Future Healers program, and the Planet Savers nature-based therapy project.

Keith Miller, MD, Trauma Surgeon, University of Louisville, discussed the loss of life due to COVID-19 compared to gun violence during the pandemic, the socio-ecological model relating to gun violence, the impact of an adverse childhood experience, the prevention-intervention continuum, and the Future Healers model.

Christopher Jones, MD, Transplant Surgeon, University of Louisville, discussed his role in the Future Healers program, parents' roles, and outcomes of the program. Christopher 2X discussed the need to work on various behavioral issues observed in children who have witnessed violent activities and the expansion of the program to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

In response to questions and comments from Senator Douglas, Christopher 2X stated that the Future Healers programs wants children who live in challenging areas to be acquainted with health sciences at the earliest age possible.

CHI Saint Joseph Health

Sherri Craig, Market Vice President, External Relations, CHI Saint Joseph Health, discussed the mission, vision, and service area of CHI Saint Joseph Health, social determinants of health, and grant-funded programs to address and prevent violence.

Jara Burkhart, Violence Prevention Coordinator, London, CHI Saint Joseph Health, discussed the purpose, achievements, funding of the Nurturing Children Program in London, and the implementation of a Safe Haven Baby Box in Corbin.

Demetria Blair, Violence Prevention Manager, Lexington, CHI Saint Joseph Health, discussed the objectives, strategies, programs, and partners of the Safer Neighborhoods Initiative in Lexington.

Brian Hill, Violence Prevention Manager, Berea, CHI Saint Joseph Health, discussed the areas of focus and main strategies of the violence prevention programs implemented in the middle and high schools in Madison County. Ms. Craig discussed the Green Dot program emphasis in Nelson County schools.

Consideration of Referred Administrative Regulations

The following referred administrative regulations were placed on the agenda for consideration:

040 KAR 009:010 *Proposed* - General application procedure.

040 KAR 009:010 *Emergency* - General application procedure.

040 KAR 009:020 *Proposed* - Local government application procedure.

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201 KAR 005:055 *Proposed* - Telehealth.

201 KAR 008:533 *Proposed* - Licensure of dentists.

201 KAR 008:563 *Proposed* - Licensure of dental hygienists.

201 KAR 020:360 *Proposed* - Continuing approval and periodic evaluation of prelicensure registered nursing and licensed practical nursing programs.

201 KAR 020:390 *Proposed* - Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund.

201 KAR 020:478 *Proposed* - Dialysis technician scope of practice, discipline, and miscellaneous requirements.

900 KAR 005:020 *Emergency* - State Health Plan for facilities and services.

900 KAR 006:075 *Emergency* - Certificate of need nonsubstantive review.

900 KAR 014:010 *Emergency* - Essential personal care visitor programs; visitation guidelines.

902 KAR 055:015 *Emergency* - Schedules of controlled substances.

The listed administrative regulations were reviewed by the committee.

Kelly Jenkins, Director, Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN), testified about the implementation of implicit bias training by 201 KAR 020:215.

In response to questions and comments from Representative Moser, Ms. Jenkins stated that the Kentucky Nursing Association's implicit training program is not endorsed by the KBN and that the KBN would not take a nurses license away for not completing a continuing education (CE) training, but that notices are sent about incomplete CEs after the board's CE audit.

Jeffrey Prather, General Counsel, Kentucky Board of Nursing, stated that the implicit bias training is required to be completed one time and that no comments or issues were brought up during the time for public comment on the administrative regulation.

In response to questions and comments from Senator Meredith, Mr. Prather stated that the KBN is reviewing 201 KAR 020:215 to make changes and plans to file the amended version by September and that he will take the concerns of the committee to the KBN.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 PM.