

# **BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**

## **Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2024 Interim**

**July 17, 2024**

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

The 2nd meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Health and Family Services was held on July 17, 2024, at 10:30 AM in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Donald Douglas, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

### **Present were:**

Members: Senator Donald Douglas Co-Chair; Senators Karen Berg, and Lindsey Tichenor; Representatives Samara Heavrin, Kimberly Poore Moser, Rebecca Raymer, Sarah Stalker, and Lisa Willner.

Guests: Mark D. Birdwhistell, Senior Vice President for Health and Public Policy, University of Kentucky; Angela T. Dearing, MD, MPH, Executive Vice-Dean, University of Kentucky College of Medicine; Victoria Elridge, Commissioner, Department for Aging and Independent Living, Cabinet for Health and Family Services; Jennifer Craig, Director, Office of Dementia Services, Department for Aging and Independent Living, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

LRC Staff: Miriam Fordham and Benjamin Thompson.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Senator Berg moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024 meeting of the subcommittee. Representative Moser seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without objection.

### **University of Kentucky Hospital System Mergers and Acquisitions: Impact on Accessibility of Medicaid Services**

Mr. Birdwhistell and Dr. Dearing provided an update on the University of Kentucky Hospital System.

In response to a question from Senator Berg, Dr. Dearing noted that UK had not seen an increase in medical students leaving the state for residency programs.

In response to a question from Representative Willner, Dr. Dearing stated that the percentage of graduates that remain to practice medicine in Kentucky has risen from 24 to 42 percent.

In response to a question from Representative Stalker, Dr. Dearinger said that the UK Hospital System receives many more applicants than can be accepted.

### **Office of Dementia Services Update**

Ms. Elridge and Ms. Craig provided information regarding the Office of Dementia Services (ODS).

In response to a question from Chair Douglas, Ms. Craig noted that the position of Dementia Care Specialist is a pilot project. There is currently no national baseline for training of these specialists.

In response to a question from Representative Willner, Ms. Elridge confirmed that the ODS was established without line item funding. The office currently operates solely on time limited federal grants.

In response to questions from Representative Stalker, Ms. Elridge stated that the Governor's proposed budget for ODS included general fund monies in the amount of \$410,000 for staffing. The legislature provided \$360,000 in restricted fund spending authority to the office.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 AM.