

200.509 Regional interagency councils for the system of care in each area development district. (Effective July 15, 2026)

- (1) There are hereby created regional interagency councils for the system of care. These councils shall be formed in each area development district within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, except that those area development districts that contain a county with a population greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) may form up to three (3) such councils. The regional interagency councils shall be chaired by one (1) member, chosen by a majority vote of the members. Each council shall be composed of the following members:
 - (a) The children's services director from each regional community mental health center or his or her designee;
 - (b) One (1) court-designated specialist or court-designated worker chosen by the executive officer of the Department of Family and Juvenile Services of the Administrative Office of the Courts;
 - (c) One (1) special education cooperative representative with behavioral health experience chosen by the directors of cooperatives in the area served by the regional council;
 - (d) One (1) parent of a child with a behavioral health need, who is or has been a consumer of system of care services and supports, and one (1) parent who meets the same criteria to serve as the parent member's alternate, who may attend and participate in all council meetings, but shall vote only in the absence of the parent member. For each appointment to be made, the regional interagency council for which the appointment is to be made shall submit to the chair of the State Interagency Council for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth a list of two (2) names of parents who are qualified for appointment from which list the chair of the State Interagency Council for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth shall make the appointment. Appointees shall serve a term of two (2) years, and may be reappointed to additional two (2) year terms. If the child of the parent member or alternate parent member ceases to be a consumer of system of care services and supports during the term of appointment, the member shall be eligible to serve out the remainder of the term of appointment;
 - (e) One (1) transition-age youth who has a behavioral health disorder and who is receiving or has received a service to address mental health, substance use, or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder, and one (1) transition-age youth who meets the same criteria to serve as the youth member's alternate in the absence of the youth member. For each appointment to be made, the regional interagency council for which the appointment is to be made shall submit to the chair of the State Interagency Council for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth a list of two (2) names of transition-age youth who are qualified for appointment from which list the chair of the State Interagency Council for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth shall make the appointment. Appointees shall serve a term of two (2) years, and may be reappointed to additional two (2) year terms. If the youth member or alternate youth member ceases to be a

consumer of system of care services and supports during the term of appointment, the member shall be eligible to serve out the remainder of the term of appointment;

- (f) Any other local public or private agency that provides services and supports to children and transition-age youth with behavioral health needs which the regional interagency council may invite to have a representative become a permanent or temporary member of the council; and
 - (g) One (1) representative from each of the Department of Juvenile Justice, family resource and youth services centers, the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Department for Community Based Services, and local health departments.
- (2) A member of a regional interagency council for the system of care shall not be given compensation in addition to that which they already receive as service providers or state employees, except that the parent and youth members and alternate parent and youth members of regional interagency councils shall be reimbursed by the regional interagency council's contracted fiscal agent for all expenses incurred through the performance of their duties as council members if it is outside the scope of their job duties.
- (3) Each regional interagency council for the system of care shall perform the following functions:
- (a) Conduct regional system of care planning and operations;
 - (b) Coordinate system-level continuous quality improvement;
 - (c) Identify and develop system of care expansion opportunities;
 - (d) Promote awareness of the system of care;
 - (e) Initiate and adopt interagency agreements as necessary for providing services and supports to children and transition-age youth with or at risk of behavioral health needs by the agencies represented in the regional council; and
 - (f) Advise the state interagency council regarding the system of care within the region.
- (4) The secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the designee of the Kentucky Department of Education shall ensure that regional interagency councils for the system of care are formed.
- (5) Local interagency councils for the system of care may be formed at the discretion of a regional interagency council to advance the functions of the regional interagency council at the city, county, or other local community level.

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