HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY DASHBOARD SUBCOMMITTEE

3rd Minutes of 2026

September 23, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call
The third meeting of the Healthcare Transparency Dashboard Subcommittee was held on September 23, 2026, at 9:00 AM ET/8:00 AM CT in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Stephen Meredith, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:
Members: Senator Stephen Meredith, Co-Chair; Representative Kimberly Poore Moser, Co-Chair; Mark Birdwhistell, and Lisa Lee.

LRC Staff: Stephanie Bates, DJ Burns, Julia Sprague, James Baggett, and Elizabeth Bradshaw.

Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2026, meeting was made by Mark Birdwhistell, seconded by Co-Chair Moser, and approved after a voice vote.

Presentation on Medicaid State University Partnerships
Lisa Lee, Commissioner, Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), provided an overview of the Medicaid State University Partnerships Program, including both previously completed studies with recommendations and ongoing studies for the current cycle.

In response to Chair Meredith, Commissioner Lee stated the Rural Health Transformation – Vitality Signs Dashboard study is not part of the state funded university partnerships, it is funded through a 50/50 match between federal funding and university funding. Studies that are not strictly Medicaid based are funded through grants or some other mechanism. Commissioner Lee stated no general fund dollars are used for funding of these studies. She stated CHFS meets with the university researchers routinely throughout the two-year cycle to gauge progress, along with internal meetings to discuss each study's progress and help guide research. CHFS will put a request to the universities for a specific topic and universities will submit proposals on how to study the topic based on data available to CHFS. She stated a group within CHFS makes the

final decision on which studies to approve; this group included the DMS Medical Director, Department for Community Based Services, and Department for Behavioral Health, Disabilities, and Intellectual Disabilities. Commissioner Lee stated the state university partnerships program is ever evolving and agrees that recommendations need to be more concrete, once the 2026 report is finalized CHFS will provide that report to members for review and discussion of legislative actions for any past or present studies.

In response to Co-Chair Moser, Commissioner Lee stated a formal recommendation is not necessary to receive this information on a routine basis. She stated a report on the projects can be provided to any committee going forward and that while they have been available for review, they have not been condensed and presented to committees apart from Government Contract Review Committee. Commissioner Lee stated the key findings are reviewed and implemented by CHFS. Commissioner Lee stated she will confirm the process for data sharing with CHFS data service agreements personnel to create a partnership between the CHFS and the legislature regarding the projects and recommendations.

In response to Mark Birdwhistell, Commissioner Lee stated the research topics need to be narrowed down and reevaluated to determine what really needs to be accomplished. She stated the body of data is too large and should be more focused on only necessary studies.

In response to Co-Chair Meredith, Commissioner Lee stated there are issues with access to care across all populations and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) despite what the data sometimes conveys. She stated projects can be discontinued for multiple reasons, including progress not being made and CHFS requesting the researcher to withdraw. She stated to follow-up on why the 2024 Accessibility of MCO-Listed Primary Care Providers was withdrew. Commissioner Lee stated she would follow-up on what initiatives were implemented from recommendations on the 2022 project studying the effects of market change s in Kentucky Medicaid. She stated the Division of Quality and Population Health works alongside MCOs to review studies and can provide an answer for why the study produced those recommendations.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 AM.