

MEDICAID OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY BOARD

1st Minutes of 2026

January 12, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The first meeting of the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board was held on January 12, 2026, at 12:00 PM in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Julie Raque Adams, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative Ken Fleming, Co-Chair; Senator Julie Raque Adams, Co-Chair; Senators Donald Douglas, Karen Berg, Danny Carroll, Stephen Meredith, and Craig Richardson; Representatives Adam Bowling, Samara Heavrin, Mary Lou Marzian, Kimberly Poore Moser, and Wade Williams; and Beth Bowling (proxy for William Baker), Laura Sudkamp (proxy for Allison Ball), John Hicks, Lisa Lee, Sheila Schuster, Tom Stephens, Vickie Yates Glisson, Joe Petrey, and Steve Shannon.

Guests: Anna Whites, Owner, Anna Whites Law Office.

LRC Staff: Chris Joffrion, Cameron Franey, and DJ Burns.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2025, meeting was made by Co-Chair Fleming, seconded by Representative Heavrin, and approved after a voice vote.

Finalization of Findings & Recommendations

Members of the board engaged in a round table discussion of findings and recommendations and considered proposed amendments.

A motion to amend recommendations under finding two by removing “pilot” and adding “partnership” in its place was made by Senator Berg, seconded by Representative Williams, and adopted after a voice vote.

A motion to amend recommendations under finding one by removing “and adult day care” was made by Co-Chair Fleming, seconded by Senator Carroll, and adopted after a voice vote.

A motion to amend recommendations under finding seven by adding “including a baseline rate study for all provider types to guide the department, the board, and the General Assembly to address federal changes and set appropriate rate changes” was made by Co-Chair Fleming, seconded by Representative Moser, and adopted after a voice vote.

A motion to amend recommendations under finding six by adding “as defined by the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board” was made by Co-Chair Fleming, seconded by Senator Meredith, and adopted after a voice vote.

A motion to amend recommendations under finding seven by removing “consider” and separating the final bullet point after “model” was made by Co-Chair Fleming, seconded by Representative Moser, and adopted after a voice vote.

A motion to amend finding 8 to state “current Medicaid delivery model in place since 2011 is not significantly improving health outcomes of the overall population of Kentucky relative to Medicaid expenditures, yet the budget is growing unsustainably” was made by Senator Berg, seconded by Co-Chair Fleming, and adopted after a voice vote.

A motion to amend recommendations under finding 8 by adding “or violating regulations” was made by Co-Chair Fleming, seconded by Representative Moser, and adopted by a voice vote.

A motion to amend recommendations under finding eleven by removing by replacing “consider” with “recommend” was made by Representative Moser, seconded by Co-Chair Fleming, and adopted after a voice vote.

A motion to amend recommendations under finding eleven by adding “recovery housing, and a comparison of data on outcomes at various lengths of stay” was made by Representative Moser, seconded by Senator Meredith, and adopted by a voice vote.

A motion to adopt technical amendments to the findings and recommendations was made by Representative Heavrin, seconded by Co-Chair Fleming, and adopted by a voice vote.

A motion was made Co-Chair Fleming, seconded by Representative Heavrin to approve the amended findings and recommendations. After a roll call vote of 9 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 pass votes, the findings and recommendations as amended was approved.

Public Comment

Anna Whites, Owner, Anna Whites Law Office, gave testimony on peer support services and issues with certification.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.