

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR  
INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL  
AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**A G E N D A  
June 6, 2025  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

<b>OPENING REMARKS</b>	Carrie Banahan, Deputy Secretary Cabinet for Health & Family Services
<b>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</b>	Carrie Banahan, Deputy Secretary Cabinet for Health & Family Services
<b>REVIEW MINUTES</b>	Carrie Banahan, Deputy Secretary Cabinet for Health & Family Services
<b>STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	Carrie Banahan, Deputy Secretary Cabinet for Health & Family Services
<b>NATIONAL CORE INDICATOR DATA &amp; QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	Laura Butler Human Development Institute
<b>DEPARTMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL &amp; INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES</b>	Dr. Katie Marks, Commissioner Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID SERVICES</b>	Carmen Hancock, Director Alisha Clark, Assistant Director Department for Medicaid Services
<b>COMMONWEALTH COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES</b>	Johnny Callebs, Executive Director Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities (CCDD)
<b>OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION UPDATES</b>	Cora McNabb, Executive Director Nanci Howard, Administrator Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
<b>KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>	Gretta Hylton, Associate Commissioner Office of Special Education & Learning
<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	<b>As time permits</b>
<b>2025 MEETING DATES</b>	September 5, 2025 December 5, 2025

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR INDIVIDUALS  
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DECEMBER 13, 2024  
SUMMARY NOTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carrie Banahan  
Dr. Katie Marks  
Alisha Clark  
Cora McNabb  
Johnny Collett  
Johnny Callebs  
Karen Herdina  
Julie Sweets  
Catherine Buncher  
Kim Zeigler  
Clayton Carroll  
Kellie Smith

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Gretta Hylton  
Tina Bojanowski, Representative  
Julie Raque-Adams, Senator  
Kim King, Representative  
Brandon Griffith  
Graham Maupin  
Annette Jett  
Steve Shannon

**OPENING REMARKS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deputy Secretary Banahan opened the meeting, welcoming all Commission Members and members of the Public.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Members received an advanced copy of the draft minutes for the December, March, and September Quarterly Meetings. The Commission did not meet in June. All minutes were approved.

**STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

There were no outstanding recommendations for status updates.

**DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID SERVICES UPDATES**

Alisha Clark, Assistant Director, Department for Medicaid Services reported a letter will be disseminated reporting CMS approval of rate-related amendments across all six Home and Community Based Services waivers. Updates on slots and waiting lists was provided as follows:

- There are 13,409 unduplicated on waiting list.
- There are 2,449 waiting for HCB which 269 are also on another waiting list.
- There are 9,281 on MPW waiting list with 1,296 on another list.
- SCL has 3,525 on waiting list and 1,353 of those are on another waiting list.

## **NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS**

Laura Butler, Human Development Institute reviewed the latest National Core Indicator (NCI) Data and recommendations from Kentucky's NCI Quality Improvement Committee. She reported that National Core Indicators (NCI) started in 1997, and Kentucky was one of the first to join. Today 48 states participate. Laura reviewed the information contained in the member meeting packet.

Deputy Secretary Banahan asked the Commission Members to review the NCI Quality Improvement Committee Recommendations and discuss how the Commission might use the information to drive the Commission's work as advisors to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the General Assembly, and the Governor's Office over the next year.

## **DEPARTMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (DBHDID)**

Dr. Katie Marks, Commissioner stated the department plan is consistent with the NCI goals. She recommended HB 144 Commission members go to the Department's webpage (<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dbhdid/Pages/default.aspx>) and become familiar with the Department's goals. Dr. Marks highlighted the initiative of "Our Healthy KY Home" and encouraged attendees to visit the following website: <https://ourhealthykyhome.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

## **COMMONWEALTH COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (CCDD)**

Johnny Callebs, Executive Director, Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities (CCDD) presented slides on Employment First and stated the subliminal wages for persons with disabilities, which are called 14D certificates, are being phased out. Comments are due by December 17, 2024. Hopefully members will leave a comment supporting the new wage amount. The Council has released Notice of Funding Opportunities for topics such as housing and work within the rural population. Please check the Council's website for additional information about funding opportunities and the Council's goals at: <https://ccdd.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>.

## **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (HDI)**

Johnny Collett, Deputy Director, Human Development Institute (HDI) provided updates on the Institute's work related to the Olmstead Compliance that is underway. He also included other information related to Employment First initiative and upcoming trainings and webinars available to the public. Informational links shared during the meeting include the following:

<https://hdi.uky.edu/the-olmstead-decision-why-it-matters-in-kentucky/>

[https://urldefense.com/v3/ https://kychamber.wufoo.com/forms/ky-chamber-foundation-disability-hiring-academy/\\_;!!Db6frn15oIvDD3UI!kRMJhbBUZhsXVm7LNyczotPcdGffHTggzGXFMnUJzq5tIKhECK0W7t3xeFlcapGGqygec7ZMlt31YdfxOiAbld6MRP4o\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://kychamber.wufoo.com/forms/ky-chamber-foundation-disability-hiring-academy/_;!!Db6frn15oIvDD3UI!kRMJhbBUZhsXVm7LNyczotPcdGffHTggzGXFMnUJzq5tIKhECK0W7t3xeFlcapGGqygec7ZMlt31YdfxOiAbld6MRP4o$)

<https://www.kychamber.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/DHA%20Agenda.pdf>

[https://uky.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_d8MsnIcbRRSJKU\\_r8SnmfA#/registration](https://uky.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_d8MsnIcbRRSJKU_r8SnmfA#/registration)

[https://uky.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpcOGqrTIqGdefg-jUG-ENDuIRzHSm8Q\\_e#/registration](https://uky.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpcOGqrTIqGdefg-jUG-ENDuIRzHSm8Q_e#/registration)

<https://uky.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtF--hpzMoHN3qFizeGDzDyDdFdJ-yLDrX#/registration>

## **OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (OVR)**

Cora McNabb, Executive Director of OVR shared that effective Oct 1<sup>st</sup> supported employment service fees were updated. She also reported that in Spring 2025 there will be a transition to a new case management system which should result improvement of service delivery by OVR. Between July and November, OVR has worked on 38,000 cases, which may be broken down as: 5,339 referrals, over 4,000 clients receiving services under a plan, 5,000 clients are in training status, and 2,000 are in job ready status. In the 5 month period, close to 2,000 clients obtained employment with avg pay \$24 working 35 hours weekly

Nancy Howard provided an update on the technical assistance award called Project NEON which stands for National Expansion for Opportunities Network. In 2023, Kentucky requested a maximum 300 hours of TA and was chosen again for 2025. She encouraged Commission members seeking additional information or specific questions to email her at:

[Nanci.Howard@ky.gov](mailto:Nanci.Howard@ky.gov)

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **COMMISSION MEETING REMINDERS / ADJOURN MEETING**

The next quarterly meeting will be March 7, 2025 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned.

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MARCH 7, 2025  
SUMMARY NOTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carrie Banahan  
Cathy Lerza for Dr. Katie Marks  
Alisha Clark  
Nanci Howard  
Johnny Collett  
Johnny Callebs  
Karen Herdina  
Julie Sweets  
Kim Zeigler  
Clayton Carroll  
Kellie Smith  
Annette Jett

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Brandon Griffith  
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**OPENING REMARKS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deputy Secretary Banahan opened the meeting, welcoming all Commission Members and members of the Public.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Members received an advanced copy of the draft minutes for the December. There was not a quorum. The draft minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

**STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

There were no outstanding recommendations for status updates.

**DEPARTMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (DBHDID)**

Cathy Lerza, Assistant Director, Division of Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities (DDID) provided the DBHDID updates. Included in the update were the following Home & Community Based (HCB) Medicaid waiver waitlist:

- There are 14,426 unduplicated on waiting list
- There are 9,198 on a waitlist without funding
- There are 9,640 on the Michelle P waiver waitlist
- There are 3,561 on the Supports for Community Living waitlist
- There is a total of 5,228 on waitlists that are receiving funding in another waiver

DDID participates in a weekly federal update meeting with the National Association of State Directors of Development Disability Services (NASDDDS) to remain current on the changes in programs at the national level.

## **DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID SERVICES UPDATES**

Alisha Clark, Assistant Director, Department for Medicaid Services provided the DMS updates which include the following:

- All slots given for 2025 have been allocated. There will be additional slots that become available on July 1, 2025, that are allotted for the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.
- The permanent rates went into effect on January 1, 2025. The emergency regulations are in the review process.
- For the Electronic Verification of Visits (EVV), Therap is the vendor for all providers. All data must be archived by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The 1915I Serious Mental Illness waiver has resubmitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval.

## **COMMONWEALTH COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (CCDD)**

Johnny Callebs, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities provided an update on the Council's initiatives. They include:

- March is Developmental Disability (DD) Awareness month. Governor Beshear proclaimed March as DD month.
- We have Council members who have been advocating on the issues of affordable and accessible housing. These Council members have met with Senators and Representatives during the General Assembly session to advocate for the work of the CCDD.
- The Council does have a Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) for a statewide self-advocacy opportunity. There is up to \$138,000 available for developing and implementing a statewide self-advocacy network. Application will be received until April 1, 2025. Tentative start date of projects awarded would be October 1, 2025.
- The DD Day at the Capitol was a huge success. Justin Jeter was recognized for all his efforts in coordinating the event, to include baking cookies for those individuals participating.
- For information on the Notice of Funding Opportunity and all the initiatives of the Council, please visit: <https://ccdd.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>.

## **KENTUCKY LEGISLATION – 2025**

Justin Jeter, Public Policy Coordinator with CCDD provided an update on proposed legislation being considered by the Kentucky General Assembly. A copy of Justin's material is on file for members who would like to receive a copy.

## **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (HDI)**

Johnny Collett, Deputy Director, Human Development Institute (HDI) provided updates on the Institute's work.

- The inaugural Disability Hiring Academy, hosted by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the Human Development Institute was held January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. A total of 26 participants representing 19 industries participated in the event, which was the first of its kind in Kentucky.
- Leadership Education and Neuro Disabilities (LEND) continues to operate. This has been made possible from federal grant funding.
- The HDI Executive Director position has been posted. Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2025. For more information please visit: <https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/572518>
- The following events will be taking place in March:
  - Employer Supports for Families with Young Children: Employment First and RETAIN Kentucky Employer Seminar Series, March 13 @ 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm EDT [Register](#)
  - Assistive Technology and Universal Design to Promote Competitive Integrated Employment: RETAIN Lunch & Learn Seminar Series, March 24 @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm EDT [Register](#)
- For information on all HDI events, newsletters, and available resources, please visit: <https://hdi.uky.edu>

## **OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (OVR)**

Nanci Howard provided the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) updates. These included:

- OVR is in a developmental stage with new case management system. Over the next seven (7) months, staff will be trained on new CMS system which should lead to lower appointment times.
- OVR experienced a 95% increase for OVR applications from 2021 to 2024.
- Expenditures increased to \$40 million with 72% increase from 2021 to 2024.
- Employment First Council continues to work to eliminate barriers to work for those with disabilities. The Council will be meeting April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Transportation Cabinet with a Zoom option. If you are interested in serving on the Council or its committees, please contact Nanci Howard at [Nanci.Howard@ky.gov](mailto:Nanci.Howard@ky.gov).

For more information related to the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and/or the Employment First Council, please contact Nanci Howard at [Nanci.Howard@ky.gov](mailto:Nanci.Howard@ky.gov).

## **DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL CORE INDICATOR (NCI) QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cathy Lerza, Assistant Director, DDID reviewed the recommendations submitted by the NCI Quality Improvement Committee and provided updates related to partner initiatives. She emphasized the Commission is considered a partner and therefore could provide recommendations on continuous quality improvement of available and accessible programs for individuals with intellectual or other developmental disabilities regardless of participation in Kentucky's Medicaid waiver programs.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **COMMISSION MEETING REMINDERS / ADJOURN MEETING**

The next quarterly meeting will be June 6, 2025, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned.