

How to Provide Public Comments on Kentucky's Annual Block Grant

Plans and Reports

The Block Grant

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provides the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUPTRS-BG) and the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) to States to address their unique behavioral health issues and enhance their behavioral health system of care. Kentucky submits a Combined Behavioral Health Assessment and Plan on September 1st every year to describe their public behavioral health system of care and report allocation of funds. On December 1st, Kentucky submits SUPTRS-BG and MHBG Reports to report data, initiatives, and expenditures of funds.

Status of Reports

Kentucky's current Plans and Reports as well as Plans and Reports from previous years are posted on the Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) website. [Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities \(ky.gov\)](http://www.dbhdid.ky.gov) The status of each document is indicated beside it (draft, submitted, or approved). A Plan or Report which indicates "draft" means the document is being made public to solicit comments and has not been submitted to SAMHSA. A Plan or Report that indicates "submitted" means that DBHDID has submitted the document to SAMHSA for review and SAMHSA may ask DBHDID to provide revisions or clarifications. A Plan or Report that is "approved" means that SAMHSA's staff has reviewed the document and determined that it has met criteria for approval. **DBHDID welcomes and encourages the public to provide comments on Plans and Reports of any status (draft, submitted or approved).**

Providing Comments

There are several approaches one may use to comment on the Block Grant Plans and Reports:

1. Attend a meeting of the Kentucky Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council. This Council reviews Kentucky's Combined Behavioral Health Assessment and Plan at their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting in August and Kentucky's SUPTRS-BG and MHBG Reports at their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting in November. These are open meetings. The Council's meeting calendar can be found at this location. [Schedule.pdf \(ky.gov\)](#).

Individuals who will be attending a Council meeting may request accommodations such as American Sign Language interpreters or CART captioning services by contacting Christie Penn at Christie.Penn@ky.gov. Please make accommodation requests as early as possible. We will do our best to fulfill requests made with less than 48 hour notice.

2. By email to Missy Runyon at Melissa.Runyon@ky.gov.
3. At DBHDID's website [Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities \(ky.gov\)](#), completing the form found under "Contact Us" on our homepage.
4. By U.S. Mail to the following address:

Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
Division of Mental Health
275 E. Main Street, 4W-G
Frankfort, KY 40601
Attn: Block Grant Comments – Missy Runyon
5. By telephone voicemail to 502-782-6238 (Missy Runyon)

Thank you for your interest in Kentucky's behavioral health system of care for individuals with, in recovery from, or at risk of developing behavioral health disorders.

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