

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 describe allocation of funds. Every year on December 1st Kentucky submits SUPTRS-BG and MHBG Reports to report outcome data, progress on initiatives, and expenditures of funds.

Block Grant Plans and Reports

Access to Kentucky's current block grant applications and reports is available through the Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) website. [Kentucky Behavioral Health Block Grants](#)

Executive summaries for the most current combined block grant applications are posted, and access to complete copies of the most recent applications and annual block grant reports is available by contacting the Block Grant Program Administrator, Missy Runyon at Melissa.Runyon@ky.gov.

Also included on the website is contact information and instructions for individuals wishing to submit public comments. DBHDID welcomes and encourages the public to provide comments on Plans and Reports.

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 \(ky.gov\)](#). Comments may be provided verbally, or via the chat feature during these meetings. All provided comments will be noted.

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, DBHDID Block Grant Program Administrator, at Melissa.Runyon@ky.gov.

3. By U.S. Mail to the following address:

Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities Division
of Mental Health (DBHDID)
275 E. Main Street, 4W-G
Frankfort, KY 40601
Attn: Block Grant Comments – Missy Runyon

4. By telephone voicemail to 502-782-6238 (Missy Runyon)

Thank you for your interest in Kentucky's behavioral health system of care.

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