

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2ND | 10AM - 12PM ET

BUILDING A BETTER SAFETY NET FOR ALL KENTUCKIANS TO THRIVE

DR. JAMILA MICHENER, AUTHOR OF *FRAGMENTED DEMOCRACY: MEDICAID, FEDERALISM, AND UNEQUAL POLITICS*; PROFESSOR, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Dr. Michener will discuss her research examining how the design and administration of WIC, Medicaid, and SNAP shape access to public benefits and other outcomes related to health equity and civic engagement. Learn how state policies can be designed to eliminate inequities and barriers to care in order to create more effective and engaging public assistance programs. This session will explore the ways in which an equitable safety net goes beyond improving health outcomes to drive economic growth and civic engagement for all Kentuckians.

UPDATES ON THE DCBS 21ST CENTURY TRANSFORMATION

DR. MARTA MIRANDA STRAUB, COMMISSIONER OF THE
DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Commissioner Miranda Straub will share her vision for a 21st Century state agency that is better equipped to improve the health and wellbeing of Kentuckians by focusing on equity. Learn how DCBS is engaging Trusted Advisors to inform a new strategic plan and how the transformation will change the administration of public assistance programs.

RAISING VOICES: THE REAL LIFE IMPACT OF KENTUCKY'S SAFETY NET

• KIESHA CURRY, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSULTANT, MCCrackEN COUNTY
• DAVID ROODE, PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN, KENTON COUNTY
• ADDITIONAL PANELISTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Kentuckians will share their experiences using public assistance programs to improve their health and economic wellbeing. This panel discussion will explore the realities Kentuckians face in meeting basic needs and reflect on what an equitable safety net should look like.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD | 11AM - 1PM ET

2022 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW: ADVANCING POLICIES FOR BETTER HEALTH

MODERATED BY DR. SHEILA SCHUSTER,
BOARD CHAIR, KENTUCKY VOICES FOR HEALTH

- Senator Julie Raque Adams (R-36)
Senate Majority Caucus Chair, Co-Chair of the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Redesign Task Force
- Senator Reggie Thomas (D-13)
Senate Minority Caucus Chair
- Representative Lisa Willner (D-35)
Chair of the House Minority Women's Caucus
- Senator Stephen Meredith (R-5)
Co-Chair of the Medicaid Oversight & Advisory Committee, Chair of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Human Resources
- Representative Danny Bentley (R-98)
Co-Chair of the Severe Mental Illness Task Force, Chair of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Health & Family Services
- Representative Kim Moser (R-64)
Co-Chair of the Health, Welfare & Family Services Committee

State legislators will respond to the challenges Kentuckians face to good health and wellbeing and discuss policy opportunities to improve health equity. This dialogue will focus on how advocates can advance legislation during the 2022 General Assembly to address the ongoing physical and behavioral health impact of the pandemic, improve the delivery of Medicaid services, expand our network of Community Health Workers, and strengthen Kentucky's public health infrastructure.