

## ADVOCACY FOR THRIVING COMMUNITIES

### AGENDA

#### **Welcome and introductions**

#### **Economic Landscape**

Dustin Pugel, KyPolicy

- Economic Recovery
- Jobs
- Unemployment Insurance
- General Fund Revenue and HB8

#### **Strengthening Kentucky's Community Safety Net, Pt. 1**

Marcie Timmerman, Mental Health America of Kentucky

- Behavioral Health

Adrienne Bush, Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky

- Housing

Tyler Offerman, Kentucky Equal Justice Center

- Food

#### **BREAK**

#### **Strengthening Kentucky's Community Safety Net, Pt. 2**

Cara Stewart, Kentucky Voices for Health

- Child care

Christina Libby, Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky

- Transportation

Priscilla Easterling, Kentucky Voices for Health

- Healthcare

Amy Guyton, Kentucky Voices for Health

- Public Health

#### **Tools and Resources**

Priscilla Easterling, Kentucky Voices for Health

- **In the Loop** forum to stay up-to-date on changes to the safety-net, connect with peers, and troubleshoot issues
- **Comment on kynect** survey to report barriers to accessing Medicaid, SNAP, KTAP, and CCAP

#### **Healthy Democracy**

Dr. Sheila Schuster, Executive Director, Advocacy Action Network

- Legislative Update
- Results of the 2020 Census
- Voter Registration Guidelines & Resources
- Why advocate?
- Education, advocacy, and lobbying

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

1. Identify and define safety-net resource programs available in Kentucky.
2. Receive timely updates on the state and federal policies that impact the economy, health, housing, transportation, food assistance, childcare, public health, mental health and substance use disorder.
3. Understand Kentucky's safety-net resources and public assistance programs to better assist community members in understanding their rights and more effectively guide them in the decisions that affect their health & wellbeing.
4. Review new tools available to assist community members with meeting basic needs.
5. Get the latest information on the state and federal responses to the COVID-19 public health crisis and recovery.
6. Build knowledge and skills to become a more effective community advocate.

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

- Community leaders
- Counselors
- Public employees
- Nonprofit organizations
- Frontline service providers
- Outreach workers
- Educators
- Faith leaders
- Those who serve their community

**This will be a continuing education and/or professional development credit opportunity!** We have applied to be continuing education providers for Certified Community Health Workers, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, FRYSCKYs, lawyers/attorneys, Alcohol & Drug Counselors, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists, Pastoral Counselors, and MORE. Stay tuned!

***Have questions? Please email Amy Guyton at [Amy@kyvoicesforhealth.org](mailto:Amy@kyvoicesforhealth.org) for details.***