



## **ADVOCACY FOR THRIVING COMMUNITIES**

### **AGENDA**

#### **10:00 AM Local Time - Welcome and Introductions**

#### **10:05 AM Local Time**

##### **Economic Landscape**

Dustin Pugel, KyPolicy

- Jobs, Inflation, Impact of HB1

##### **Strengthening Kentucky's Community Safety Net**

Marcie Timmerman, Mental Health America of Kentucky

- Behavioral Health

Adrienne Bush, Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky

- Housing

Tyler Offerman, Kentucky Equal Justice Center

- Food

Cara Stewart, Kentucky Voices for Health

- Child care

Adrienne Bush, Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky

- Transportation

Priscilla Easterling, Kentucky Voices for Health

- Healthcare

Emily Beauregard, Kentucky Voices for Health

- Public Health

#### **11:45 AM Local Time**

##### **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, troubleshoot issues, and participate in the comment on kynect survey

#### **12:00 PM Local Time - Break to Grab Lunch**

#### **12:15 PM Local Time - Continue Program During Lunch**

##### **Healthy Democracy**

Dr. Sheila Schuster, Executive Director, Advocacy Action Network

- Legislative Update
- Voter Registration Guidelines & Resources
- Why advocate?
- Education, advocacy, and lobbying

#### **12:45 PM Local Time - Q&A**

## **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!** During this community education series, we plan to become continuing education providers for Certified Community Health Workers and social workers, and will be coordinating for self-reporting needs to support FRYSCKYs, lawyers/attorneys, Alcohol & Drug Counselors, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists, Pastoral Counselors, psychologists, art therapists and MORE in securing continuing education credits as well.

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