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# 2023 KVH ANNUAL MEETING

GRIFFIN GATE MARRIOTT | 1800 NEWTOWN PIKE, LEXINGTON KY  
DECEMBER 5, 2023

## DESCRIPTION

KVH's annual meeting brings together stakeholders from across the Commonwealth to explore opportunities to improve the health and wellbeing of all Kentuckians. Sessions will touch on the ways in which state policies can be designed to improve access to affordable healthcare without barriers, fix the benefits cliff, build an equitable community safety net, promote civic engagement, and prepare for the 2024 General Assembly.

## AUDIENCE

Health advocates, consumers, community leaders, policymakers, public employees, nonprofit organizations, frontline service providers, outreach workers, educators, researchers, faith leaders, and others who serve their communities.



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— **9:30AM** REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

— **10:00AM** WELCOME

— **10:15AM** STATE UPDATES: Medicaid Renewals, Community Health Worker Reimbursement, and Expanded Services for Dental, Vision, & Hearing

Medicaid renewals have resumed for the first time in three years for more than 1.7 million Kentuckians at the same time that important new services are being covered. This session will provide updates on the Medicaid renewal process, ongoing efforts to keep Kentuckians covered, and the implementation of new regulations to cover more comprehensive services to improve the health of Kentuckians.

- Lisa Lee, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services

— **10:45AM** LEARNING FROM KENTUCKIANS: New Research on the Impact of Medicaid During Crisis and Recovery

Kentucky's public assistance programs have been a critical part of the pandemic response and recovery. Researchers will share findings from their work in exploring how public assistance programs are working for Kentuckians and the impact of Medicaid in terms of health outcomes, the pandemic, our economy, and rural health.

- Dr. Jamila Michener, Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Cornell Center for Health Equity
- Dr. Joseph Benitez, Assistant Professor, College of Public Health, University of Kentucky

— **12:00PM** NETWORKING LUNCH

— **1:00PM** KVH UPDATES

— **1:15PM** #KYSays: Listening to Kentuckians on the Life Changing Impact of Medicaid Services

Starting this year, Medicaid began covering Community Health Worker services for prevention, health education, chronic disease management, and care coordination, thanks to HB525 passed in 2022. New regulations also cover comprehensive dental, vision, and hearing services to nearly 900,000 Kentucky adults, including eye glasses, dentures, root canals, hearing aids, and more. Panelists will share their personal experiences with accessing life-changing care and support that was previously out of reach and will discuss policy opportunities to support better health and economic outcomes for workers and families.

- Tracy Pulley, Family Connection FRYSC, Fulton Independent School District
- Tiffany Taul-Scruggs, CCHW & Patient Service Outreach Manager, Sterling Health Care
- John Bowman, KY Senior Campaign Organizer, Dream.Org

2:15 PM BREAK

2:30 PM 2024 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW: ADVANCING POLICIES FOR BETTER HEALTH

State legislators will respond to the challenges Kentuckians face in achieving good health and wellbeing and discuss policy opportunities to build a more equitable Commonwealth. This dialogue will focus on how advocates can support legislation during the 2024 General Assembly to address the ongoing physical and behavioral health impact of the pandemic, improve the delivery of high-quality Medicaid services to reduce health disparities, fix the benefits cliff for working Kentuckians, and strengthen Kentucky's public health infrastructure.

Moderated by Dr. Sheila Schuster, Board Chair of Kentucky Voices for Health

- Senator Cassie Chambers Armstrong (SD19), Member of the Health Services Committee
Senator Stephen Meredith (SD5), Chair of the Health Services Committee and Co-Chair of the Health & Human Services Delivery System Task Force
Representative Kim Moser (HD64), Chair of the Health Services Committee and member of the Health & Human Services Delivery System Task Force
Representative Ken Fleming (HD48), Member of the Interim Joint Committee on Families & Children, Member of Budget Review Subcommittee on Health & Family Services

\*More panelists will be announced soon!

4:00 PM WRAP UP

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