

## Health Law Fellowship Highlights

April – July 2015      Cara Stewart

### Highlights of Community Education / Networking Activities : 16+ Presentations in 12 Counties

- Presented to large group of arbiters, advocates, and judges at National Arbiters conference around consumers and the Affordable Care Act
- Presented a Poster at National Health Outreach Conference in Atlanta by invitation and by scholarship
- Coordinated interviews, including my own, for a story from the Wall Street Journal on healthcare, connecting Arian Campo-Flores with Andrew Willhoite
- Coordinated and hosted Health & Welfare Task Force
- Chaired the Health Action Team of the NKY ReEntry Team, hosted one meeting of the Reentry Team, coordinated efforts with the jails in NKY and advocates; met individually with several jailers, including Floyd County and Kenton County. Completed applications for inmates in both jails and studied potential best practices as a part of the Healthy ReEntry Coalition.
- Joined the board of the Greater Louisville ReEntry Coalition, and have given 2 presentations to the larger coalition, one on legal services and public benefit appeal rights, & one on Medicaid generally
- Gave a presentation to law clerks & other law students at AppalRed, Appalachian Citizens Law Center, Children's Law Center, and more in Prestonsburg
- Presented to inmates enrolled in Portal New Directions in drug treatment programs in Kenton and Campbell Counties, and the Campbell County Detention Center
- Presented and was invited to present again on Medicaid to the Heroin Impact Response Team in Northern Kentucky
- Presented to the New Leaders Council of Kentucky upon request for the second year on the ACA
- Presented to the Kentucky Young Democrats by invitation for the second year
- Presented to the Cincinnati Bar Association by invitation
- Attended SEPBTAG in Nashville and gave update on Kentucky + Many More Presentations
- Attended Southern Health Partners in Atlanta

### Highlights of Public Advocacy

- Filed Open Records request for health insurance rates for 2016; reviewed
- Located consumers for focus groups in Kentucky for the ACA Implementation Study; attended and supported three of the focus groups and story gathering
- Reviewed monthly cabinet regulation releases; currently preparing comments on federal Medicaid Managed Care Regulations
- Participated as a consumer voice on the SIM working group for Quality and Data
- Participated in the monthly meetings for SIAC in a working group
- Participated heavily in tobacco free NKY

### Highlights of Consumer Assistance/ Individual Cases/ Litigation

- Enrolled 6 Families/Individuals in Medicaid; and one family into a QHP with a Special Enrollment Period
- Successfully appealed a Network Adequacy Issue for a client in Northern Kentucky that resulted in two special contracts. It took over 3 months, but the client is going to be able to have the back surgery she needs, where as before there were so surgeons or counselors available to her within 90 minutes. Continuing advocacy on the underlying system network adequacy problem.
- Co-counseled with the Children's Law Center for a family where an 8 year old child was at risk of expulsion – I was able to enroll the entire family in Medicaid after they had made several attempts, and work with the MCO to get the child the appropriate service and case management to support the juvenile case; the child as a result is still in school and the whole family has health coverage

