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Board Report October 9, 2015, Highlights from period July 17 – October 9

Networking/Education

- Attended all Healthy ReEntry Coalition of Kentucky meetings, monthly, on July 21, August 14, Sept 15
- Attended 2 KVH general meetings, July 20 & Sept 23
- Greater Louisville Reentry Coalition, July 22, September 8, September 23
- In Person with the LSC programs – July 24 Laslou, August 28 LABG, Sept 28 KLA
- Sim Quality Workgroup Meeting July 22
- Great Health Law mid year in person meeting at the foundation with Rich and anne Marie on July 30
- Met with Diana Queen, coordinator of Restorative Justice in Kentucky
- Attended Interim Joint Judiciary Committee Meeting bc of Senate Bill 192, heroin
- Gateways to Coverage feedback loop meeting with CCIIO Director of SBM Mayra Alvarez on July 28
- URLTA strategy and education meetings, Healthy Homes, July 28, August 5, August 27, September 14, October 12
- Boots Call on August 13
- Sustaining Health Policy Gains Work Group Meetings: August 14, Sept 1, Oct 5, ongoing
- Attended in person OKHBE SHOP training with Bill Nold in Paducah
- Participated in Medicaid Training with Marketplace Integration with Arkansas Legal Services, August 18
- Meeting with Medicaid Managed Care Organization Passport's Community Relations Representative Leslie Salsbury Aug 19
- Ongoing monitoring of children's mental health via SIAC, meeting and work group, and ongoing strategy meetings for possible litigation around children's mental health issues, Aug 20
- Continued to work with Rich and Emily Beauregard of Kentucky Voices for Health on Messaging for sustaining health policy gains
- Attended BOST Forum in Bowling Green Sept 28
- Participated in Gateways in person meeting in Washington DC Sept 29-October 1, including very small group meeting with Jen Stolbach, the new director of State Based Marketplaces at CCIIO, and addressed the Medicaid disenrollment for bad addresses.
- Attended and monitored State Legislative Interim Joint Committee on Health and Welfare, as well as the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Committee Meeting : July 15, July 27, and Sept 16, and Sept 23
- Participated in the Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinating Committee, Sept 16, quarterly
- Attended all day Health Journalism training and more at the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky on September 21
- Participated in CBPP SBM advocates calls on July 27 & NHeLP Advocates Call on Oct 13
- Families USA Red State Calls on July 29; Medicaid Messaging Meetings
- Regularly Attended all Program Review and Investigations Committees – monitoring and oversight

- Attended SIAC or SIAC work group meetings on July 22, August 26, Sept 23
- Attended Geographic Health Equity National Conference in New Orleans Sept 10th and 11th, and became a member of Community Commons and was trained on map creation, hosted by the IP3: the Institute for People, Place, and Possibility
- Participated in stakeholder feedback at QMAC Anthem member meeting, Sept 15

Outreach/ Community Education

- Advocacy Presentation to HIRT – Heroin Impact Response Team, in NKY, to over 100 different agencies and partners, from jailers and probation officers, to treatment providers, social workers, and teachers, August 11, attended regular meeting on Sept 4, Sept 8
- Presented at the Healthy ReEntry Coalition of Kentucky on July 21
- Presented to over 200 Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, and academics at Eastern Kentucky University to the KARRN Conference on health law, legal solutions to health access barriers, and advocacy on Sept 23
- Hosted Healthcare AV Club at the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky on Sept 24
- Presentation for all the Pediatric Residents at the UK Med School on Health Law Advocacy and the ACA, Sept 25
- I kicked off a NKY group to advocate for including Cincinnati providers in MCO networks for substance abuse disorder services, including the newly appointed NKY Office of Drug Control Policy, MCO reps, and provider representatives, first meeting on August 24
- Completed 2 interviews for stakeholder engagement with University of Louisville for the SIM plan, plus full day SIM feedback session on August 27 in Frankfort, Attended additional SIM meetings on July 22, August 4, September 17, Sept 22, Sept 24
- Tabled Newport Back to School
- Represented all Consumers on Healthcare Improvement Authority Board on August 11, raised questions about enrollment from quit line, and coal in lung cancer research
- Small group meeting around Medicaid and enrollment with Kenton County Jailer Terry Carl and newly hired social worker for the jail running the in house residential drug treatment program at the jail, Jason Merrick, and the KCDC nurse in charge, pursuing ongoing relationship to support those Kentuckians with lowest rates of enrollment to have access to health coverage
- Interviewed with Nick Quinones, author of Dreamland and reporter for the New Yorker, on August 12 and 16

Client Work/Litigation/ Commenting on Regulation

- Enrolled 6 clients from the department of public advocacy, including two whose releases were partially dependent upon their enrollment.
- Filed Comments on Medicaid Managed Care Regulations on July 27, first update in over 10 years, regulations were well over 800 pages
- Filed Comments on Kentucky's Benchmark Plan, filed with CMS
- Commented on FSS Coordinating Committee annual plan July 28
- Smoke Free KY and Tobacco Free NKY, led presentation on power mapping on July 29, Circle of Influence and Strategy Meeting on August 25, attended regular meetings on September 2
- Represented a client in Northern Kentucky who had severe network adequacy issue, successfully got the client several private contracts with providers
- Represented various clients from prior enrollments with ongoing issues
- Filed 2 appeals with the Department of Insurance

