

Kentucky Equal Justice Center

Director's Activity

July 25 to October 3, 2017

Governance

- Hosted July 25 Board Meeting
- Met individually with newly-elected Board Members (August 11, 14)
- Hosted orientation for new Board Members (September 20)
- Participated in ad hoc conference call on Bylaws (September 19)
- Worked with Chair on proposed Bylaws revisions

Management and Administration

- Carried out mutual fund investment recommendations for Mason Fund
- Completed engagement letter and provided materials requested by auditor
- Moved QuickBooks accounting system from desktop to "cloud"
- Met with Treasurer to reconcile accounts (July 28)

Grants and Fundraising

- Filed grant reports:
 - Kentucky Bar Foundation
 - Lexington Catholic Diocese
 - Public Welfare Foundation
 - United Way of the Bluegrass
- Filed grant proposals or agreements:

	Amount
○ Fayette County Bar Foundations	\$ 7,944 pending
○ National Health Law Program	\$40,000 awarded
- Attended "Boot Camp" Sessions I and II for Good Giving Challenge
- Presented to Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky board (with Miranda) (September 26)

Task Forces

Participated in planning and scheduling for:

- Family Law Task Force (October 24)
- Health and Welfare Task Force (October 27)
- Consumer and Housing Task Force (November 2)
- Worker's Rights Task Force (date not set)

Workers' Rights Advocacy

- Participated in Public Welfare Foundation "Wage Theft Cohort" calls monthly
- Met with Lexington Council member re potential fair contracting and wage theft ordinance, with McKenzie and local labor reps (September 20)

Health and Public Benefits Advocacy

- Commented on proposed revisions to Kentucky’s 1115 Medicaid Waiver “Kentucky HEALTH” (August 2)
- Participated in biweekly calls with NHELP and Southern Poverty Law Center on potential challenges to Kentucky 1115 waiver (with Anne Marie, Cara and Miranda)
- Organized and hosted webinar “Kentucky’s 1115 Medicaid Waiver Plan: A Detailed Briefing for Legal Services Staff” featuring Jane Perkins and Judy Solomon (August 17)
- With Kentucky Voices for Health and KCEP, met with Senator Tom Buford to request bill to protect patients from “surprise” medical bills (September 20)
- With Health Law Team, conceived, organized and coordinated week of interviews for people potentially affected by Kentucky HEALTH 1115 Medicaid waiver proposal, including:
 - Shared online scheduling template
 - Engagement with community partners
 - Visits from NHELP and SPLC staff
 - Daily coordination calls
- Participated in Kentucky Voices for Health:
 - InsureKY campaign meetings and calls (weekly)
 - Strategic Planning Session (September 30)

AmeriCorps VISTA

- Launched project and met weekly with new VISTA Outreach Specialist Corinna Svarlien

Legislative and Administrative Advocacy

- Attended Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary (August 4)

Communications

- Chaired weekly calls of “health gains social media” team (with Kentucky Voices for Health)
- Consulted regularly with Marcie re messages on other poverty law topics
- Carried out plan to produce Maxwell Street fall newsletter “The Torch” (with Corinna)

Media

- Answered phone inquiries on health from WUKY (September 22) and WFPL (October 2)

Attended or participated in . . .

- Kentucky Together meeting on tax reform (August 22)
- Legislative Black Caucus Press Conference in Capitol Rotunda (August 30)
- United Way of the Bluegrass Campaign Kickoff Lunch (September 6)
- Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky Annual Forum, this year on opioid crisis (September 25)