

Kentucky Equal Justice Center

Director's Activity

December 11, 2017 to April 26, 2018

Governance

- Hosted December 14 Board Meeting
- Reconciled accounts with Treasurer (December 14, April 17)
- Discussed 2018 board nomination process with officers

Management and Administration

- Completed renewal application for professional liability coverage
- Implemented timekeeping and billing system for VOCA grant (with Maxwell Street)
- Enrolled new VOCA staff in benefits
- Contacted auditor to launch FY 2017 Audit and 990

Grants and Fundraising

- Filed grant reports:
 - Health Law Fellowship Final Financial Report
 - United Way of the Bluegrass Interim Report
- Filed grant proposals or agreements:

	Amount
○ Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky (with Miranda)	\$50,000 awarded
○ Legal Impact Network	\$16,000 awarded
○ Kentucky Bar Foundation (with Maxwell Street)	\$12,460 requested
○ Catholic Diocese of Lexington (with Maxwell Street)	\$ 6,500 requested
- Completed Good Giving Challenge (\$15,541)
- Prepared thank you letters for donors by mail
- Met with Daniel Rosove of Mazon Foundation

General Assembly

- Monitored bills, amendments and committee agendas daily
- Compiled and published bill tracking charts weekly
- Hosted multiple coordination calls with KEJC staff and volunteer Geri Grigsby
- Successfully sought amendments to health, public benefits and family law bills on:
 - Wage and hour protections for seasonal recreational workers (SB 35)
 - Access to free copies of medical records (SB 20)
 - SNAP work requirements for “able bodied adults” without dependents (HB 363)
 - Set aside of joint custody presumption in cases of domestic violence (HB 289)
 - Unemployment Insurance benefits freeze and benefit week limit (HB 252)
- Filed employer's legislative ethics report monthly

Task Forces

- Convened planning calls for Family Law Task Force meeting (tentative date June 20) with new chairs Katina Miner and Sarah Hughes (KLA) and Cassie

Workers' Rights Advocacy

- Joined Public Welfare Foundation "Wage Theft Cohort" calls monthly
- Participated in strategic planning interview with consultant for A Better Balance

Health and Public Benefits Advocacy

- Participated in most biweekly calls with NHeLP and Southern Poverty Law Center on joint litigation challenging the Kentucky HEALTH Medicaid waiver
- Participated in Kentucky Voices for Health:
 - Finance Committee as Treasurer (December 15)
 - Board Meeting (December 19, March 30)
 - Medicaid Waiver Task Force conference call (January 19)
 - InsureKY Campaign calls (weekly)

AmeriCorps VISTA

- Met approximately biweekly with new VISTA Outreach Specialist Corinna Svarlien
- Applied for 2018-2019 VISTA through the Plantory and began recruitment

Communications

- Joined in weekly calls of "health gains social media" team (with Kentucky Voices for Health)
- Consulted regularly with Marcie re messages on other poverty law topics
- Met with Corinna to review new platforms for KEJC website

Attended or participated in . . .

- Kentucky Together Meeting on progressive tax reform (December 18)
- Kentucky Center for Economic Policy state budget conference (January 26)
- Access to Justice CLE organized by Cassie Chambers (February 1)
- Black History Month Observance in Capitol Rotunda (February 13)
- VOCA grantee meeting at Justice Cabinet (February 14)
- Plantory VISTA Supervisor Training (March 15)
- Legal Impact Network convening in Chicago (April 19-21)