

Kentucky Equal Justice Center

Director's Activity Highlights

September 26 to December 10, 2019

Governance

- Hosted KEJC Board Meeting (September 27)
- Managed Staff Representatives Nomination and Election process
- Held phone interview with potential Personnel Committee consultant (November 13)
- Participated in Legal Work Oversight Committee conference call (December 3)
- Scheduled Audit Committee call with auditor (December 10)

Management and Administration

- Reconciled accounts with Treasurer (November 26)
- Provided materials and responded to requests from auditor for audit and 990
- Prepared proposed budget for FY 2020
- Gathered funding info and calculated 2020 statewide funding formula

Grants and Fundraising

- Filed grant reports:
 - National Health Law Program
 - Health Law Fellowship (Betsy wrote narrative)
 - Boots on the Ground (Miranda wrote narrative)
- Filed grant proposals or agreements:

	Amount	Status
○ VOCA	\$215,426	awarded (with VOCA staff)
○ Fayette County Bar Foundation	\$5,000	awarded (with Leah)
○ Louisville Bar Foundation	\$5,000	awarded (with Miranda)
○ CLASP Protecting Immigrant Families	\$10,000	awarded (with Miranda)
○ Gates Foundation	\$100,000	filed (with Ben and Tyler)
- Coordinated 1st place finish in Good Giving Challenge December 3-9 with Allison Crawford (\$55,793 exclusive of match prizes)
- Coordinated preparation of Holiday Season Maxwell Street newsletter "The Torch" with Allison Crawford

Task Forces

- Participated in planning call (November 19) (with Ben, Betsy), attended and presented at Welfare and Health Task Force (December 5)
- Held planning calls for Workers' Rights Task Force (with McKenzie and Miranda) (October 7, November 19, November 25) (set for December 16) and reached out to presenters

- Participated in Consumer Task Force “Lunch and Learn” webinar (organized by Ben) (November 21)

Workers’ Rights Advocacy

- Participated in conference calls about potential workers’ center in Louisville with UK Prof. Ariana Levinson (October 8) (with McKenzie and Miranda)

Health and Public Benefits Advocacy

- Attended Public Assistance Reform Task Force meeting (October 7, October 30)
- Convened KEJC Staff for Altarum High Value Health Board Game (November 12), with pic that made it into national Altarum webinar (November 15)
- Participated in Kentucky Voices for Health:
 - InsureKY coordination calls (almost weekly)
 - InsureKY meeting with Elaine Waxman of Urban Institute (October 10)
 - Annual meeting as a panelist (October 11)
 - InsureKY post-election planning meeting (November 8)
 - InsureKY strategy meeting (November 20)
- Reviewed staff comments on multiple federal rules

Food Justice Coalition Building and Advocacy

- Met with fellow Mazon grantee KCEP project staff and director about implementation of food justice grant projects (with Tyler) (October 10)
- Met with potential Kentucky Food Policy Network allies at Feeding Kentucky to explore coalition building and joint advocacy (with Tyler) (November 7)
- Reviewed Tyler’s comment on federal proposal for SNAP standard utility allowance

Communications

- Met periodically with Allison re messaging (plus frequent email communication) on worker’s rights, Good Giving and Maxwell Street newsletter The Torch
- Compiled and published Pre-filed Bills Summaries drawing on Lobbying Team drafts

Attended or participated in . . .

- KEJC Lobbying Team meeting (October 17, November 12)
- Community Response Coalition meeting (October 20)
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities state orientation on public benefits issues (October 28)
- Justice Cabinet VOCA awards ceremony in Capitol Rotunda (October 30)
- CLASP Aligning State Assistance Programs webinar on racial equity (October 31)
- Southeast Public Benefits TAG meeting in Atlanta (November 2-3)
- Access to Justice Commission grant project meeting (November 8)
- Kentucky Safety Net allies call (November 14)
- Health Data Forum (Foundation for a Healthy KY, Interact for Health) (November 15)
- Meeting with Kentucky Resources Council leaders re Ben’s merger idea (December 6)