Kentucky Equal Justice Center

Director’s Activity Highlights

July 10 to September 25, 2019

Governance

• Hosted KEJC Board Meeting (July 11)
• Reached out to potential strategic planning consultants
• Held board orientation call with new Community Member (September 25)

Management and Administration

• Reconciled accounts with Treasurer (August 9)
• Provided requested materials to auditor (August 26)
• Completed interviews and welcomed new Food Justice Fellow (August 23)
• Coordinated Legal Files case management training webinars (August 28, September 5)
• Participated in Legal Work Committee meeting (September 6)

Grants and Fundraising

• Filed grant reports:
  o United Way of the Bluegrass
  o Kentucky Bar Foundation
  o Public Welfare Foundation
  o Catholic Diocese of Lexington (with Leah)
• Filed grant proposals or agreements:  Amount  Status
  o “Boots on the Ground”  $50,000  awarded
  o Fayette County Bar Foundation  $7,633  requested
• Interviewed potential event planners for Maxwell Street Legal Clinic 20th
• Updated Good Giving portrait and registered for Good Giving Challenge 2019

Task Forces

• Held planning calls with chairs of Welfare and Health Task Force and Family Law Task Force and moderated Emerging Issues session at Statewide Conference.

Workers’ Rights Advocacy

• Brainstormed workers’ rights messaging with Allison, Ben and McKenzie on three themes: make work pay, make it safe, make it family friendly (August 15, September 10)
• Launched email thread to help coordinate response to Black Jewell failure to pay miners in the wake of company bankruptcy (with McKenzie) (July 30)
Health and Public Benefits Advocacy

- Held planning call with Center on Budget and Policy Priorities experts and Kentucky allies for potential KEJC testimony before Public Benefits Reform Task Force (July 10)
- Recruited Elaine Waxman of Urban Institute as potential expert witness for Public Benefits Reform Task Force and secured initial agreement for her to appear (later canceled)
- With advocacy partners, met with Senators Humphries, Westerfield and Wise on topics before the Public Benefits Reform Task Force (July 19, August 19)
- Attended Public Benefits Reform Task Force meeting (August 19)
- Participated in Kentucky Voices for Health:
  - InsureKY coordination calls (almost weekly)
  - Advocacy workshop planning meeting (July 30)
  - Advocacy workshop in Lexington (August 13)
  - Drafting process for SNAP reg comment collector
- Reviewed staff comments on multiple federal rules

AmeriCorps VISTA

- Met with new VISTA coordinator Shawn Bumpase at the Plantory (August 27)

Communications

- Met periodically with Allison re messaging (plus frequent email communication)

Attended or participated in . . .

- Legal Impact Network Convening (July 15-16)
- Access to Justice Commission convening (July 19) and conference call (September 12)
- Good Giving Campaign 2019 Orientation as panelist (September 3)
- Kentucky Legal Services Statewide Conference (September 18-19)
- Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky Bost Forum (September 24)
- Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky Community Advisory Council (September 25)
- Lexington Community Radio “On Common Ground” event (September 27)