# 1. Welcome and Attendees

**Goal of the Grant:** to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth (birth through age 21) who meet criteria for SED and their families and who have child welfare involvement. For this project, child welfare-involved families are those for whom a child abuse and/or neglect investigation results in a substantiation or services-needed finding and for whom DCBS does not have custody. The population of focus also includes children and youth who have a planned reunification date within 60 days, as well as post adoptive families who are seeking behavioral health services for youth they have adopted.

**Purpose of the GMIT:** interagency team responsible for management of the grant, oversight of state and local implementation activities, and ongoing communication with the system of care governing bodies.

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|[ ]  Barb Greene |[x]  Jessica Ware |[x]  Michelle Niehaus |[ ]  Felicity Krueger |
|[ ]  Chris Cordell |[ ]  John Broadus |[x]  Maxine Reid |[ ]  Ashley Peercy |
|[x]  Beth Jordan |[ ]  Josh Swetnam |[ ]  Melinda Vise |[ ]  Natasha Ulrich |
|[x]  Carmilla Ratliff |[ ]  Kenneth Fletcher |[ ]  Micah Blevins |[x]  Ayanna Coates-Hendricks |
|[ ]  Carol Cecil |[x]  Katie Kirkland |[ ]  Michelle Sawyers |[ ]  Jamie Tipton |
|[x]  Clarissa Allen |[ ]  Katy Mullins |[x]  Randa Bush |[ ]  Mallory Bateman |
|[ ]  Dakota Simmons |[ ]  Kelli Root |[x]  Sherri Staley |[ ]  Amanda Body |
|[ ]  David Lohr |[x]  Kelly Bradshaw |[x]  Tammi Taylor |[ ]  Danielle Khoury |
|[ ]  Dee Dee Ward |[x]  Kelly Dorman |[x]  Tracy DeSimone |[ ]  Ruthie Sizemore |
|[ ]  Dyzz Cooper |[x]  Leslie Hughes Burgess |[ ]  Tevis Duncan |[x]  Shellie Mills |
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[x]  = Present [ ]  = Absent

# Statewide RIAC Community Needs Survey Findings, Jessica Ware, UK HDI

## Jessica presented the results of The Community Needs survey conducted from September 2022 to January 2023, which aimed to gather feedback from participants on what needs to be addressed in their community. The survey received 588 responses statewide.

## Demographics of survey participants were shared including a breakdown of participants who reported they were parents (64% statewide) or youth (28% statewide) or might be in the population of focus for SOC FIVE (11% of statewide participants).

## The results showed state-level areas of strength such as quality education and access to basic medical care and also shared concerns which indicated room for growth such as transportation, affordable housing, and employment opportunities.

## Each RIAC who received more than 15 survey responses received a link to a shared drive folder where they could access their regional data in a prepared PowerPoint and links to more detailed breakdowns of their regional data. All RIACs have access to the statewide data to be able to facilitate discussions about the findings even if they did not receive a sufficient regional response for analysis.

Several grant applications ask about community identified needs so these findings will be helpful.

Statewide Analysis slides can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qeWqOHw0jiXgbpcgSiajT9I_zsLzRxfF?usp=share_link>

## Action Items

Task Description Person Responsible Deadline

Please share the information SGMIT ongoing

# Action Plan Goal Updates: Policy Recommendation to SIAC

The group reviewed and discussed policy recommendations put forth in January’s SGMIT meeting. Members also noted the absence of some staff members to speak to some of the recommendations, so further discussion will be needed. Recommendations will be due this summer for the SIAC.

**LEAD KY**

The group may have a policy recommendation. Some SGMIT Members who participate in LEAD KY were not present and others had not yet reached out to the group.

* Beth Jordan will follow up with LEAD KY to ask the group if they have a policy recommendation for the team to consider.

**AOC**

AOC representatives were unable to attend today to share more information on the Upstream initiative, however Mary C. shared some information about how the initiative will align with DCBS work.

* Michelle O’Brien (Upstream/AOC consultant) is helping with regional collaboration. The plan is for Michelle to present on Upstream to the Regional Action Plan leaders (working on DCBS/community collaboration initiative) to help align the work across both agencies.
* Currently AOC are looking at getting partners involved and working to identify a pilot site. In August they will be doing some mapping to identify gaps and barriers. Once a site is identified, AOC plan to identify facilitators who can form action plans and conduct meetings much like DCBS does as it relates to prevention, identifying solutions and being ‘upstream’. Upstream will be more court led and involve child welfare and behavioral health.
* More information about the initiative will be shared in next month’s meeting.

**KY Judicial Commission on Mental Health**

There are multiple work groups involved in the commission who are working to identifying barriers and may have policy recommendations based on this work.

* We need to check back in with those contributing to the work of the commission.

**Consent to Treat KRS 214.185**

This statute limits consent for minors to receive mental health treatment except for mental health services provided by a doctor. Youth cannot seek out their own treatment/services without parental consent unless they go to a medical doctor or unless they are emancipated or married.

* Members from the Cumberland Region reported 8 youth suicides since Oct. 2022
* The recommendation is to have legislation review these limitations particularly for general mental health services given that minor consent is allowed for Substance Use Treatment (SUD treatment is currently the only mental health service that can be sought by youth without parental consent)
* Members shared concern about balancing the protection of parents/parental engagement and involvement with removing barriers for youth who seek mental health services.
* New Vista representative confirmed that they also encounter this issue with young people who are seeking help but are unable to start services without parent consent/involvement.

**Threat Assessments in Schools KRS 158.4412**

Intended to make the schools safer by the issuance of a letter for a student from a mental health provider which states that a child is not a harm to themselves or others. Schools are excluded from a mental health clause however providers (CMHCs) are not excluded from liability and are therefore less willing to provide such letters to schools.

* Members spoke to how this liability caused the loss of a large school contract for an SOC partnering provider in the Cumberland region.
* Court ordered assessments come up a lot in custody assessments and other mandated assessments. This topic was identified as an ongoing concern for multiple stakeholders on the call.

**Limits to Youth Peer Support Training Qualifications**

This recommendation is related to the issue of consent for treatment for minors. Those applying to become youth peer support specialists who were unable to receive services due to lack of parental consent are not allowed to certify as Youth Peer Support Specialists per current regulations.

* Regulations from DBHDID will be updated soon through discussions; this issue will be included in those discussions.

**Inclusivity Plan**

Christy Penn and the Mental Health Planning Council developed an inclusivity plan to ensure language access and representation for all boards and commissions operating out of the department (DBHDID). A similar plan might be useful for SIAC to incorporate.

* Members mentioned that they would like to hear more about the work of the planning council to better understand how these would work for other groups. The planning committee created an outline for the plan however each board and commission are different based on their goals and missions.
* The plan has opened up a lot of conversations about what it looks like to build inclusivity and identifying barriers around that.
* Members will reach out to Christy or Missy to learn more about this as a potential recommendation.

**Medicaid Changes, disallowing extended codes**

This was a Center for Medicaid (CMS) issue impacting all states and not just Kentucky

* This issue was impacting Boy’s and Girl’s Haven SOC FIVE work however Kentucky Medicaid added a new code for extended time in the fee schedule. The code allows extended time up to two hours of additional time for psychotherapy. Jan-March might remain unable to reimburse; KY Medicaid worked as quickly as possible to address this issue.
* This is a win for equity as well, when you consider the use of interpreters for services & how that creates lengthier service sessions, additionally many EBPs are not 1-hour models. This also creates more equity around location since this was impacting the time clinicians would travel to see rural clients/clients without transportation.

## Action Items

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Request input on recommendations Beth Jordan May 2023

from KY LEAD

Follow up with work group

Leaders involved in KY Judicial Comm. SGMIT Leadership May 2023

on Mental Health

Reach out to Christy P. to SGMIT Leadership May 2023

Learn more about Inclusivity Plans

# Agency Updates

**DCBS**

* Lean on Me Kentucky has launched a toolkit for child abuse prevention month, which is meant to be used as a conversation starter. Trainings are being held on April 18th and April 27th, focusing on how to use data and messaging to prevent families from coming to the attention of DCBS.
	+ - Registration and more information can be found [here](../Pictures/Lean%20on%20Me%20KY%20Slides.pdf).
* Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCAK) conducted a focus group with parents, youth, and individuals with lived experience to get their input on what it would look like to be supported differently. There are videos in the toolkit sharing experiences.

**Medicaid**

* Sherri discussed the 1115 Waiver Amendment for Medicaid and upcoming public forums for participation. Any public comment about the waiver has to be submitted to DMS by email DMS.Issues@ky.gov by May 5th with the subject line ‘SMI 1115 public comment.’
* Two main goals of the amendment are about recuperative care (respite care) for SMI (Serious
* Mental Illness) adult beneficiaries, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and who need additional medical support and care coordination and extending stays at institutions for mental diseases (IMDs) for those individuals as well.
* Any interest in this SMI Public Forum, please visit our [website](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/publicnotices.aspx) to learn more about that.

**Cumberland River Behavioral Health**

* Rockcastle County School District is utilizing a service called Care Solace, a 24/7 mental health care coordination service for K-12 school districts and a Chromebook filter called Light Speed that shares concerning content accessed on Chromebooks with administrators in real time.
* Members cautioned about the potential costs and level of corporate involvement of some of these resources for schools. Good community partnership could eliminate the cost of referrals for services for students for schools.
* Many other schools/providers/programs are talking about Care Solace and more research on this service would be useful.

**UK HDI**

* Jessica presented the findings of the Community Needs Survey and tested out a different form of deliverable by providing slide decks for each region with over 15 responses and using the state level presentation as a walk-through training exercise for RIACs.
* Team members are also working on KPFC’s quarterly report and supporting KPFC's preparation for the moderation of focused discussions during their Joint meeting today.
* SPARS still has issues with their data downloads not reflecting new data fields. Katie's doing workarounds to hardcode some of those variables that are not reflected in the new data set. HDI plans to provide an update to the Disparity Dashboard and then after that point, plans to be able to provide more regional or provider level information.

**Partner Funding Opportunity**

* 43 applications were received requesting over $215,000; not all can be awarded. Committee meeting today will identify awardees and notifications will go out in approx. 2 weeks.

**Other Updates**

* Anderson County Family Fun Day will be held April 29th 10-2 p.m. at Anderson County Middle School. Please join if you are in the area!
* Kudos to Lizzie M. for supporting the 402 Report and Maxine for her support to the CQI team as well.

## Action Items

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**Next Meeting: May 12, 2023**, 10:00am – 12:00pmvia Zoom: [State GMIT Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82154195143?pwd=anYrVjlJRXQ4ejgxaDRYeDFCQ0IrUT09)

**Reminder:** You can find notes for all GMIT meetings as well as the CQI Dashboards and Interactive Map on the SOC FIVE Website**:** [**https://socv.hdiuky.net/**](https://socv.hdiuky.net/)

Family & Youth Reps complete for meeting time reimbursement: [**https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Attend\_Meeting**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Attend_Meeting)