

KCC Annual Meeting
December 3, 2024
Recording link [here](#)



Key Action Items:

- **December 9th Deadline** - Survey on non-emergency medical transportation | Access the survey [here](#)
- **December 10, 2024** - Kentucky Voices for Health Annual Meeting – Kelly Taulbee | Register [here](#)
- **December 12, 2024** - ACS Webinar for Cancer Coalitions: Advocacy vs Lobbying: What's the Difference? | Register [here](#)
- **December 19, 2024, 10:30 AM** - Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Room 129 of the Capitol Annex – Kelly Taulbee | Meeting will also be streamed on [Kentucky Education Television \(KET\)](#). All information presented will be uploaded to LRC website [here](#).
- **February 6, 2025** - Youth-led Advocacy Day at the Capitol (tobacco retailer licensure and other tobacco control issues) – Griffin Nemeth, iCANendthetrend | Register [here](#)
- **February 13, 2025** – Cancer Action Day at the Capitol – Michelle Heil, ACS | Sign up [here](#)

KY Cancer Action Plan Discussion

- Download KY Cancer Action Plan [here](#)
- KY Cancer Action Plan Snapshot discussions will be held on Thursdays in the second week of the month, either mid-morning or afternoon. Snapshot discussions include 1-2 speakers to informally discuss a topic related to the KY Cancer Action Plan. Each session allows time for audience discussion, questions and answers.
- KCC Networks & Workgroups:
 - Lung Cancer Network – Learning Collaboratives - funded by KDPH KY Lung Cancer Screening Program – to be launched in early 2025.
 - Survivorship Network
 - Communication Workgroup
 - Health Equity Workgroup
 - Data and Evaluation Workgroup
- Invitation to Partner - Let us know what you would like to see for KY Cancer Action Plan Snapshot discussions and sign up for workgroups [here](#)

Policy Discussion:

Statewide Tobacco Coalition - Amanda Bucher, UK BREATHE - amanda.bucher@uky.edu

Partners are combining efforts to form a coalition for tobacco control policies, focusing on preventing tobacco dependence rather than statewide smoke-free policies.

Tobacco Retail Licensing - Shannon Baker, American Lung Association - shannon.baker@lung.org

Discussed the need for tobacco retail licensing in Kentucky, highlighting past legislative attempts and future plans to introduce meaningful legislation to protect against underage sales.

Juul Settlement Funding - Jason Baird, Limestone Group - jason@limestonegrp.com

Discussed efforts to allocate Juul settlement dollars towards smoking cessation and anti-vaping programs, with plans to introduce bills in the next session.

Advocacy and Coalition Building - Doug Hogan, American Cancer Society - doug.hogan@cancer.org

Discussed the importance of advocacy days and coalition building for effective policy change, encouraging participation in upcoming events. Join ACS CAN team of advocates – learn more [here](#)

Medical Debt, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Lauren Edwards - lauren.edwards@lls.org

Discussed updates on growing trends and issues surrounding medical debt. Vigilance is needed regarding potential federal-level changes to Medicaid and ACA coverage, which could significantly impact state policies. Will continue to monitor federal policy changes affecting healthcare coverage. Access medical debt policy one-pager [here](#).

Coverage for Breast Exams, Susan G. Komen, Lauren Marquette - lmарquette@komen.org

Discussed the recently passed [HB115](#) in Kentucky that mandates health insurance coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast exams without cost-sharing, such as copays and deductibles. It is important to monitor for compliance and file complaints if issues arise. How to file a complaint – click [here](#).

All Payer Claims Database and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, KY Voices for Health, Kelly Taulbee, - kelly@kyvoicesforhealth.org

Discussed the importance of protecting and expanding healthcare access in Kentucky, particularly for children, by advocating for continuous Medicaid coverage for kids aged 0-6. Also discussed the potential benefits that an All-Payer Claims Database would provide policymakers with accurate data to improve healthcare outcomes, reduce disparities, and address workforce shortages. Non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) is a critical solution to improve care continuity for Kentuckians with all insurance types. Legislative efforts and surveys are ongoing to gather input on NEMT services.

Additional links and resources shared:

- Alleviating Financial Toxicity for Cancer Survivors and Caregivers – access the article [here](#)
- Policies tracked by KCC passed/not passed in 2024 - [here](#)
- Read blog post from Kentucky Youth Advocates [here](#)
- Access Kentucky Lantern Article on Juul settlement dollars for youth anti-smoking programs [here](#)
- Download one-pager regarding insurance plans covering nicotine replacement therapy [here](#)
- Download one-pager regarding consumers on fighting surprise billing [here](#)