

Kentucky Cancer Action Plan Snapshot Discussion

KCC Survivorship Network
Survivorship Series
Financial Toxicity

Cancer Survivorship Resource Exchange

May 20, 2026



KY CAP Goal:
Optimize Survivorship Care & Treatment

KY CAP Objectives:



Improve Cancer
Survivors' Quality of Life



Improve Access to
Palliative Care



Increase Access to Quality
Care

Cross-Cutting Domains and Strategies

Provide Effective Health Communication

Cultivate Healthy
Neighborhoods
and Healthy
Environments

Coordinate Quality
Healthcare

Provide Accessible
and Affordable
Healthcare

Strengthen Health
Professional
Workforce

Fill Data and
Research Gaps

Partner Input

- **Reduce financial and access barriers:**
 - Transportation assistance, affordable healthcare access, funding for screening and copays, and financial assistance programs
- **Expand community-based access and awareness:**
 - Advocate for care closer to home via mobile units in rural areas, improve coordination among partners, include caregivers in outreach, raise awareness of resources, and build on existing programs to avoid duplication.
- **Enhance communication and navigation support:**
 - Increase transparency about costs and assistance, normalize resource use, improve knowledge of insurance, expand financial and patient navigation services

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January
2026

Session 1:
Clinics, Community & Congress: Ensuring
hope & healing for survivors and caregivers

March
2026

Session 2:
Insurance and Financial Intensive Training
Triage Cancer

May
2026

Session 3:
Kentucky Cancer Survivorship Resource
Exchange

July
2026

Session 4:
Tentative: Interagency Coalitions

Next Sessions: Your Input Needed

What financial or social needs are most difficult to address?

- **Financial and access barriers:**
 - High out-of-pocket costs, medication, co-pays
 - Transportation
 - Mental health access, severe provider shortages and broadband gaps
- **System navigation:**
 - Eligibility cliffs, prior authorizations,
 - Waitlists for home delivered meals/homecare program and Community based waiver
- **Support for caregivers:**
 - General support
 - Lost wages from caregiving
 - Caregiver burnout
 - Lack of respite programs for caregivers

Resources that would help most:

Funded medical transportation

Emergency financial assistance with low eligibility barriers

Embedded patient navigators/advocates in clinics and communities

Caregiver respite programs

Telehealth expansion paired with digital literacy support

Your comments

Fragmented services overwhelm people who are already sick or exhausted.

Financial toxicity hits hard even for insured patients.

High costs create impossible choices between healthcare and basic needs

A trained patient advocate makes the difference between getting help and giving up.

Cultural values around self-reliance keep them from asking for help until crisis point.

These gaps in make counseling nearly inaccessible for survivors and caregivers managing grief, anxiety, and trauma.

Today's Agenda

Quick Breakout Session

- Discuss resources that you frequently use. Share in chat.

Panel Discussion

- Supporting the Social and Financial Needs of Cancer Survivors and Caregivers

Discussion with Whiteboard Activity

- How do you learn about new resources?
- How do you evaluate your navigation program?
- What topics would you like us to cover next?
- How can the KCC Survivorship Network use funding to support financial navigation?

Panel Discussion: Supporting the Social and Financial Needs of Cancer Survivors and Caregivers

Moderator:

- Stephanie Boone – UofL Brown Cancer Center, KCC Survivorship Network Co-Chair

Panelists:

- Katie Brown – Social Worker Supervisor, UK HealthCare Markey Cancer Center
- Michelle Heil – Associate Director, State Partnerships, American Cancer Society
- Melissa Karrer – Executive Director, Kentucky CancerLink



Scenario for panel discussion

- Sarah is a 45-year-old female, with advanced colon cancer.
- She will need time off from work for surgery, chemo, and radiation. 3 kids and a husband at home.
- Financially, they will need assistance with bills, food, and possibly transportation due to the loss of her income.
- At least part of her treatment will occur 2 hours from home, so there is also a need for after-school care.
- Sarah is anxiously trying to keep her family afloat while dealing with her own emotions around her diagnosis.

Questions to consider as you think about the Sarahs and others in your community

- How do you identify the Sarahs in your community?
- What resources do you use most?
- How do you learn about new resources?
- How do you evaluate your navigation program?
- How can the KCC Survivorship Network use funding to support financial navigation?



KY Department for Medicaid Services is looking for a current Medicaid member to join the Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC).

This open spot is best for someone who can speak for Medicaid members who receive services through a managed care organization. This person will fill an open position with a term ending on June 30, 2029. Applications are open through May 31, 2026. This person will fill an open position with a term ending on June 30, 2029.

What do members do?

Share their experiences with Medicaid.

Give ideas on how to make services better for members.

Attend meetings and take part in discussions with the Department.

How to apply for the BAC:

Apply [online](#)

Apply via email. Fill out the application and email DMS.BAC@ky.gov

Apply via mail. Print and fill out the application and mail it to:

Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
ATTN: Beneficiary Advisory Council
275 East Main Street, 2F Frankfort, KY 40621



Kentucky Lung Cancer
Screening Learning
Collaborative: Final Session

Snapshot Agenda

Hosted by the Kentucky Cancer Consortium, the QUILS™ Group, the Kentucky Department for Public Health and the UK Healthy Kentucky Initiative

9:30 AM Meeting Sign-In
Informal networking

10:00 AM Level-Set & Reconnect
Meet your neighbors
Collaborative Overview
Rapid-Fire Data Updates

10:45 AM Group Discussions
Facilitated dialogue re:
successes, challenges and
lessons learned in '25-'26

12:00 PM Networking Lunch

**12:45 PM Social Marketing:
Applying What We've
Learned**
Erin Hester, PhD and Jennifer
Knight, DrPH lead an
informative, interactive
discussion on recent findings
and next steps in Kentucky

1:45 PM Looking Ahead
Plans for 2026-2027 Learning
Collaborative
Upcoming lung events

1:55 PM Call to Action & Closing

★ **JUNE 3, 2026**
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Frankfort, Kentucky ★



REGISTER TODAY



KCC Events & Survey Opportunities:

Survivorship Resource Survey

Share Resources & Highlight Needs for Survivors
and Caregivers



Wednesday's Word Newsletter

Help us Improve!

Take our Survey

