



KWIB and Collaborative Workforce Participation and Sustainability Committee Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

September 15, 2021; 2:00pm – 3:30pm EST

Meeting via zoom zoom -

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amy Luttrell - CHAIR (KWIB)	X	Dr. Paul Czarapata	X
Jon Davidson - CHAIR (Collaborative)	X	Dr. Bob Jackson	
Edgardo Mansilla		Dr. Jason Glass / David Horseman (proxy)	X
Judge Exec. Micheal Hale		Kristin Porter	X
Lynn Parrish	X	Laurie Mays	X
Heidi Margulis	X	Todd Dunn	
Buddy Hoskinson		Michael Buckentin	
Ryan Holmes	X	Dr. Jacquelyn Korengel	
Trace Chesser	X	Cora McNabb	
Jessica Cunningham		Scott Secamiglio	X
Zach Morgan	X	Suhas Kulkarni	
Karen Trial	X	Shauna King-Simms	X
Julie Whitis	X	Johnny Collett	
Jeremy Faulkner	X	Johnny Pittman	X
Alecia Webb-Edgington			

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wendy K. Smith – Kentucky Housing Corp	x	Kristin Porter – Department of Corrections	x
Myra Wilson- Cumberland's WIB	x	Debbie Dennison - KWIB	x
Jon Sowards – South Central WIB	x	Jacob McAndrews - KWIB	x
Tara Johnson-Noem – Northern KY WIB	x	Stefanie Ebbens-Kingsley - KWIB	x
Vickie Wise – Labor Cabinet	x	Anna Larson – Adult Ed. / Skills U	x

2:02PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER / WELCOME

Amy Luttrell, co-chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed new and existing members and briefly walked through the agenda.

COVID-19 Housing Relief and Policies Jon Davidson introduced Wendy K. Smith, Deputy Director with the Kentucky Housing Corporation to the committee discuss housing assistance during the pandemic. The full presentation is available in the post-meeting packet. KHC has much more funding and more types of housing support available than they typically have, because of the federal relief funds related to Covid-19.

- KHC Overview
 - Mission: Invest in quality affordable housing solutions in Kentucky.

- KHC receives private, federal, and state funds to distribute to partners.
- Three main areas of assistance:
 - Homeowners (foreclosure/down payment assistance).
 - Rentals (rental assistance, development of affordable housing).
 - Specialized Housing Services (shelters, rapid re-housing, eviction prevention).
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (Dec. 2020)
 - Gave \$264 million to the commonwealth through KHC for rental assistance.
 - Maximum assistance of 100% back payment of rent and utilities (up to 12 months) and 100% of 3 months future rent and utilities.
 - Since February 15th 2021: paid out a total of \$51.1M, received 15,354 complete applications with 14,128 individual payments made to 9,727 households.
 - In total: \$94M (36% of funding) committed through sub-grants and direct payments.
- American Rescue Plan (March 2021)
 - Emergency Rental Assistance 2.0 -> similar to CRRSAA with additional flexibility.
 - \$209M from U.S. Treasury for supplemental funding of programs under CRRSAA, housing stability services, homelessness prevention/rehousing, and for housing special populations (youth, recovery, reentry, etc.).
 - Homeowner Assistance Fund
 - \$85M to help homeowners behind on their mortgage. Expected to launch by the end of 2021.
 - Section 8 Emergency Housing Vouchers
 - KHC was given 272 vouchers with a total of 582 allocated across Kentucky.
 - HUD HOME for Homelessness
 - An additional \$52M from HUD (in addition to annual allocation).
 - Eligible for rent assistance, development of permanent housing, supportive services, acquisition/development of shelters, and grants to non-profits.

Several Committee members asked for Ms. Smith's slides, as they are aware of populations who could benefit from some of the new resources KHC now has available.

Identification Documents Pilot Amy Luttrell introduced Kristin Porter, the Director of Reentry Services with the Department of Corrections, to discuss the newly implemented ID pilot for reentry.

- The ID pilot is a joint collaboration between a number of stakeholders:
 - The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and the Transportation Cabinet created and administer the program.
 - The KY Chamber of Commerce and Kentucky Opioid Response Efforts provide funding.
 - KYSTATS tracks the data to determine the effectiveness of the program.
- Purpose: To ensure justice involved individual have a state ID on hand when released.
 - All paperwork and processing is done onsite and completed prior to release.
 - Makes it easier for individuals to obtain employment, housing, and support services.

- Summary
 - Launched in February, 2018. So far 302 ID applications have been processed.
 - Currently 8 state prisons and one county jail participate, with six more state prisons and additional county jails forthcoming.
 - Social Security cards and ID services currently available only to state inmates.

The Committee will explore whether the mobile services provided through this pilot could be extended to other populations who have difficulty getting their identification documents.

Discussion of Committee Priorities:

- Amy Luttrell has been in talks with the Economics Department at the University of Kentucky about performing an analysis of the benefit cliffs and the tool developed by KYSTATS. Funding is the major hurdle, but there is mutual interest in a partnership.
- Amy Luttrell updated the committee that EKCEP has applied for grant funding to pilot expansion of the Teleworks program to other parts of Kentucky, making it easier for those with transportation and other barriers to work to find remote employment.
- Johnny Pittman provided an update on the Opportunity Youth subcommittee. The NKADD has a partnership with both Commonwealth Coders and Code Kentucky. He and Scott Secamiglio also spoke to the importance of the KYSTATS Youth Dashboard. Stefanie Ebbens-Kingsley noted that the information could be useful in the KWIB reentry pilot program.
- Shauna King-Simms brought up the child care shortage. Stefanie Ebbens-Kingsley noted there is an initiative to help fund the implementation of on-site childcare. KWIB staff can provide more information at the next meeting. David Horseman said that in order to be successful we need to think about how these jobs can be stepping stones for the employees- as it stands childcare is high demand but low wage. Johnny Pittman reminds the committee that in order for any changes to be sustainable we need the employers to be onboard and part of designing the solution.
- The subcommittee also discussed the launch of the Kentucky Transformational Employment Program (KTEP). KTEP is a new program designed to assist individuals in substance abuse recovery and get those individuals back into the workforce. More information can be found in the [press release](#) and the program's [webpage](#).

3:30PM ADJOURNMENT – Amy Luttrell adjourned the meeting.

COVID 19 Federal Relief Housing Provisions

September 15, 2021

Wendy K. Smith

Deputy Executive Director, Housing Programs

About Kentucky Housing Corporation

www.kyhousing.org

Kentucky Housing Corporation

Who We Are

Mission:

KHC invests in quality affordable housing solutions for families & communities across Kentucky.

**State Housing
Finance
Agency**

**Self-
Supporting**

**Quasi-
Governmental**

Private, Federal & State Funding/Financing Sources



KHC



What We Do

Homeownership	Rental Housing	Specialized Housing
 <p data-bbox="227 805 687 1225">Mortgages, Down Payment Assistance, Foreclosure Prevention, Homebuilding, Home Repair, Weatherization</p>	 <p data-bbox="749 811 1186 1043">Affordable Rental Development & Preservation, Rental Assistance</p>	 <p data-bbox="1263 825 1688 1182">Homelessness Programs: Shelter Rapid Re-Housing Street Outreach Eviction Prevention</p>

COVID 19 Federal Relief Housing Provisions

Recent COVID Relief Federal Funding for Housing

	CRRSSA		American Rescue Plan Act		
	<i>December 2020</i>		<i>March 2021</i>		
	Emergency Rental Assistance 1.0 (HHERF)	Emergency Rental Assistance 2.0 (HHERF +)	Homeowner Assistance Fund	HOME for Homelessness	Emergency HCV Vouchers
Federal Agency	Treasury	Treasury	Treasury	HUD CPD	HUD PIH
Funds Disbursed To	Commonwealth	Commonwealth	KHC	KHC	KHC
Target Recipients	Renters	Renters	Homeowners	Homeless	Homeless
Type of Help	Rent & Utility Relief	Rent & Utility Relief	Mortgage & Utility Relief	Creation of Units, Rent Assistance	Rent Assistance
Can Fund Services Too?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Geography	118 Counties	118 Counties	Statewide	118 Counties	118 Counties
Deadline for Use of Funds	9/30/2022	9/30/2025	9/30/2025	9/30/2030	9/30/2023
Allowable Admin %	10%	15%	15%	15%	TBD
Est. Funding to Commonwealth	\$264,373,907	\$209,131,529	\$85,453,322	\$51,725,043	257 vouchers
Max. Administrative Funding	\$26,437,391	\$31,369,729	\$12,817,998	\$7,758,756	TBD
Max. Services Funding	<i>Included in Admin.</i>	\$20,913,153	TBD	TBD	-
Max. Operating Grants	-	-	-	\$5,172,504	-
Funding to KY Localities					
Louisville/Jefferson Co.	\$22,880,488	\$18,104,259		\$11,417,313	129 vouchers
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Northern KY Consortium				\$2,044,421	
Owensboro				\$1,007,867	
Local Public Housing Authorities					120 vouchers
Total for ALL KY Jurisdictions	\$296,897,444	\$234,921,051	\$85,453,322	\$71,059,890	TBD

US Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance 1.0

Healthy at Home Eviction Relief

teamkyhherf.ky.gov

Eligibility	Tenants in 118 counties who have arrears & are <u>≤</u> 80% area median income.
Form of Assistance	Lump sum direct deposit payments to landlords. Lump sum direct payments to utilities.
Term	Assistance calculated back to April 2020.
Max RENT Assistance	100% of back rent owed for up to 12 months + 3 months future rent. (Max of 15 months)
Max UTILITY Assistance	100% of utility arrears for up to 12 months + 3 months future utilities. (Max of 15 months)
3rd Party Application Assistance	A caseworker, family member, property manager, etc. can help a tenant complete their online application. (They will be asked to supply contact information.)

US Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance 1.0

Healthy at Home Eviction Relief

as of August 27, 2021:

Since launching February 15th:

- Paid out a total of **\$51.1M** (\$45.1M rent; \$6.4M utilities)
- Received **15,354** complete(ish) applications. (Avg: 410/week).
- **14,128** individual payments to help **9,727** households.
- Average assistance per household = **\$5,246**.

Total Funding to State/KHC: \$264M

Over the past 6 months:

- \$38.7M sub-granted to Louisville & Lexington.
- \$51.1M paid out in assistance for rent, utilities, internet.
- \$4.2M utilized for administrative costs.
- \$94M in total has been committed—36% of the grant.
- \$152M available to assist Kentucky renters.

We do not expect to run out of funds.

Links to:

[HHERF Flyer](#)

[Spanish Flyer](#)

Website:

teamkyhherf.ky.gov/Home.aspx

Worried about past-due rent or utilities?



Healthy at Home Eviction Relief

Assistance with past-due rent and utilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Apply online at teamkyhherf.ky.gov.

Who Can Apply?

- Renters and landlords in 118 counties. (*Lexington and Louisville have their own programs.*)
- Tenants must meet income restrictions, be impacted by the pandemic, and provide documentation.
- Landlords must provide documentation, agree to program terms, and forgive fees/penalties.

How to Apply

- Applications are only accepted online at teamkyhherf.ky.gov.
- Email required: Tenants and landlords should have each other's email address to apply.
- Tenants and landlords should both apply.
- In Fayette County: covid19renterhelp.org.
- In Jefferson County: stopmyeviction.org.

Assistance Amount

- Maximum **RENT** relief: 100% of past-due rent since April 1, 2020 + three months future rent.
- Maximum **UTILITY** relief: 100% of past-due utilities since April 1, 2020 + three months future utilities.
- Maximum **past-due** rent and/or utility bills covered: 12 months.

How Payments Are Made

- Lump sum, direct deposit payments to landlords.
- Lump sum payments to utility providers.

American Rescue Plan Act Housing Provisions

(Legislation passed March 11, 2021)

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Emergency Rental Assistance 2.0

- \$209M from Treasury
- Rent, utilities, and housing stability costs.
- Similar to ERA1 with additional flexibilities.
- 10% can go toward housing stability services.
- 18 month max.
- Eligibility:
 - At-risk renter
 - Income $\leq 80\%$ AMI
 - Some type of economic hardship during the pandemic

Potential Uses of ERA2

- 1. Supplemental funding for HHERF**
- 2. Supplemental funding for Louisville & Lexington programs**
- 3. Housing stability services**
 - a. Eviction Diversion in partnership with AOC
 - b. Tenant Legal Services
 - c. Homelessness Prevention, Housing Navigation, Connectors.
- 4. Homelessness Prevention & Rehousing**
 - a. Arrears & future rent/utilities
 - b. Security & utility deposits
 - c. Hotel/motel stays
- 5. (Re)Housing Special Populations**
 - a. Youth aging out of foster care
 - b. Those exiting substance abuse recovery
 - c. Olmstead SMI population
 - d. Re-entry after incarceration

US Treasury

Homeowner Assistance Fund

- \$85M to help homeowners who are behind on their mortgage.
- Expect to launch before end of 2021.
- No imminent threat of a wave of foreclosures.
- Sign up for updates at:

mailchi.mp/kyhousing/haf-info-signup

HUD

Sec. 8 Emergency Housing Vouchers

- Sec. 8 Emergency Housing Choice Vouchers targeted to persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- Requires partnership between public housing authorities (PHAs) & homelessness Continuum of Care (CoC).
 - KHC as PHA was awarded 272 EHVs
 - KHC serves as both the Balance of State public housing authority AND the BoS homelessness Continuum of Care.
- Other public housing authorities also received EHVs.
- Allows for new flexibilities and funds to expedite lease-up.

Sec. 8 Emergency Housing Vouchers

PHA Code	Public Housing Authority Name	# of Vouchers Offered
KY001	Louisville Metro Housing Authority	129
KY004	Housing Authority of Lexington	76
KY008	Housing Authority of Somerset	15
KY026	Housing Authority of Glasgow	15
KY027	Housing Authority of Paintsville	15
KY040	Housing Authority of Mayfield	15
KY056	Housing Authority of Springfield	15
KY132	City of Richmond Section 8 Housing Program	15
KY141	Pineville/Bell County Community Dev Agency	15
KY901	Kentucky Housing Corporation-State Agency	272
	Balance of State Total	377

Kentucky Total 582



HUD HOME for Homelessness

- \$52M from HUD—on top of annual allocation.
- Unprecedented earmarking HOME \$ to serve homeless.
- Eligible uses:
 - Rent Assistance
 - Development of permanent affordable housing.
 - Supportive services.
 - Acquisition & development of non-congregate shelter.
 - Operating grants to eligible nonprofits.
- KHC has engaged the [Corporation for Supportive Housing](#) to cultivate/evaluate projects.
- HUD just released guidance.

SIGN UP FOR KHC EGRAMS



The screenshot shows the KHC website's "News and Events" section. At the top left is a green navigation bar with icons for home, a grid, a magnifying glass, a list, and an information icon. The KHC logo is at the top center, with the text "Kentucky Housing Corporation" and the tagline "Investing in quality housing solutions." To the right of the logo is a "Quick Links" dropdown menu and a search box labeled "Search KHC 's W". Below the navigation is a dark blue banner with a white icon of a document and the text "News and Events". Underneath this banner is a dark blue box with the text "Subscribe to KHC's eGrams". Below that is a white box containing the text: "Please use the form below to Subscribe to available eGrams from the list and stay informed with KHC." and "If you are looking for a past eGram message, please visit KHC's eGram Archive." To the right of this text is a small red asterisk and the text "Indicates required". Below this is a form field labeled "Email Address *" with a red asterisk.

www.kyhousing.org/News-Events/eGrams/Pages/default.aspx

THANK YOU.

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KY DOC/DOT Portable ID Unit Pilot Program

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Joint collaboration between Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and Transportation Cabinet

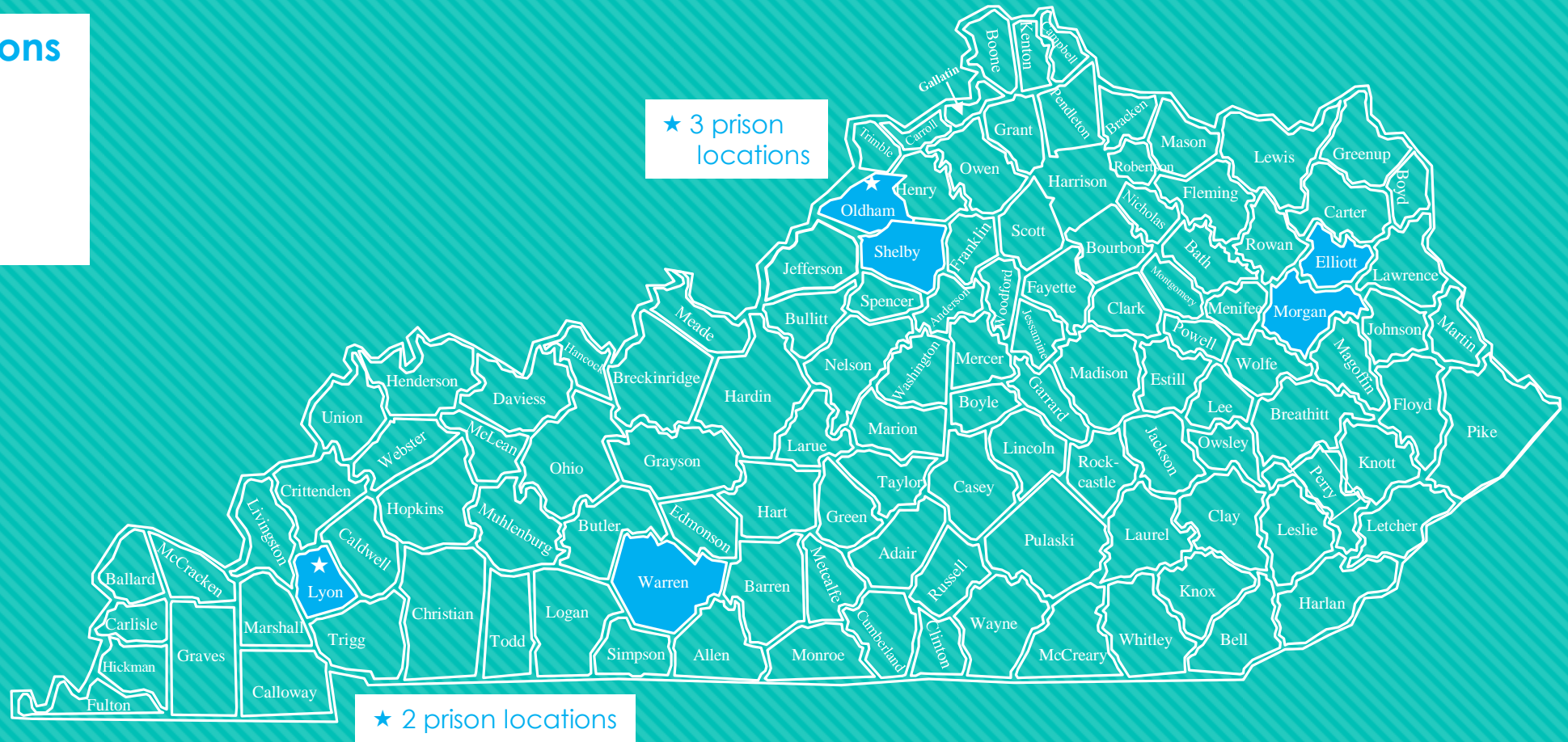
Kentucky Opioid
Response Effort

KySTATS

Kentucky
Chamber
Of Commerce

Currently in 9 locations
across the state!

8 state prisons
1 county jail



Started February 2021

WHY???

- Prepares offenders for release to society
- Allows offenders to be “work ready” at the time of release
- Removes the barrier of having to obtain an ID with limited abilities such as transportation and funding.
- Enhances the workforce in the Commonwealth

Summary

- Pilot began in February 2018
- Expanded to 9 locations in total
 - Potential upcoming expansion to 6 state prisons and additional county jails.
 - Possibly electronic processing with DOT.
- Funding by KORE and KY Chamber of Commerce
- Data tracking completed by KySTAS

As of 9/13/21 302

ID Applications processed for returning citizens



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