Kentucky Multidisciplinary Commission on Child Sexual Abuse

Regular Meeting
Video Teleconferencing
June 9, 2026
10:00 a.m. EST

I. Roll Call and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair, Laura Kretzer, at 10:01 a.m. EST.

Roll Call (All members and guests appeared virtually)

Commission Members:
Melanie Taylor, Department for Community Based Services
Jessica Jones, Department for Community Based Services
Captain Jeremy W. Smith, Department of Kentucky State Police (designee for the Commissioner)
Rachel Njenga, Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Student Success (proxy for Christina Weeter, designee for the Commissioner)
Ramsey Dallam, Office of the Attorney General, Special Prosecutions
Erica Paske, Office of the Attorney General, Office of Victims Advocacy
Dolores Smith, Administrative Office of the Courts, Department of Family and Juvenile Services
Brittany Barber, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (designee for the Commissioner)
Susan Rhema, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, University of Louisville
Shericka Smith, Fayette County Public Schools, Department of Student Support Services
Laura Kretzer, Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky
Jacqueline Sugarman, Physician, Medical Director for Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky
Trena Floyd, representing survivors

Guests:
Jackie Kuryla, Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky
Serah Wiedenhoefer, Office of the Attorney General
Debbie Abreu, Office of the Attorney General

II. Approval of April 22, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

Dr. Sugarman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Floyd seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

III. Review and Approval of Local MDT Protocols

No protocols were presented.

III. Review Data Collection & Measurement Processes for Fiscal Year 2026

The Commission reviewed the Data Collection Tool that is distributed to all children's advocacy centers. The Commission suggested adding questions to better track initial case reviews and unduplicated case counts across abuse types. Suggestions were also made to update terminology so that it aligns with statutory language and recent changes.

Ms. Jones motioned to approve the data collection tool with the recommended feedback. Ms. Barber seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

IV. Review of Open Records Requests

No open record requests were received since the Commission's last meeting.

V. Partner Updates

The Children's Advocacy Center will host a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Facilitation Training for prosecutors in June.

Fayette County Public Schools will host two virtual trainings on June 10th addressing AI and teen mental health. The trainings, *Community Conversations on the Dangers of AI Companions*, will provide practical tools and resources to support collaboration in protecting youth in the age of artificial intelligence and social media.

The Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) is implementing the processes outlined in the child welfare omnibus bill, HB 778, which addresses substance misuse, addiction, and newborn babies. Implementation includes changes related to the Plan of Safe Care and how families are approached when there is a substance-exposed infant, rather than only a substance-affected infant. These changes will update the standard of practice for how DCBS handles these cases. DCBS is developing a training for DCBS staff. Ms. Taylor would value input and expertise from relevant disciplines.

The Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) will host a DC:0-5 (Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood) training for 50 licensed clinicians who work with our most vulnerable population, children from birth through age 5. This training is currently full. DBHDID will also host a Trauma-Informed Care Train-the-Trainer training, which is currently full. An additional training will be offered in the fall.

The Administrative Office of the Courts Citizen Foster Care Review Board is hosting virtual forums this summer and fall to gather community input on improvements to the foster care system. These forums are part of the Board's ongoing efforts stemming from House Bill 1 (2018).

Ms. Dolores Smith announced her retirement from the Administrative Office of the Courts effective August 1, noting this was her final meeting as a member of the Commission. Members expressed their appreciation for her years of service, leadership, and contributions to the Commission.

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky will host a virtual training in conjunction with the Kentucky State Police on recognizing the signs of online grooming and exploitation in response to the new law outlined in HB 4, which makes the sexual grooming of a minor a criminal offense.

Ms. Kretzer and Ms. Dallam will be presenting the updated Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Protocol at the Kids Are Worth It! Conference in September.

Dr. Sugarman expressed appreciation for Ms. Susan Rhema, who provided training to victim advocates at the Child Advocacy Center on trauma-informed self-care. The training offered insight into trauma responses when working with individuals who have experienced trauma.

In response to legislation, the Kentucky Board of Nursing has hired a SANE Coordinator who will oversee training initiatives for nurses across the state. A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner course will be offered in August and September for individuals interested in becoming pediatric sexual assault nurse examiners.

VI. Meeting Reminder – August 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Dolores Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dallam seconded. The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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