



# Kentucky Department of **E D U C A T I O N**

## **Kentucky Department of Education School Counselor Advisory Council (SCAC)**

**June 2, 2022, 1 p.m. ET**

### **Meeting Summary**

**Purpose:** The School Counselor Advisory Council (SCAC) is designed to provide the Commissioner of Education direct input from school counselors who serve in Kentucky public schools. Bridging the gap between policy and practice, the SCAC advises the commissioner on educational priorities that meet the needs of the whole child, ensuring the provision to our community of a transition-ready workforce.

#### **I. Welcome**

Heather Bushelman, program coordinator for Comprehensive School Counseling, Kentucky Department of Education:

- Celebrations and success stories were shared by advisory council members

#### **II. Roll Call of Members**

Sarah Akin, West Kentucky Educational Cooperative

Members in Attendance: Sarah Akin, Kaet Barron, Camille Distefano, Loretta Dye, Beth Duvall Fleming, Malia Gibson, Travis Kern, Aimee Pike, Stacey Russell, Caryn Scheiding

#### **III. Heather Dearing, Lieutenant Governor Coleman's Office and Kentucky Board of Education Student Advisory Council members Rox Lockard, Solyana Mesfin, Soleila Elliott Gonzalez, Hunter Combs, Sam Smith**

- Kentucky Board of Education Student Advisory Council members shared details from Lt. Gov. Coleman's Student Mental Health Action Summit
- Kentucky Board of Education Student Advisory Council members shared recommendations that were made from the outcomes of the Student Mental Health Action Summit
- Discussion of student mental health initiative and school counselor collaboration
- Members of the School Counselor Advisory Council were able to ask questions of the Kentucky Board of Education Student Advisory Council members and Heather Dearing

#### **IV. Using the Equity Dashboard Within Your Counseling Program, Florence Chang, Strategic Analyst of School Learning at Kentucky Department of Education**

- Chang gave a brief overview of the Equity Dashboard and how this dashboard offers a big picture look that will help schools and districts identify areas needing further attention.
- Chang discussed using the right data at the right time and suggested using equity dashboard data, how often and by what groups
- Change discussed using the data analysis protocol

#### **V. Kentucky Department of Education Updates**

Heather Bushelman, program coordinator for Comprehensive School Counseling, Office of Teaching and Learning, Kentucky Department of Education

- Self-care/Mental Maintenance (counselors, colleagues, students): Bushelman discussed the importance of mental maintenance for ourselves and how we can support our school staff
- June 10th Counselor Cadre: Bushelman discussed the agenda for the day
- Advisory Council Videos: Bushelman discussed videos by advisory council members that will be placed on the Kentucky Department of Education website discussing a variety of topics for school counselors
- Use of Time Form Update: Bushelman shared Senate Bill 8 updated legislation to include mental health service providers. A new form and spreadsheet will be released in July as well as a FAQ document.
- Social-Emotional Learning Framework Update: The framework is in the final process of revisions and soon will be sent to the editor
- Individual Learning Plan Update: Bushelman shared this group is working hard on the updating the Individual Learning Plan process, timeline and resources and they are making an elementary Individual Learning Plan playbook
- Calming Space Grant: Winners announced by June 15
- Visiting your schools/districts: Bushelman shared she would love to visit school and districts and to schedule
- Topics and Dates for Statewide School Counselor Cadre:
  - Oct. 25, Carolyn Stone, Legal and Ethical Practices
  - Dec. 6, Nicole Fields and Florence Chang, Data Driven Best Practices for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging
  - Feb. 7- 2nd Annual School Counseling Summit, School Counselors of Multi-tiered System of Supports
  - June 6- Topic to be determined

#### **VI. Questions/Concerns from the Field**

- No questions of concerns at this time

**VII. Adjournment Next Meeting –**

**Future Meetings:**

Oct. 20, 2022

Dec. 8, 2022

Feb. 9, 2023

June 1, 2023

All meetings will be scheduled from 2-3:30 p.m. ET

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