

Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship (KY SOS) February Newsletter

KY SOS Announces ASHP Opioid Stewardship Certificate Recipients

The Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship Program (KY SOS) program is pleased to announce the recipients of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Opioid Stewardship Certificate sponsorship. KY SOS will sponsor these pharmacists as they continue their efforts in promoting safe prescribing of opioids in hospitals and clinics across Kentucky.

- Jessica Wagner, PharmD, BCPS – Robley Rex VA Medical Center
- Laura Stiles, PharmD - Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital
- Julie Edwards, PharmD, BCACP - Robley Rex VA Medical Center
- Nicole Brummett, PharmD - The Brook Hospital - KMI
- Matthew Oakley, PharmD, MBA, CPHQ - Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital
- Katie Singletary, PharmD, RPh, 340B ACE - T.J. Samson
- Jacob Lyles, PharmD, RPh - Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital
- Joan Haltom, PharmD, FKSHP - Ephraim McDowell Health
- Candice Simpson, PharmD, BCPS, BS – T,J. Samson
- Hanna Earich, PharmD, BCPS - UofL Health - Jewish Hospital
- Sydney Holmes, PharmD - UofL Health - UofL Hospital
- Janet Fischer, PharmD - UofL Health - Mary & Elizabeth Hospital
- Lisa Patton, PharmD, RPh - Mercy Health - Marcum & Wallace Hospital
- Jeremy Newton, PharmD - Owensboro Health Twin Lakes Medical Center
- Dustin Peden, PharmD –Logan Memorial Hospital
- Margo Ashby, PharmD, MHA, BCPS - Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville
- Rebecca Williams, PharmD – Kindred Hospital
- Marintha Short, PharmD, BCPS - Continuing Care Hospital
- Angela Sandlin, PharmD, BCPS - Baptist Health La Grange
- Rachel Connors, PharmD, MBA, BCPS - Kindred Hospital
- Todd Price, RPh. - Trigg County Hospital
- Traci Beasley, PharmD, RPh. - Encompass Health Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital
- Kelsee Crawford, PharmD - Baptist Health Corbin

- Karen Sparks, RPh, MBA- St. Elizabeth Healthcare
- Leigh Ann Keeton, PharmD, BCPS- King's Daughters Medical Center
- Emily Henderson, PharmD, LDE - Kentucky Hospital Association/KY SOS
- Stacy Allen, PharmD - Kentucky Hospital Association/KY SOS
- Shanna Jagers, PharmD - Kentucky Hospital Association/KY SOS

OD2A Quick News

OD2A Quick News January 17, 2023 edition has been published. You can read this news update to find out more concerning:

- The overdose deaths in the U.S. occurring from July 2019 through December 2021 in the age group from 10-19 years of age.
- Funding Opportunity available from the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (RCORP-NAS).

These articles can be read in their entirety by subscribing:

https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/C2qSKFs?source_id=63625180-fc2f-4d6c-a38e-2972985f7046&source_type=em&c=xwG7HHX3TJkDqfHHbnRrMggXEYV4e7GP3vf7_Gcb1MIHI-zgcsYmJA==

KORE

Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) is hiring. The online portal closes February 4, 2023, but they will continue to accept emailed resumes after that date.

KORE is hiring a Treatment Implementation Specialist to guide funded programs in best practices and strategic interventions. Come join us! Apply here: tinyurl.com/4pcd3rrr or submit your resume to kore@ky.gov.

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Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE)

Treatment Implementation Specialist

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN...

- Supporting community partners in implementing evidence-based outreach, engagement, and treatment services and supports for persons with Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorder
- Facilitating the dissemination of grant funding to local communities
- Working alongside a passionate team

WE WANT YOU ON OUR TEAM!

To learn more about KORE, visit kore.ky.gov



KORE submitted the above information and advertisement for publication.

KY SOS continues to grow...

The KY SOS team is excited to announce the addition of **Marilyn Connors, D.O.** and **Shanna Jagers, PharmD.** Marilyn and Shanna will focus on the outpatient primary care clinic work for KY SOS. Please join us in welcoming these two outstanding healthcare providers.



Marilyn Connors, D.O.

Dr. Connors is a Board-certified Family Physician with 30 years of clinical experience in primary care. She graduated from University of Pennsylvania and holds a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering from Rutgers University. She was CMO of KPCA (Kentucky Primary Care Association) and Director of Clinical Integration. She developed an EHE (Ending the HIV Epidemic) program and worked under the KORE grant to integrate SUD (Substance Use disorder) treatment with medication (MOUD/MAT) in multiple primary care clinics throughout the state of Kentucky. Dr. Connors was Medical Director at the Big Sandy maximum security prison in Inez, Kentucky. She owned a private solo practice in Abingdon, VA. Prior to that, she worked in rural upstate New York (Cooperstown) at Bassett Hospital System as a Medical Director and Director of Performance and Quality Improvement. Dr. Connors will be working with the outpatient primary care clinics for the KY SOS program. To contact Marilyn Connors, D.O., email: mconnors@kyha.com.



Shanna Jagers, PharmD

Shanna Jagers, PharmD, is a Pharmacy Consultant for the Kentucky Hospital Association, with the Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship program (KY SOS). She graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in 2005. She has experience in both community and clinical pharmacy practice, and is certified in immunizations and naloxone training. Shanna will be working with the outpatient primary care clinics for the KY SOS program. To contact Shanna Jagers, PharmD, email: sjagers@kyha.com.



[FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org](https://www.findrecoveryhousingnowky.org) is a free near-real-time recovery housing locator and resource library for the state of Kentucky. The website launched on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org allows hospital staff and clinicians to locate available recovery housing openings for patients who are seeking safe and affordable housing that supports their recovery from substance use disorder (SUD). A simple search can be completed within one minute. More than 40 filters are available to help narrow down a search. FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org also provides a guided search tool for those who are not sure what they are looking for. The tool asks the website searcher a series of questions and provides a list of recovery houses based on the searcher's responses. The online library has resources on how to obtain a driver's license/identification card, health insurance, and food benefits, as well as on various support services.

FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org also has materials such as brochures, pocket cards, stickers, and magnets that can be ordered and mailed at no cost. Much like its sister site

[FindHelpNowKY.org](https://www.findhelpnowky.org), a free near-real-time substance use disorder treatment locator, FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org is a linkage to care component for individuals with SUD.

[FindHelpNowKY.org](https://www.findhelpnowky.org) launched in 2018 and has more than 700 SUD treatment facilities and over 300 providers listed on the site.

If you have any questions or would like more information on FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org, please email the FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org team at mail@findrecoveryhousingnowky.org.



Key Messages from CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain, 2022

Find these key messages and other information on CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/resources/partner-toolkits.html>

The CDC hosted a webinar in **November 2022** lead by **Captain Deborah Dowell, MD, MPH**. This Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) webinar was presented for reference on the Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain 2022. The webinar link, recording, and slides can be accessed via:

https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2022/callinfo_111722.asp

**The above information was obtained from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. Please visit: [Partner Toolkits | Resources | Drug Overdose \(cdc.gov\)](#)

Data Update

KY SOS continues to encourage all facilities to submit their monthly data into KY Quality Counts (KQC). Please continue to report **monthly** data on both the process and outcomes measures. Education and the future of the program are based in part on the data reported. Areas of improvement and areas of success will be highlighted and emphasized as KY SOS continues. If you need assistance with data input or navigation of the KQC data collection system, please contact **Emily Henderson** (ehenderson@kyha.com), **Stacy Allen** (sallen@kyha.com), **Marilyn Connors** (mconnors@kyha.com), **Shanna Jagers** (sjagers@kyha.com), or **Melanie Landrum** (mlandrum@kyha.com).

The Happenings

Hospital Rate Improvement Program (HRIP)

As a reminder for the Hospital Rate Improvement Program (HRIP), the Opioid Provider Education goal is that **90% of inpatient** providers receive opioid best practice education in 2022.

KY SOS will have a one-time metric in Kentucky Quality Counts (KQC) with a numerator of total number of **inpatient providers** who received education for opioid best practices over the denominator of total number of **inpatient providers** for **2022**. Beginning **January 1, 2023**, you will be able to enter this data on the Data Entry page of KQC website. If the hospital has **90% or greater** they will receive the **0.5% designated funding for the HRIP metric**. Please be sure to enter your facility's data by the end of **January 2023**.

For **CY 2023**, an HRIP Quality proposal has been made for the inclusion of three KY SOS metrics associated with HRIP funding. This is still a proposal, as KHA has not received approval as of this distribution date. However, in an effort to inform everyone, we wanted to

get this information out to the facilities so planning may begin. **Melanie Landrum, Vice President of Data and Health Information Services of KHA**, has been conducting Town Hall meetings to disseminate the proposal information. The three KY SOS metrics included in the proposal are:

1. Opioids for Uncomplicated Vaginal Deliveries (Birthing Hospitals)
2. Emergency Department Opioid Use for Acute Ankle Sprain (ALTO)
3. Discharge with an Opioid Prescription (Freestanding Rehab Hospitals Only)

Members can access a recording of the Town Hall along with a copy of the presentation, the 2023 HRIP Encyclopedia of Measures, and the 2023 HRIP Quality Measures and Goals on the [Town Hall](#) page of the KHA website.

For any questions please contact Melanie Landrum at mlandrum@kyha.com or 502-992-4328.

Primary Care Clinic Outpatient Program

You are aware of the extensive inpatient work around opioid stewardship since the inception of the KY SOS program, but are you aware the program is growing to include hospital owned primary care clinics? The Cabinet for Health and Family Services approached KHA to expand its bandwidth and provide education and guidance in opioid stewardship to primary care clinics. The suggested program, called Six Building Blocks (6BB), was created by a physician-led multidisciplinary team from the University Of Washington Department Of Family Medicine and the Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute. The 6BB Program is a team-based approach to improving opioid management in primary care. In its entirety, the 6BB Program is a 9-to-12-month commitment for primary care clinics. This program is a “clinic redesign” with goals to consistently treat chronic pain patients on long-term opioid therapy in accordance with evidence-based clinical practice guidelines.

Information about the 6BB Program can be found on the website:

<https://familymedicine.uw.edu/improvingopioidcare/>.

The Six Building Blocks are as follows:

1. Leadership and Consensus-Demonstrate leadership support and build organization-wide consensus to prioritize more selective and cautious opioid prescribing. Solicit and respond to feedback.
2. Policies, Patient Agreements and Workflows-Revise, align, and implement clinic policies, patient agreements, and workflows for health care team members to improve opioid prescribing and care of patients with chronic pain.
3. Tracking and Monitoring Patient Care-Implement proactive population management before, during, and between clinic visits of all patients on long-term opioid therapy. Develop tracking systems; track patient care.

4. Planned, Patient-Centered Visits-Prepare and plan for the clinic visits of all patients on long-term opioid therapy. Support patient-centered, empathetic communication for care of patients on long-term opioid therapy. Develop, train staff, and implement workflows and tools; develop patient outreach and education.
5. Caring for Patients with Complex Needs-Develop policies and resources to ensure that patients who develop opioid use disorder (OUD) and/or who need mental/behavioral health resources are identified and provided with appropriate care, either in the primary care setting or by outside referral. Implement assessment tools; identify and connect to resources for complex patients.
6. Measuring Success-Identify milestones and monitor progress. Measure success and continue improving with experience.

Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH) has been the first health system to implement this important program. As the pilot health system, the 6BB program is currently in the process of implementation into clinics in the Hazard, Whitesburg and Prestonsburg areas. After policy and workflow changes have been made in these pilot clinics, work will continue in the remaining ARH primary care clinics. Thank you to ARH for piloting this 6BB program! The goal for this 6BB Program is to be implemented across the state. Clinics are currently being recruited to implement the outpatient work. KY SOS is excited to announce TJ Regional Health has committed to participating in the 6BB program in all 9 clinics and will begin the program in February 2023. Thanks to TJ Regional Health for your commitment to improve opioid stewardship efforts in the outpatient clinics in your area. Ongoing recruitment and education of this program is a priority of the KY SOS program. Reducing opioid overprescribing while improving safe opioid use in inpatient and primary care clinics in Kentucky continues to be the KY SOS mainstay and goal. If your facility has interest in learning more about the 6BB program and implementing, contact Emily Henderson (ehenderson@kyha.com), Shanna Jagers (sjagers@kyha.com) or Marilyn Connors (mconnors@kyha.com) for more information about the KY SOS 6BB program implementation.

KYSOS Launches New Emergency Department Bridge Program

The Kentucky Hospital Association and the Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship (KY SOS) program are excited to launch the Emergency Department Bridge program. The ED Bridge program is an expansion of the existing KY SOS program, which focuses on inpatient and outpatient (primary care clinics) opioid stewardship. This expansion will provide even more access to treatment and care for patients across the Commonwealth.

KY SOS announced the launch of this additional program with a webinar on January 26. You will find the webinar recording and presentation slides on the KY SOS website, under the Education/past presentations tab. Click on this link: www.kentuckysos.com

ED Directors and Quality Leads received an email about a Baseline Assessment Survey for the KY SOS ED Bridge Program launch. If your facility did not receive an email regarding ED

Bridge Program Baseline Assessment Survey, please contact Emily Henderson. For your convenience, here is the link for the **Baseline Assessment Survey**: https://jh.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_er4kmDPhiu4BXJc . A PDF of the survey was distributed in the email as well.

Please **submit one survey per facility**. The survey is **due Friday, March 10**.

Emily Henderson will send reminders of the survey deadline. KY SOS wants 100% completion of this survey by all acute care facilities in the state. This baseline information is vital for KY SOS to know where you are with your current efforts, so the program can provide the needed resources for successful bridge implementation and growth in your facility.

Please contact Emily Henderson (ehenderson@kyha.com) or Melanie Landrum (mlandrum@kyha.com) if you have questions about the survey or ED Bridge program. KY SOS is looking forward to working together to grow ED Bridge programs across Kentucky.

Quality Improvement Through Community Coalitions

KHA/KHREF has established 8 regional communities for networking opportunities for providers, beneficiaries and community stakeholders.

The Community Coalitions bring together individuals and/or organizations who work together to achieve a common purpose for the patient. The coalition will address the needs and concerns of the community and how to best serve the patients within the community. The advantages of the coalition will allow for increased access to resources and improve overall community organization and working relationships.

The goals of coalition is to work on the following:

1. **Opioid** utilization and misuse
2. **Chronic disease** self-management
3. Community education to increase influenza, pneumococcal and COVID-19 **vaccination rates**
4. Decrease preventable/avoidable **readmissions**
5. Support care settings with public health emergency plans

Who should be part of the Community Coalition:

1. Clinician Practices
2. Nursing Homes
3. Hospitals
4. Home Health Agencies
5. Hospice Agencies
6. Pharmacies

7. Area Agencies on Aging
8. Community Health Centers
9. Senior Housing
10. Substance Abuse Recovery Organizations

Upcoming Community Coalition Meeting:

Statewide Community Coalition Meeting – February 23, 2023 from 11 – 12 via Zoom

Please join us for our Quarterly Statewide Community Coalition Meeting on **Thursday, February 23, 2023** via Zoom.

Time: 11:00-12:00 ET

Topic: Community Coalition Statewide Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86184677567?pwd=dXJ2N2ZXM21Oa3dQOW1USWI4SzNJQT09>

Meeting ID: 861 8467 7567

Passcode: 2501

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Overview
2. Data Update from Alliant Health
3. Immunizations Update
4. State HAI Program Update and Resources
5. State HPP Program Update and Resources
6. Open Discussion
7. Next Meeting and Agenda Items

Upcoming Events/Webinars

- **KY SOS February Webinar- Connie White, MD**, retired OB/GYN physician and Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) Deputy Commissioner will speak with attendees about **KY SOS Metric 4b- Opioid Use for Uncomplicated Vaginal Delivery**. It has been proposed in **CY 2023** for this metric to have HRIP funding. This webinar is scheduled for **February 21, 2023** from **12 PM to 1 PM ET**. Calendar invites have been sent for this webinar.

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85717104510?pwd=WHJPU2RBSnA5TVI3VC91emF3dmIwUT09>

Meeting ID: 857 1710 4510

Passcode: 2501

- **KY SOS March Webinar- Debbie Neff, PT, DPT** Director of Rehabilitation Services of St. Claire HealthCare will present to attendees about **The Role of Physical Therapy in Chronic Pain and Substance Abuse Disorder from St. Claire HealthCare**. This webinar is scheduled for **March 29, 2023 12 PM to 1 PM ET**. Calendar invites will be sent closer to date.
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84784525144?pwd=QnlNVmxvSWFENFNmNmXGRG5hUXkrUT09>
Meeting ID: 847 8452 5144
Passcode: 2501
- You are invited to attend the **Appalachian Gathering for Recovery Solutions** second edition, hosted on **March 9, 2023** at Union College, KY. You are welcome to participate in person or online. Here is the registration link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/appalachian-gathering-for-recovery-solutions-second-edition-tickets-489065617427>



www.OpioidResponseNetwork.org

Providing Peer Based Recovery Support Services for Pregnant and Parenting Families Two-Day Virtual Training

Date and Time: February 14 and 15, 2023 9:00 am - 4:30 pm (45-minute lunch break)

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/3TDZeHG>

Note: Registration for this training is limited to 35 total participants

Date and Time: March 14 and 15, 2023 9:00 am - 4:30 pm (45-minute lunch break)

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/3TzU9jH>

Note: Registration for this training is limited to 35 total participants

Audience - Those who:

- Currently provide peer-based recovery support services to pregnant/parenting families
- Provide supervision to peers working with pregnant/parenting families

- Work in one or more of the following settings: a substance use disorder treatment service; a recovery community organization (RCO); a child welfare or home visiting program; a healthcare or emergency crisis service

About:

The overall goal of this training is to better prepare Peer Recovery Support Specialists to meet the diverse needs of pregnant and parenting families in early recovery. Recovery and parenting both occur in the context of relationships and this training is designed to help participants build skills to support/strengthen families as they grow and develop in their roles as nurturing parents.

Training Topics:

- A. Working in diverse settings such as healthcare or child welfare
- B. Supporting individuals and families through pregnancy, delivery, and parenting babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome and neonatal opioid withdrawal
- C. Fostering and strengthening nurturing parent/child relationships within the context of peer support services
- D. Being a catalyst for growth in recovery through person-centered Recovery Planning
- E. Coordinating with others in your community that support families with young children

Trainer: Sharon A. Hesseltine, BSW, ORN Advanced Implementation Specialist

Questions: Email wballard@msm.edu

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Registration Is Open for KHA Annual Quality Conference

Mark your calendar now for the KHA Annual Quality Conference, **March 1-3, 2023**, in Lexington. Kentucky Public Health Commissioner **Steven Stack, MD, MBA** will serve as the keynote speaker for the event focused on Creating a Culture of Excellence for Quality Healthcare.

Call for Posters for 2023 KHA Quality Conference

The KHA Quality team is excited to be planning for the 2023 Quality Conference which will be held at the Campbell House in Lexington again on **March 1-3, 2023**. Join your colleagues in quality, infection prevention, pharmacy, case management and leadership. Please note that we will have a poster display and awards presented at the conference again in 2023. The application is attached, see below. This is a great opportunity to share the great work you are doing with colleagues across the state.

REGISTRATION OPEN

KENTUCKY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
QUALITY CONFERENCE
Creating a Culture of Excellence for Quality Healthcare



March 1-3, 2023

The Campbell House
Lexington, Kentucky



Keynote Speaker

Quality Leadership in Uncertain Times
Steven J. Stack, MD, MBA

*Commissioner for Public Health
Commonwealth of Kentucky*



Dr. Steven J. Stack, Kentucky Commissioner for Public Health, will be the Quality Conference Keynote Speaker! Dr. Stack provided exceptional service to the Commonwealth throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to maintain a strong, collaborative partnership with KHA to provide invaluable support of quality care to hospitals and their communities.

To register for the conference, go to:
<https://www.kyha.com/QualityConference23>

Conference details coming soon.

Registration Link: <https://www.kyha.com/QualityConference23>



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Motivational Interviewing and SBIRT Training 2023

Build your Motivational Interviewing (MI) and Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) skills in 2023! We're offering multi-session series throughout the year. Attend all sessions and you'll earn NAADAC Continuing Education hours. (Be sure to make note of pre-requisites for each level of training.) Join colleagues from across the region in learning to apply this evidence-based practice with fidelity. View the complete [2023 Motivational Interviewing calendar](#) on our website!

Level 1

[Register for Level 1 Winter](#)

Spring 2023:

Motivational Interviewing: Relational Skills-Level 1

- March 1, 2023 from 8:30AM-11:30AM CT
- March 8, 2023 from 8:30AM-11:30AM CT
- March 15, 2023 from 8:30AM-11:30AM CT

[Register for Level 1 Spring](#)

You must complete Level 1 (Relational Skills) in order to attend Level 2 (Technical Skills) and Level 3 (SBIRT and Coding & Coaching).

[Visit our website to see our full 2023 Motivational Interviewing and SBIRT calendar!](#)

Meet the Trainer:

Laura A. Saunders, MSSW, is the Wisconsin State Project Manager for the Great Lakes Addiction, Mental Health and Prevention Technology Transfer Centers. Her position is housed at the UW–Madison, where she's worked since 1988. Since 2001, Laura has provided SBIRT and Motivational Interviewing training to

physicians, nurses, medical students, psychologists, specialty addiction treatment providers, social workers, physical therapists, health educators, and staff who work in correctional settings. She has provided feedback and coaching to hundreds of social workers, correctional staff, and other human service providers who are interested in using evidence-based practices with fidelity. Laura joined the international group of Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) in 2006 (Sophia, Bulgaria) and is an active member of the Wisconsin MINT group.



The [Great Lakes ATTC](#), [MHTTC](#), and [PTTC](#) are funded by [SAMHSA](#) to provide training and technical assistance to the behavioral health prevention, treatment, and recovery services workforce in Health and Human Services Region 5: IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI.



In Case You Missed It

- **KY SOS January Webinar- Ryan Stanton, MD**, emergency physician and Lexington EMS medical director, gave an educational webinar on: **Emergency Department opioid use for acute ankle sprain and the use of alternatives to opioids**. The information presented is directly applicable to KY SOS Metric 3a which has been proposed to have HRIP funding tied to it in **CY 2023**. The recording of this webinar can be accessed by visiting: [Presentations & Recordings \(kentuckysos.com\)](https://kentuckysos.com)
- **KY SOS January Webinar- Emily Henderson, PharmD, LDE** pharmacy consultant with KHA and the KY SOS program, **Melanie Landrum** Vice President of Data and Health Information Services of KHA, and **Katie Marks, PhD**, Project Director for Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) Cabinet for Health and Family Services hosted an informational webinar introducing the launch of the KY SOS ED Bridge Program. The recording of the webinar can be accessed by visiting: [Presentations & Recordings \(kentuckysos.com\)](https://kentuckysos.com)

- **CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain — United States, 2022**
The CDC recently released the long awaited guidelines for treating pain of the acute, subacute, and chronic states. The newly released guidance from the CDC both updates and is meant to replace the **2016 CDC Opioid Guideline for pain**. For the complete guidance, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/rr/rr7103a1.htm>
- **The FDA issued an alert to healthcare professionals concerning the presence of xylazine in illicit drugs. For the complete alert:** <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-alerts-health-care-professionals-risks-patients-exposed-xylazine-illicit-drugs>

Did You Know...?

KY SOS Advisory Committee members will come to your facility or schedule a zoom meeting for technical assistance. This opportunity allows your staff to get specific education on opioid best practices. If you have specific questions, reach out to KHA SOS staff and you'll be connected with the appropriate KY SOS Advisory Committee member.

Additional Resources on KY SOS Website

- Find Help Now KY is a website used to assist individuals in the community find an addiction treatment facility. For more information, visit the website at www.findhelpnowky.org
- Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) has funded access to treatment and recovery for individuals who have a functional hearing loss and need effective communication. The guidelines can be found on the KY SOS website or click the link to be directed: <http://www.kentuckysos.com/Portals/2/Documents/KOREGuidelinesDeafHardofHearingAccessdoc.pdf>
- A new harm reduction resource for those in recovery. Find Recovery Housing Now KY is a real-time SUD recovery network to help individuals in recovery locate housing. Please visit: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dbhdid/Pages/krhn.aspx>
- All other KY SOS resources can be found at <http://www.kentuckysos.com/Resources>

For more information, please visit www.kentuckysos.com or contact a KHA staff member to assist.

Melanie Landrum for data-related questions – mlandrum@kyha.com

Emily Henderson for ED Bridge/outpatient/program related questions– ehenderson@kyha.com

Shanna Jagers for outpatient primary care clinic questions- sjagers@kyha.com

Marilyn Connors for outpatient primary care clinic questions- mconnors@kyha.com

Stacy Allen for inpatient pharmacy related questions – sallen@kyha.com

Missed a webinar? All presentations are recorded and can be found under the events & education link

