

## Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship (KY SOS) June Newsletter

### CONGRATULATIONS FROM KY SOS

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

Congratulations to the following pharmacists:

- **Julie Edwards, PharmD, BCACP** - Robley Rex VA Medical Center
- **Leigh Ann Keeton, PharmD, BCPS**- King's Daughters Medical Center
- **Jacob Lyles, PharmD, RPh** - Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital

### KY SOS TEAM ON THE ROAD

The KY SOS program participated in the Annual Appreciation of Hospital Week, celebrating Taylor Regional Hospital. The event was hosted by Hosparus Health and was themed Barn Yard Bash. KY SOS provided information about the inpatient, outpatient primary care clinic, and emergency department bridge programs. KY SOS staff were on hand to answer questions and highlight the program for community members and hospital staff.

KY SOS will attend community events/health fairs to highlight the growing program and efforts made across the state regarding opioid stewardship. If you would like KY SOS to attend your community event/health fair, please contact Emily Henderson: [ehenderson@kyha.com](mailto:ehenderson@kyha.com).



KY SOS staff in attendance (from L to R) Mary Beth Ecken, PharmD, Shanna Jagers, PharmD, Emily Henderson, PharmD, Marilyn Connors, DO, Hallie Wilson.





The Drug Enforcement Agency, jointly with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is issuing a temporary rule to extend certain exceptions granted to existing DEA regulations in March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (COVID-19 PHE), in order to avoid lapses in care for patients.

The full set of telemedicine flexibilities regarding prescription of controlled medications as were in place during the COVID-19 PHE will remain in place through November 11, 2023.

If a patient and a practitioner have established a telemedicine relationship on or before November 11, 2023, the same telemedicine flexibilities that have governed the relationship to that point are permitted until November 11, 2024.

According to the rule, ultimately, there will be a final set of regulations permitting the practice of telemedicine under circumstances that are consistent with public health, safety, and effective controls against diversion.

**Read SAMHSA's release [here](#).**

**Read entire rule [here](#).**



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## WORK FORGE JOB FAIR

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June 22, 2023

10.00 AM - 3.00 PM

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## OD2A QUICK NEWS

OD2A Quick News May 23, 2023, edition has been published. In this edition are news updates concerning the following and more:

- Delta-8 THC, a new hemp product is readily available and unregulated at the federal level. Link to the article: [What is delta 8 and is it safe? The THC-based 'diet weed' explained \(usatoday.com\)](#)
- Free virtual **Trauma-informed care training** by **Nannette Dix**, manager of the **Trauma Resilient Community Project**. To register, email: [Jackie.Love@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Jackie.Love@louisvilleky.gov) or call (502) 718-3868
- A study shows a correlation between postpartum substance use and prior negative childhood experiences, stress, and mental health. Click the link to read the full article:

[Association of Mental Health Conditions, Recent Stressful Life Events, and Adverse Childhood Experiences with Postpartum Substance Use — Seven States, 2019–2020 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#)

- A retrospective review of Medicare claims data reveals racial inequality with the prescribing of medications for OUD. Link to full article: [Racial Inequality in Receipt of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder | NEJM](#)

**OD2A Quick News May 17, 2023**, edition has been published. In this edition are news updates concerning:

- A report from the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC) on intentional injury-related emergency department (ED) visits among Kentuckians 10 to 24 years of age revealed an increase in self-harm related care sought in the ED in 2021 vs. 2020. For the full article: [More Kentucky youth received emergency care for self-harm in 2021 than in 2020, reversing decline in youths’ intentional injuries – Kentucky Health News \(uky.edu\)](#)
- A \$5 million grant from the U.S. government will be used to study if overdose deaths can be prevented by those using drugs in a “safe” injection site, staffed by people who can render aid to an overdosed person. For the full article: [US backs study of safe injection sites, overdose prevention - ABC News \(go.com\)](#)
- The results of a study to determine if rapid analysis of drug paraphernalia can help in harm reduction by detecting changes in the make-up of illicit drugs, can be read in this edition of OD2A Quick News. To access the complete article: [Rapid Analysis of Drugs: A Pilot Surveillance System To Detect Changes in the Illicit Drug Supply To Guide Timely Harm Reduction Responses — Eight Syringe Services Programs, Maryland, November 2021–August 2022 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#)

**OD2A Quick News May 15, 2023**, edition has been published. You can read this news update to find out more concerning:

- Survey results among high school aged students and their use of electronic vapor products. To access the complete article: [Electronic Vapor Product Use Among High School Students — Youth Risk Behavior Survey, United States, 2021 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- Survey results among high school aged students and their use of alcohol and other substances pre-pandemic and during the COVID-19 pandemic. For the complete article: [Alcohol and Other Substance Use Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among High School Students — Youth Risk Behavior Survey, United States, 2021 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- A survey of high school students looking at the connection between the risk of self-harm and use of substances with witnessing violence. For the complete article: [Witnessing Community Violence, Gun Carrying, and Associations with Substance Use and Suicide Risk Among High School Students — Youth Risk Behavior Survey, United States, 2021 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#)

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### **APPLY FOR RECOVERY READY COMMUNITIES**

The Recovery Ready Communities Certification Program is designed to provide a quality measure of a city or county's substance use disorder (SUD) recovery efforts. The program offers local officials, recovery advocates, and concerned citizens the opportunity to evaluate their community's current SUD treatment programs and interventions in a framework that is designed to maximize positive public health outcomes among Kentuckians suffering from SUD.

To apply: <https://rrcky.org/apply/>

### **UPDATED REGULATION PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO HOSPITALS ON NALOXONE DISPENSING IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy has issued the updated **201 KAR 2:360**, effective **March 9, 2023**. This regulation includes the requirements for a pharmacy to stock naloxone to an emergency department and, with this update, provides clear guidance on how hospital pharmacies can dispense naloxone to patients from the ED.

Find the full updated regulation here:

[Title 201 Chapter 2 Regulation 360 • Kentucky Administrative Regulations • Legislative Research Commission](#)

These changes now allow hospitals to more easily provide naloxone to patients who present to the ED when the outpatient pharmacy is closed, further reducing barriers to care, and increasing access to a life-saving resource.

### **FDA APPROVES PRESCRIPTION NASAL SPRAY TO REVERSE OPIOID OVERDOSE: NALMEFENE HYDROCHLORIDE**

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-prescription-nasal-spray-reverse-opioid-overdose>

### **FIRST OVER THE COUNTER NALOXONE FDA APPROVED**

[FDA Approves First Over-the-Counter Naloxone Nasal Spray | FDA](#)

### **CONGRESS REMOVES REQUIREMENT FOR DATA-WAIVER (X-WAIVER)**

With the signing of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, **2023** (Omnibus bill), Congress removed the federal requirement for the DATA waiver, or X-waiver, required for practitioners to prescribe medications for Opioid Use Disorder, such as buprenorphine. In January, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced that effective immediately, all practitioners with a current DEA registration that includes Schedule III authority, may now prescribe buprenorphine for OUD in their practice, in accordance with applicable state laws. With the removal of the waiver, there are no longer limits on the number of patients a practitioner may treat with buprenorphine, and SAMHSA will no longer accept requests for X-waiver registration. A

separate provision of the Omnibus bill addresses new training requirements for prescribers that will go into effect in June 2023. DEA and SAMHSA are working to provide further guidance on these requirements.

<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/index.html>

<https://www.samhsa.gov/medications-substance-use-disorders/removal-data-waiver-requirement>

The Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) and the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) are aware of the current changes regarding removal of the X-waiver. More guidance can be found here:

KBN: <https://kbn.ky.gov/Pages/advanced-practice-registered-nurse.aspx#xwaiver>

KBML: <https://kbml.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

### **Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) Guidance Regarding Removal of DATA-Waiver (X-Waiver)**

The Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) has issued the following statement to help clarify practitioners' questions and concerns regarding the removal of the DATA X-Waiver.

- All KBML-licensees, with a valid DEA registration in Kentucky, may prescribe or dispense Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD) if they conform to acceptable and prevailing medical practices (KRS 311.595(9) as illustrated by KRS 311.597(4));.
- 201 KAR 9:270 sets forth the acceptable and prevailing practices for the prescribing, dispensing and administration of Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and requires that:
  1. The licensee obtains and documents all relevant information in a patient's medical record in a legible manner and in sufficient detail to enable the Board to determine whether the licensee is conforming to standards set forth in the regulation; and
  2. If a licensee is unable to follow the standards set forth in the regulation, the licensee shall document those circumstances in the patient's record and only prescribe, dispense, or administer under the circumstances and in accordance with SAMHSA's TIP Series 63:
    - <https://kbml.ky.gov/Documents/SAMHSA%20TIP%2063%20-%20Updated%202020.pdf>

- Each prescriber of Buprenorphine-Mono-Product or Buprenorphine-Combined-with-Naloxone shall complete at least twelve (12) hours of continuing medical education certified in Category I specific to addiction medicine for each three (3) year continuing education cycle.

Source:

[https://kbml.ky.gov/Documents/KBML%20Guidance%20Regarding%20%20Removal%20of%20DATA%20-%20Waiver%20\(X-Waiver\).pdf](https://kbml.ky.gov/Documents/KBML%20Guidance%20Regarding%20%20Removal%20of%20DATA%20-%20Waiver%20(X-Waiver).pdf)

## **DEA ISSUES A PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT (PSA) ON WIDESPREAD THREAT OF FENTANYL MIXED WITH XYLAZINE**

For the full PSA, follow this link:

[DEA Reports Widespread Threat of Fentanyl Mixed with Xylazine | DEA.gov](#)

## **RESOURCES FROM OUR PARTNER IPRO QUALITY INNOVATION NETWORK-QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION (IPRO QIN-QIO):**

### ***Naloxone Saves Lives***

This patient education document describes what Naloxone is, how it works, why it is offered to individuals with an opioid prescription, and signs of opioid overdose. Also available in Spanish. Visit the following link for the complete document:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-FOw\\_9sLOf4XZuQngexc-Li6K6KFhdj/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-FOw_9sLOf4XZuQngexc-Li6K6KFhdj/view?usp=sharing)

### ***Discharge Medications: Nurse-To-Nurse Warm Handoff Guidance***

This document is intended for use as a guide for nurse-to-nurse verbal communication of medication-related information required for safe patient transfer upon discharge from the sending to receiving facility. Visit the following link for the complete document:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bda9ULwt69mCWC2chYi6vDgGQH8EFWmg/view?usp=sharing>

## **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](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](mailto:ehenderson@kyha.com)), **Stacy Allen** ([sallen@kyha.com](mailto:sallen@kyha.com)), **Marilyn Connors** ([mconnors@kyha.com](mailto:mconnors@kyha.com)), **Shanna Jagers** ([sjagers@kyha.com](mailto:sjagers@kyha.com)), **Mary Beth Ecken** ([mecken@kyha.com](mailto:mecken@kyha.com)) or **Melanie Landrum** ([mlandrum@kyha.com](mailto:mlandrum@kyha.com)).

## CMS APPROVED HRIP FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Governor Andy Beshear signed HB 75, updating the Hospital Rate Improvement Program (HRIP) to include Medicaid outpatient care, into law on **March 20, 2023**. In conjunction with the Governor signing the bill, it was announced that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the program for **2023** (both inpatient and outpatient) retroactive to **January 1, 2023**.

**Melanie Landrum, Vice President of Data, Operations and Innovations at KHA**, has been conducting Town Halls to share the details of the updated HRIP Encyclopedia of Measures (EOM). For questions concerning the 2023 HRIP EOM, please contact Melanie Landrum at [mlandrum@kyha.com](mailto:mlandrum@kyha.com).

## THE HAPPENINGS

### Hospital Rate Improvement Program (HRIP)

For **CY 2023**, the HRIP Quality proposal has been **approved**. Three KY SOS metrics are now associated with HRIP funding. The three KY SOS metrics included with HRIP funding are:

1. KY SOS Metric 2b: Concurrent e-Prescribing
2. KY SOS Metric 3a: Emergency Department Opioid Use for Acute Ankle Sprain (ALTO)
3. KY SOS Metric 4b: Opioid Use for Uncomplicated Vaginal Delivery (zero days) (Birthing Hospitals)

*\*\*If the ICD-10-O80 code appears **anywhere** in the diagnoses fields or **Uncomplicated Vaginal Delivery** appears, this encounter shall be counted in the DENOMINATOR.*

*This encounter is counted in the NUMERATOR IF **NO** schedule II opioid is prescribed.*

Link to KY SOS Encyclopedia of Measures (EOM) for complete details of metrics:  
<http://www.kentuckysos.com/portals/2/Documents/KentuckyStatewideOpioidStewardshipEncyclopediaofMeasures.pdf>

Also approved for HRIP in **CY 2023**:

Discharge with an Opioid Prescription (Freestanding Rehab Hospitals Only)

## **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. The onboarding and implementation of the program began 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](mailto:ehenderson@kyha.com)), Shanna Jagers ([sjagers@kyha.com](mailto:sjagers@kyha.com)) or Marilyn Connors ([mconnors@kyha.com](mailto:mconnors@kyha.com)) for more information about the KY SOS 6BB program implementation.

### **KY SOS 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](http://www.kentuckysos.com).

Please contact Emily Henderson ([ehenderson@kyha.com](mailto:ehenderson@kyha.com)), Mary Beth Ecken ([mecken@kyha.com](mailto:mecken@kyha.com)) or Melanie Landrum ([mlandrum@kyha.com](mailto:mlandrum@kyha.com)) if you have questions about the 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 are to work on the following:**

- **Opioid** utilization and misuse

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

### **Who should be part of the Community Coalition?**

- Clinician Practices
- Nursing Homes
- Hospitals
- Home Health Agencies
- Hospice Agencies
- Pharmacies
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Community Health Centers
- Senior Housing
- Substance Abuse Recovery Organizations
- Patients and Families
- Faith Based Organizations
- Emergency Responders
- Local Resources such as food banks

### **Upcoming Community Coalition Meetings:**

#### **KY3 Alliance for a Better Community Coalition – June 7, 2023, from 12:00 – 1:30 PM EST**

**Location:** The meeting will take place at the Taylor County Extension Agent at 1143 S Columbia Ave Campbellsville, KY 42718

Zoom will be available if requested.

Lunch will be provided by Amedisys Home Health.

#### **Agenda:**

- 12:00- 12:15 PM EST: Lunch/Networking
- Community Coalition Survey Feedback
  - Name of Coalition
  - Meeting Logistics – days, times, location
  - Host and Lunch Sponsors
- Healthcare Workplace Violence Panel Discussion
  - Hosparus of Green River
  - Kevin Albert, Assistant Administrator for Lake Cumberland Regional
  - State Police
  - Others

- Next Meeting Discussion
  - August 2023
  - November 2023

Please plan to bring one new community partner to the meeting – a nursing home, home health agency, local community resource such as a food bank, faith-based group, homeless shelter, etc. We want to grow our coalition to ensure we are meeting the needs of our community members.

**KY2 Coalition Meeting-Tuesday, June 20, 2023, from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM EST**

To Join the Community Meeting: <https://bhsi.zoom.us/j/94851425823>

Agenda:

- Discussion on social determinants of health and health literacy
- Community update from Alliant
- Open discussion from community partners

KY2 Hospitals and Community Partners: Baptist Health Hardin, Owensboro Health Regional Hospital, Flaget Memorial, Breckinridge Memorial, Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Lakeview, Ohio County Hospital, Owensboro Health Twin Lakes Regional Medical Center, Deaconess Henderson Hospital, Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital, Deaconess Union County

**Statewide Community Coalition meeting, June 29, 2023, from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM EST**

Please join us for our Quarterly Statewide Community Coalition meeting on **Thursday, June 29, 2023, from 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. EST**

To join the Community Meeting:

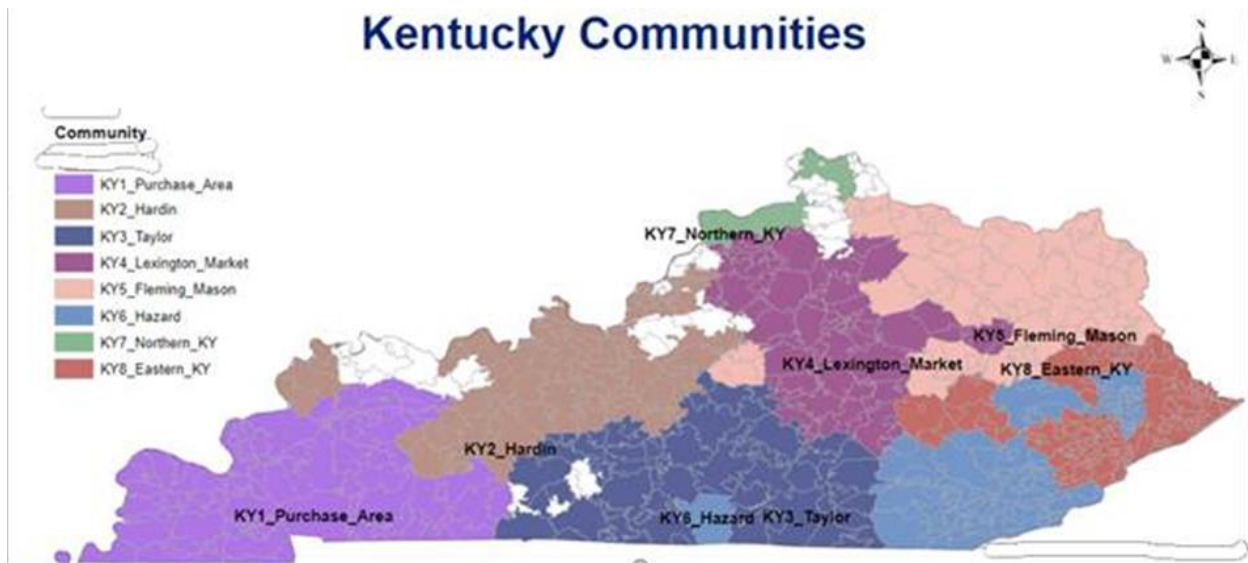
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Agenda:

- Welcome and Overview
- Opioid Data Update from Alliant Health, Jeremy Bischoff
- 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline – Transforming Crisis Response in Kentucky, Angela Roberts, DBHDID
- Community Partner – Aware Recovery Care: In-Home Addiction Treatment
- Open Discussion
- Next Meeting **August 2023** – Topic Health Literacy



## UPCOMING EVENTS/WEBINARS

- **KY SOS July Webinar- Nicole Brummett, PharmD** Director of Pharmacy for The Brook Hospitals KMI and DuPont and **Lisa Deal, PharmD** Senior Vice President of Pharmacy Services at Comprehensive Pharmacy Services in Delaware, will present to KY providers on the topic of mental health in patients dealing with SUD/OD. This webinar is scheduled for **July 26, 2023, noon to 1 PM ET**. Calendar invites will be sent closer to date.

Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83513858671?pwd=RU1obkJYalR1b3hPQINTSW8wVzk0UT09>  
 Meeting ID: 835 1385 8671  
 Passcode: 2501
- **KY SOS August Webinar- Jason Roop, PhD** Executive Director of the Technology Training Center and adjunct Professor of Business Management at Campbellsville University will present for providers of KY on **Starting from Strength: How the Trait-Based Recovery Model is Changing Addiction Treatment**. This webinar is scheduled for **August 16, 2023, 12 PM to 1 PM ET**. Calendar invites will be sent with the Zoom link closer to date.
- **KY SOS September Webinar- Jill Martin, LPCC** will be presenting Integration of MAT/MOUD in Primary Care on **September 12, 2023, from 11 AM to 12 PM ET**. Calendar invites and Zoom link will be sent closer to date.
- **KY SOS September Webinar- Chris Smith** Program Manager, Statewide Overdose Prevention Kentucky Department for Public Health will provide an overview of the various grant funded free naloxone programs throughout the state, introduce the

new website for Team KY, and discuss healthcare provider stigma regarding people who use drugs. This webinar is scheduled for **September 26, 2023**, from **11 AM to 12 PM ET**. Calendar invites and Zoom link will be sent closer to date.

- **KY SOS November Webinar- Jody Jagers, PharmD** Director of Pharmacy Public Health Programs Kentucky Pharmacy Education & Research Foundation will be presenting on the new OTC status of naloxone and the various available products, pricing, and availability of OTC naloxone as well as updates on nasal nalmeferene and fentanyl test strip availability, and harm reduction updates in KY. This webinar is scheduled for **November 9, 2023**, from **noon to 1 PM ET**. Calendar invites and Zoom link will be sent closer to date.
- **KY SOS December Webinar- Haley Busch, PharmD, BCPS** Quality Manager and Opioid Stewardship Program Coordinator for CHI Saint Joseph Health. Dr. Busch will present to KY providers on Rapid Micro-Induction Technique of Buprenorphine. The webinar is scheduled on **December 7, 2023, from 12 PM to 1 PM ET**. Calendar invites and Zoom link will be sent for this event closer to date.
- **Kentucky Harm Reduction Summit June 14, 2023, through June 15, 2023.**  
Registration is currently closed. To be added to the wait list:  
<https://kiprc.uky.edu/events/2023-kentucky-harm-reduction-summit>
- **UNSHAME KY June Webinar** Featuring guest speaker, **Alison Jones Webb**, author of *Recovery Allies: How to Support Addiction Recovery and Build Recovery-Friendly Communities. Recovery Allies & Recovery-Friendly Communities. Thursday, June 22, 2023*, from **1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET**. To register for this webinar: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- **KY-OPEN Overdose Prevention Education Network** with **Laura C Fanucchi, MD, MPH** have available a webinar with free CE. **A Patient's First Day: Barriers to Treatment, Treatment Initiation Best Practices, and Sample Low-Threshold Clinic**  
To access the webinar: [UK HealthCare CECentral](#)
- **Management of All Patients at Risk for Persistent Opioid Use: Findings from SEH Obstetric Unit Protocols** presented by **Ayesa Hilvano, MD**  
**Friday, July 21, 2023, 2:00PM-3:00PM EST**  
Registration Link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/551209797014676566>

# KENTUCKY SCHOOL OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG STUDIES VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES

LAUNCHING SEPTEMBER 2023

The Kentucky School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies was traditionally an in-person event held annually in July. Each year, more than 1,200 Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio professionals from substance use treatment, mental health, harm reduction, prevention, and other related fields gathered to hear from national and state leaders on the up-and-coming theories of practice in the behavioral health world. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to put the in-person event on hold. Now, we are excited to announce the **First Annual Kentucky School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Virtual Learning Series** launching in September 2023 in coordination with National Recovery Month.

## Join Us In September!

### KENTUCKY SCHOOL OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG STUDIES VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES

LAUNCHING SEPTEMBER 2023

- ☑ *Virtual Kickoff Event*
- ☑ *Wednesday, Sept. 13*
- ☑ *11 a.m. to 2 p.m.*
- ☑ *Keynote Speaker & Virtual Award Ceremony*

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## Additional Resources





## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- **KY SOS May Webinar- Haley Busch, PharmD, BCPS** Quality Manager and Opioid Stewardship Program Coordinator for CHI Saint Joseph Health. **Dr. Busch** presented to KY providers on **Treating Concomitant Acute Pain and Opioid Use Disorder in the Hospital Setting**. The webinar has been posted on the KY SOS website: [Presentations & Recordings \(kentuckysos.com\)](https://www.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/KY SOS staff and you will 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](http://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>
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is now: 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Please visit: [Lifeline \(988lifeline.org\)](http://www.988lifeline.org)
- All other KY SOS resources can be found at <http://www.kentuckysos.com/Resources>



[FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org](http://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](http://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](http://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:

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