

Kentucky Psychological Association

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KPA's Strategic Priorities

Membership	Advocacy	Leadership Development
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Kentucky Psychological Association Legislative Advocacy Meeting

Date: October 11, 2024	Time: 1:00PM
Location: Louisville, KY & Zoom Videoconference	

Minutes - DRAFT

Attendance Board Members:

AJ Steele (President)	Absent w/Notice	Patti Weiter (Past President)	Not Present	Kari Jones (President-Elect)	Present
Sarah Nolan, M.A. (Secretary)	Present	Pam Cartor (Treasurer)	Present		

Attendance Central Office Staff:

Eric Russ, Ph.D. (Executive Director)	Present	Sarah Burress (Director of Operations)	Absent w/Notice	Megan Paxton, Ph.D. (Director of Professional Affairs)	Present
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KPA Board Members/Representatives In Attendance:

KPA Western-Central Representative: Michael Farina, PhD

KPA Child & Adolescent Representative: Catherine Huffman, PsyD

KPA Graduate Student Representative: Fei Bi Chan, BA

KPA Masters Representative: Matthew Davis, Ed.S.

KPA Convention Committee Chair: Amy Greenamyre, PhD

KPA Clinical Interest Representative: Ashley Belcher, PsyD

KPA Bluegrass Representative: Federico Aldarondo, PhD

KPA Early Career Psychologist Representative: Megan Summers, MA., MEd.

KPA Board At Large Representative: Brenda Arellano, MS

APA Council Representative: Felicia Smith, PhD

KPA Education and Training Section Representative: Gina DeArth-Pendley, Ph.D.

Federal Advocacy Coordinator/ Government Relations: William Stoops, PhD.

KPA Health Psychology Representative: Lisa Steelsmith, PsyD

Chair of the Legislative Committee: Cay Shawler, MS

Not Present:

KPA Appalachian Representative: Leigh Ann Ford, PhD

KPA Ohio Region Representative: Collin Davidson, PhD

KPA At Large Representative: Demi Lincoln, PsyD

KPA Academic Representative: Rick Grieve, PhD

KPA Early Career Psychologist Representative: Megan Summers, MA., MEd.

KPA Rural Practice Representative: Abby Dowdy, PsyD

KPA Diversity Representative: Clint Nowicke, PsyD

TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	CONCLUSION
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President's Remarks Welcome & Introductions	President-Elect calls the meeting to order at 1:04PM, Kari Jones reviewed agenda for today's meeting.	
Changes to KPA Bylaws-First Reading	Board Members in attendance reviewed proposed changes to KPA Bylaws; this will count as the first reading.	
Call for Convention Moderators	Eric Russ encouraged Board Members to serve as Moderators for workshops. Currently, 230 registrants for Convention thus far. Please encourage people to attend, especially the special events in the evening. Silent Auction is gathering donations.	
Legislative Priorities Survey Results	<p>Cay Shawler-shared updates from Legislative Committee Eric Russ-encouraged more psychologists to testify during cases. Eric Russ shared results of the Legislative Advocacy Focus Survey. There were 108 responses.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We completed a Legislative Grant through APA so we can explore having graduate students involved with advocacy needs. KPF completed an op-ed on the importance of DEI, especially in higher education. 2) State budget has created issues with financial support for behavioral health services, KPA will continue to advocate. 3) KPA is participating in an ongoing interdisciplinary legislative workgroup on this bill (decreasing the insurance requirements for prior authorization) 4) Patient-Provider Confidentiality-most respondents are very supportive, especially with respect to reproductive rights 5) Opposition to Amendment 2-regarding public tax dollars to fund private schools-KPA is participating in the No on 2 Campaign and Protect our Schools KY, majority support 6) Ban Conversion Therapy, majority support opposition to conversion therapy. Executive Order ban-it could be overturned by a future governor. We will continue to work with other boards and organizations so that the order becomes permanent. 7) CARR Bill-We are working with Whitney Strong, but we will need a new primary sponsor-she is leaving office after this session. 8) Support Inclusive & Safe Bathroom Design-majority in support 9) Maternal Health Programs-majority in support 	

	<p>10)Opposition to Legislation that discriminate against any marginalized population-majority in support</p> <p>11) Support Legislation to remove barriers to substance use treatment</p> <p>12) Support comprehensive healthy relations/sex education</p> <p>Priority Rankings (These were ranked highest in either the 1st-3rd rank level)</p> <p>Increased Behavioral Health Funding</p> <p>Oppose Legislation that eliminates DEI</p> <p>Protecting confidentiality</p> <p>Uphold public protection by opposing legislation allowing non-psychologists to deliver services that are clearly defined as the practice of psychology-majority in support (Behavioral Health Associate)</p>	
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Adjournment: **Motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:28**