



Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission

March 25, 1:00 p.m. ET

Location: Capitol Annex, 702 Capital Ave., Room 171, Frankfort, KY 40601

View the meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AX3Q0ZJh4kw>

MINUTES

Members Present: Executive Director and Chair Christopher Evans (in person), Darren Allen (in person), Dr. Patricia Freeman (via Zoom), Peyton Sands, proxy for Secretary Eric Friedlander (in person), Representative Chris Fugate (via Zoom), Van Ingram (in person), Karen Kelly (via Zoom), Treasurer Mark Metcalf (in person), Von Purdy (via Zoom), Debbie Rains (in person), Dr. Jason Roop (in person).

Staff Present: Jessie Halladay, Jessica Bowman, Alison Chavies, Julianne Hatton, Michelle Lopez

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Evans called the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission (KYO AAC) meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Van Ingram moved to adopt the March 25, 2025, agenda. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.

III. BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE

1. May 13, 2025
2. July 8, 2025
3. September 9, 2025
4. November 4, 2025

*****ALL meetings will take place at the Capitol Annex, 702 Capital Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601, from 1 – 4 pm Eastern time. The room will be announced when assigned.**

IV. MINUTES

1. January 14, 2025, Business Meeting
2. March 11, 2025, Prevention Application Review Meeting
3. March 13, 2025, Treatment and Recovery Application Review Meeting

Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved to approve the minutes for January 14, March 11, and March 13, 2025. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS



None

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

1. Update Regarding Regulations to County and City Reporting

Executive Director Evans announced that the reporting regulations for county and city governments have been submitted. Staff are in the process of educating local officials on what the proposed regulation changes would look like.

2. Changes to the Commission website

Executive Director Evans announced that the changes to the Commission website are nearing completion, and those final details will be made available as soon as possible. The website changes will allow for clarity and details as it relates to the work of the Commission. This website will also provide a portal where local municipalities will report and enter their financial reporting responsibilities.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1:08 p.m. – *Chair Evans moved the Commission to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing bidders for award moneys from the opioid abatement trust fund established in KRS 15.293, pursuant to KRS 15.291(5), but only include matters that are allowed to be discussed during executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.*

Chair Evans stated that a motion was made, seconded, and adopted for the Commission to retire into closed, executive session. This motion has passed by a majority vote of the members present, with enough members present to form a quorum, and thereafter the Chair announced:

“Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(n), of the Kentucky Open Meetings Act, the Committee will now retire into closed, executive session. Specific justification under the Kentucky Open Meetings Act for this action are as follows: meetings of any selection committee, evaluation committee, or other similar group established under KRS Chapter 45A or 56 or other state or local law, to select a successful bidder for award of a state or local contract.

This meeting will consider matters mandated by KRS 15.291(5), which comports with the exception found in KRS 61.810(1)(n).”

1:46 p.m. *Van Ingram moved the Commission to return to open session. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.*

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Chair Evans moved the Commission to review and vote on all applications discussed in Executive Session. Van Ingram seconded, and the motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval for 2025 Grant Award Recipients

TREATMENT			
	Organization	Amount for Commission Consideration	Recorded Vote
1	Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc. (AppalReD)	\$93,745.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$93,745.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
2	Barren County Fiscal Court	\$185,371.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Jason Roop moved the Commission to approve Barren County Fiscal Court with a recommended amount of \$185,371.00. Van Ingram seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
3	Brighton Center, Inc.	\$300,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Brighton Center, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$300,000.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
4	Celebrate Recovery Fairdale, Corp	\$22,503.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve Celebrate Recovery Fairdale, Corp with a recommended amount of \$22,503.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
5	ChooseWell Communities, Inc.	\$250,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve ChooseWell Communities, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$250,000.00. Von Purdy seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
6	Community Advocates for Resources and Empowerment (CARES)	\$56,627.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Community Advocates for Resources and Empowerment (CARES) with a recommended amount of \$56,627.00. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			



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7	Cumberland Trace Legal Services, Inc. D/b/a Kentucky Legal Aid	\$93,750.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Cumberland Trace Legal Services, Inc. D/b/a Kentucky Legal Aid with a recommended amount of \$93,750.00. Patricia Freeman seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
8	DV8 Kitchen Vocational Training Foundation, Inc. and DV8 Kitchens	\$136,385.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve DV8 Kitchen Vocational Training Foundation, Inc. and DV8 Kitchens with a recommended amount of \$136,385.00. Debbie Rains seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
9	Enrich Corp.	\$411,218.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Enrich Corp. with a recommended amount of \$411,218.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
10	Family Scholar House	\$287,149.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Von Purdy moved the Commission to approve Family Scholar House with a recommended amount of \$287,149.00. Patricia Freeman seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
11	Fresh Start Health Centers, P.S.C.	\$353,756.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Fresh Start Health Centers, P.S.C., with a recommended amount of \$353,756.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
12	Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Inc.	\$397,539.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Patricia Freeman moved the Commission to approve Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$397,539.00. Von Purdy seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
13	Hazard Community & Technical College/KCTCS	\$500,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Hazard Community & Technical College/KCTCS with a recommended amount of \$500,000.00. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
14	Hope Center, Inc.	\$267,501.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve Hope Center, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$267,501.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			

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15	Horsesensing, Inc.	\$116,154.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Horsesensing, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$116,154.00. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
16	Housing Development Alliance, Inc.	\$150,017.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Housing Development Alliance, Inc., with a recommended amount of \$150,017.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
17	Kentucky Health Departments Association, Inc.	\$557,171.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Kentucky Health Departments Association, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$557,171.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
18	Kentucky River District Health Department	\$545,519.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Kentucky River District Health Department with a recommended amount of \$545,519.00. Van Ingram seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
19	Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc.	\$325,785.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$325,785.00. Patricia Freeman seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
20	KVC Behavioral Healthcare Kentucky, Inc.	\$426,640.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve KVC Behavioral Healthcare Kentucky, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$426,640.00. Van Ingram seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
21	Lake Cumberland Sober Living, Inc.	\$271,839.00	8 – aye 0 – no 1 – abstention – Jason Roop
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$93,745.00. Debbie Rains seconded, with a vote of eight ayes, zero no, and one abstention by Jason Roop. The motion carried.</i>			
22	Legal Aid Society, Inc.	\$93,750.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Legal Aid Society, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$93,750.00. Von Purdy seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			



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23	Legal Aid of the Bluegrass	\$93,750.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Patricia Freeman moved the Commission to approve Legal Aid of the Bluegrass with a recommended amount of \$93,750.00. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
24	Lifeline Recovery Center, Inc.	\$270,464.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Lifeline Recovery Center, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$270,464.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
25	Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation	\$140,761.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation with a recommended amount of \$140,761.00. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
26	Northern Kentucky Area Development District	\$1,000,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve both Northern Kentucky Area Development District treatment and prevention applications with the understanding that changes must be made to consolidate the prevention and treatment applications into one application, with a recommended amount of \$1,000,000.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
27	Northern Kentucky University	\$337,308.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Northern Kentucky University with a recommended amount of \$337,308.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
28	Ramey-Estep Homes Inc.	\$224,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve Ramey-Estep Homes Inc. with a recommended amount of \$224,000.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
29	Recovery Cafe Lexington, Inc.	\$499,729.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve Recovery Cafe Lexington, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$499,729.00. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
30	Recovery Now	\$233,800.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention

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<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Recovery Now with a recommended amount of \$233,800.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
31	Revive Ministries Inc.	\$308,831.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve Revive Ministries Inc. with a recommended amount of \$308,831.00. Debbie Rains seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
32	Save The Children Federation, Inc.	\$201,348.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Save The Children Federation, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$201,348.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
33	Second Hope Ministries	\$28,500.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve Second Hope Ministries with a recommended amount of \$28,500.00. Van Ingram seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
34	Shepherds House, Inc.	\$345,708.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Shepherds House, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$93,745.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
35	Stable Recovery, Inc.	\$500,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Patricia Freeman moved the Commission to approve Stable Recovery, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$500,000.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
36	The Healing Place	\$407,950.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Jason Roop moved the Commission to approve The Healing Place with a recommended amount of \$407,950.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
37	The Morton Center, Inc.	\$179,388.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve The Morton Center, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$179,388.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
38	Thrive Community Coalition	\$355,433.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention

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Jason Roop moved the Commission to approve Thrive Community Coalition with a recommended amount of \$355,433.00. Debbie Rains seconded, and the motion carried.

39	Tri-County Community Action Agency	\$300,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
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Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Tri-County Community Action Agency with a recommended amount of \$300,000.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.

40	Voices Of Hope - Lexington, Inc.	\$551,274.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
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Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Voices Of Hope - Lexington, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$551,274.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.

41	Volunteers of America Mid-States	\$650,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
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Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve Volunteers of America Mid-States with a recommended amount of \$650,000.00. Patricia Freeman seconded, and the motion carried.

42	Western Kentucky MH-MR Board, Inc. dba Four Rivers Behavioral Health	\$155,067.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
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Jason Roop moved the Commission to approve Western Kentucky MH-MR Board, Inc. dba Four Rivers Behavioral Health with a recommended amount of \$155,067.00. Debbie Rains seconded, and the motion carried.

2:07 p.m. BREAK—Treasurer Mark Metcalf requested a five-minute break.

PREVENTION

	Organization	Amount for Commission Consideration	Recorded Vote
1	Appalachian Artisan Center of Kentucky, Inc.	\$145,177.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention

Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Appalachian Artisan Center of Kentucky, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$145,177.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.

2	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana	\$250,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
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Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana with a recommended amount of \$250,000.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.

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3	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, Inc.	\$85,513.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$85,513.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
4	Breckinridge County Health Department	\$109,614.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Breckinridge County Health Department with a recommended amount of \$109,614.00. Debbie Rains seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
5	Children's Law Center, Inc.	\$187,500.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Children's Law Center, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$187,500.00. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
6	Community Advocates for Resources and Empowerment (CARES)	\$370,044.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Patricia Freeman moved the Commission to approve Community Advocates for Resources and Empowerment with a recommended amount of \$370,044.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
7	Cordata Healthcare Innovations, Inc.	\$333,527.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Cordata Healthcare Innovations, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$333,527.00. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
8	Dayton Independent School District	\$8,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve Dayton Independent School District with a recommended amount of \$8,000.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
9	Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc.	\$500,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$500,000.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
10	Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky, Inc.	\$239,961.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$239,961.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			



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11	Family Nurturing Center of Kentucky	\$166,438.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve the Family Nurturing Center of Kentucky with a recommended amount of \$166,438.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
12	Franklin County Health Department	\$494,200.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Franklin County Health Department with a recommended amount of \$494,200.00. Van Ingram seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
13	Garrard County Schools	\$60,000.00	7 – aye 0 – no 2 – abstention – Jason Roop and Treasurer Mark Metcalf
<i>Patricia Freeman moved the Commission to approve Garrard County Schools with a recommended amount of \$60,000.00. Debbie Rains seconded, with a vote of seven ayes, zero no, and two abstentions by Jason Roop and Treasurer Mark Metcalf. The motion carried.</i>			
14	Graves County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$212,568.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve Graves County Local KY-ASAP Board with a recommended amount of \$212,568.00. Patricia Freeman seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
15	Hardin County Fiscal Court	\$66,850.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Hardin County Fiscal Court with a recommended amount of \$66,850.00. Debbie Rains seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
16	Hope Center, Inc.	\$287,260.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Patricia Freeman moved the Commission to approve Hope Center, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$287,260.00. Debbie Rains seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
17	Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education	\$488,676.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education with a recommended amount of \$488,676.00. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
18	Kentucky Youth Advocates, Inc.	\$126,543.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention

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<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Kentucky Youth Advocates, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$126,543.00. Patricia Freeman seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
19	Learning Grove Inc.	\$199,450.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Learning Grove Inc with a recommended amount of \$199,450.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
20	Lexington Leadership Foundation	\$148,938.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Lexington Leadership Foundation with a recommended amount of \$148,938.00. Debbie Rains seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
21	Lincoln Heritage Council	\$31,361.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Lincoln Heritage Council with a recommended amount of \$31,361.00. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
22	Maryhurst, Inc.	\$89,050.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Maryhurst, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$89,050.00. Patricia Freeman seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
23	NewSong Counseling Center	\$44,341.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve NewSong Counseling Center with a recommended amount of \$44,341.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
24	Owensboro/Daviess County Family YMCA	\$208,508.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Owensboro/Daviess County Family YMCA with a recommended amount of \$208,508.00. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
25	Panacea Health Care	\$83,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Panacea Health Care with a recommended amount of \$83,000.00. Von Purdy seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
26	Somali Community of Louisville, Inc.	\$149,237.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention

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<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve Somali Community of Louisville, Inc. with a recommended amount of \$149,237.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
27	South Central Kentucky Kids on the Block	\$27,636.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve South Central Kentucky Kids on the Block with a recommended amount of \$27,636.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
28	St. John Center	\$200,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve St. John Center with a recommended amount of \$200,000.00. Jason Roop seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
29	Taylor County Schools	\$150,000.00	8 – aye 0 – no 1 – abstention – Jason Roop
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Taylor County Schools with a recommended amount of \$150,000.00. Darren Allen seconded, with a vote of eight ayes, zero no, and one abstention by Jason Roop. The motion carried.</i>			
30	The Beacon of West Kentucky Inc.	\$91,015.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve The Beacon of West Kentucky Inc. with a recommended amount of \$91,015.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
31	The Kentucky Center for Grieving Children and Families	\$155,588.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve The Kentucky Center for Grieving Children and Families with a recommended amount of \$155,588.00. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
32	Three Rivers District Health Department	\$337,825.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve Three Rivers District Health Department with a recommended amount of \$337,825.00. Patricia Freeman seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
33	Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment & Education (Operation UNITE)	\$859,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
<i>Darren Allen moved the Commission to approve Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment & Education (Operation UNITE) with a recommended amount of \$859,000.00. Treasurer Mark Metcalf seconded, and the motion carried.</i>			
34	Young Adult Development in Actn Inc.	\$96,383.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention

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Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve Young Adult Development in Actn Inc. with a recommended amount of \$96,383.00. Von Purdy seconded, and the motion carried.

36	Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Louisville	\$175,000.00	9 – aye 0 – no 0 – abstention
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Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve the Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Louisville with a recommended amount of \$175,000.00. Von Purdy seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Approval for Symposium Funding Request

Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to approve the allocation of funds up to \$125,000.00 to support the 2025 Kentucky Opioid Symposium. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Approval of New Contracts

Deputy Director Halladay explained that due to confusion with two of the 2023 grantees' contract end dates, the staff is asking the Commission to consider the approval of a zero-dollar contract for both Fresh Start Health Centers and Kentucky Harm Reduction Coalition. This would allow both organizations to spend their remaining funds.

Van Ingram moved the Commission to approve the new contracts in the amount of \$0.00 for both Fresh Start Health Centers and Kentucky Harm Reduction Coalition. Patricia Freeman seconded.

Discussion: Von Purdy requested some additional clarification on the need for extra time.

Deputy Director Halladay explained that circumstances, such as the inability to hire staff, were out of their control and made it difficult for the organizations to expend funds on time to meet their goals.

The motion carried unanimously.

X. OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

Executive Director Evans thanked all staff for their time and hard work that has allowed the Commission to get to this point in the grant process.

In addition, Executive Director Evans acknowledged the departure of Executive Staff Advisor Alison Chavies and thanked her for her time and dedication to the Commonwealth and the Commission since August of 2022.

Several Commission members, including Treasurer Mark Metcalf, Van Ingram, Jason Roop, Darren Allen, Von Purdy, Karen Kelly, Patricia Freeman, and Debbie Rains, acknowledged and thanked Mrs. Chavies' hard work and dedication to the Commission.



Christopher Thacker, General Counsel to the Office of the Attorney General, stated he looks forward to working with her in the future in the Office of Legal Counsel.

Mrs. Chavies thanked the Commission members for not only their kind words but also for their time and dedication to the Commission. Mrs. Chavies also expressed her support for the Commission to consider setting up a scholarship fund for individuals impacted by substance use disorder.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

2:44 p.m., Treasurer Mark Metcalf moved the Commission to adjourn its scheduled business meeting. Darren Allen seconded, and the motion carried.