



SCHOOL COUNSELOR ADVISORY COUNCIL
FEB. 9, 2023, 2 P.M. ET
Virtual Meeting

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

AGENDA

I. Welcome

Heather Bushelman, Program Coordinator of Comprehensive School Counseling, Kentucky Department of Education

II. Roll Call of Members

Caryn Scheiding, School Counseling Advisory Council Chairperson

Attendance: Sarah Akin, Kaet Barron, Tammi Cole, Aimee Pike, Caryn Scheiding

Guests: Wallace Bates, Karen Dodd, Mitzi Holland, James Luba, Leslie McKinney, Megan Osborne, Zoran Raduka, Judi Vanderhaar

III. Kentucky Advising Academy Platform Update

Mitzi Holland, Kentucky Advising Academy Director

Holland provided information about the Kentucky Advising Academy (KAA). She shared the purpose of the Kentucky Advising Academy, how the KAA was formed and the goals of the KAA. Information was shared on upcoming professional learning opportunities. Holland shared information about the monthly podcast and webinars. She said KAA is all about building knowledge, capacity and community in postsecondary advising.

IV. Early Warning Tool Update

Judi Vanderhaar, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Division of Student Success

Vanderhaar shared a high-level overview of the early warning tool and new updates to the tool. A demo of the early warning tool was shared with the advisory council members. Other tools that are available through Infinite Campus under the KDE reports, transient report, persistence to graduate report.

V. School Counselor Use of Time Template

Leslie McKinney and James Luba, Kentucky Department of Education, Strategic Data Analysts, Office of the Commissioner

McKinney and Luba shared a counselor's use of a time tracker demo. The spreadsheet will be a tool to ensure school counselors are able to keep track of their use of time daily. This is in accordance with Senate Bill 8 that states that school counselors are supposed to directly serve students 60% of their time. A pilot will be sent to the advisory council with a projected release date statewide by June.

VI. Kentucky Department of Education Updates

Heather Bushelman, Kentucky Department of Education

Bushelman shared the following updates:

- The Individual Learning Plan (ILP) documents have been updated and are currently available on the KDE Comprehensive Counseling website. These documents include a new elementary playbook, updated middle and high school playbooks, and timelines educators may reference when determining implementation of the ILP. Also included is a stakeholder talking point document that will help coordinators discuss the importance of the ILP with staff, families and students.
- In collaboration with Melissa Wainwright, KDE Director of Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS), there is now a school counseling MTSS Model for Kentucky. It includes a crosswalk showing the Kentucky MTSS 6 Essential Elements, Kentucky Framework for School Counselors Best Practices Elements, and the American School Counselor National Model. It will be released soon for school counselors to use as a reference when implementing MTSS into their comprehensive school counseling programs.
- The statewide social-emotional learning implementation guide being created by the regional cooperative SEL specialists is projected to be complete by the end of May.
- Feedback was also given to begin planning for the 2023-2024 statewide school counselor cadres.

VII. Questions/Concerns from the Field

VIII. Adjournment Next Meeting – June 1, 2023, 2 - 3:30 p.m. ET