



**SCHOOL COUNSELOR ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 1, 2023, 2 P.M. ET**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Purpose:** The School Counselor Advisory Council (SCAC) is designed to provide the commissioner of education with direct input from school counselors who serve in Kentucky public schools. Bridging the gap between policy and practice, the 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  
Sarah Akin, Kaet Barron, Elizabeth Barnett, Travis Kern

**III. Senate Bill 150 Guidance for School Counselors**

Micki Ray, Chief Academic Officer, Office of Teaching and Learning, Kentucky Department of Education; Lyndsey Swartz, Staff Attorney, Office of Legal Services, Kentucky Department of Education; Todd Allen, General Counsel, Office of Legal Services, Kentucky Department of Education

Senate Bill 150 DRAFT Guidance Document was shared with the advisory council. The advisory committee members had the opportunity to provide feedback on the document, ask questions and provide recommendations.

**IV. Kentucky Department of Education Updates**

Heather Bushelman, Kentucky Department of Education

Updates for the 2022 KY Overall School Counselor Statewide Data included

- Student Input on access to school counselors,
- Kentucky School Security Marshall Report,
- Funding,
- How school counselors are spending their time,
- Inappropriate duties school counselors are performing,
- Recommendations to consider from the report.

Information was also shared from the overall school-based mental health provider statewide data, how school-based mental health providers are spending their time, and recommendations to consider from the report.

Other updates included 2023-2024 cadre and training dates, times and topics, new advisory members joining in September, use-of-time templates will be released this month, Kentucky school-based mental health provider overview guidance coming soon, and the New Counselor Academy starting in September, this is a yearlong initiative to build leadership, professionalism and collaborate statewide relationships for school counselors.

**V. Questions/Concerns from the Field-** No concerns or questions were shared by members of the advisory council.

**VI. Adjournment Next Meeting – Sept. 28, 2023, 10-11:30 a.m. ET**