

How to Provide Public Comments on Kentucky's Annual Block Grant Plans and Reports

The Block Grant

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provides the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) and the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) to States to address their unique behavioral health issues and enhance their behavioral health system of care. States use the Block Grant program for prevention, treatment, recovery supports and other services to complement services covered by Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance. States submit a Behavioral Health Assessment and Plan on September 1st every two years to describe their public behavioral health system of care and report allocation of funds and an Application every year on September 1st to report allocation of funds. On December 1st States submit SABG and MHBG Behavioral Health Reports to report data, initiatives and expenditures of funds. A detailed Block Grant calendar for Kentucky is provided below.

Status of Reports

Kentucky's current Plans and Behavioral Health Reports as well as Plans and Reports from previous years are posted on the [website](#) of the Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID). The status of each document is indicated beside it (draft, submitted or approved). A Plan or Report which indicates "draft" means the document is being made public to solicit comments and has not been submitted to SAMHSA. A Plan or Report that indicates "submitted" means that the document has been submitted to SAMHSA for approval. At this point, SAMHSA has the opportunity to ask DBHDID to make any necessary revisions or clarifications. A Plan or Report that indicates "approved" means that the document has been reviewed by SAMHSA's staff and met eligibility for approval. **BHDID welcomes and encourages the public to provide recommendations and comments on Plans and Reports of any status (draft, submitted or approved).**

Providing Comments

There are several approaches one may use to comment on the Plans and Reports:

- 1) Attend a meeting of the Kentucky Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council. The Council reviews Kentucky's Behavioral Health Assessment and Plan at their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting in August and Kentucky's SABG and MHBG Behavioral Health Reports at their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting in November. The meetings are held at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet at 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. This is an open meeting.

Individuals wishing to attend a public meeting can request accommodations such as American Sign Language interpreters or CART at least one day in advance by contacting Michelle.Niehaus@ky.gov at (502)782-6181 (Voice) or calling the department at (502)564-4456.

2) By email to Michele Blevins at Michele.Blevins@ky.gov.

3) By U.S. Mail to the following address:

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4) By fax to Michele Blevins at (502)564-4826.

Thank you for your interest in Kentucky's behavioral health system of care and the individuals served by the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant and the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant!