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KSHP BLUEGRASS BUZZ

KSHP Mission

To assist KSHP members in the provision of pharmaceutical care in organized health care settings throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

KPRN Hosts Annual Summer Meeting



Residents, preceptors, and RPDs from across the state enjoyed a great day of networking and professional development at the KPRN Summer Resident and Preceptor Development Meeting on Friday, July 31st at the UK College of Pharmacy. We wish all residents and residency programs the best of luck over this upcoming year. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Resident Showcase during the KSHP Fall Meeting in October.

Pictured left to right: Chelsea Owen, Amy Barras, Britany Walls, Rachel Swope.

Advocacy News – July Monthly Updates

July was a productive month for KSHP's advocacy and public policy efforts. KSHP and Owensboro Health Regional Hospital hosted Kentucky Board of Pharmacy President Meredith Figg for a tour of the hospital's pharmacy operations. KSHP President-Elect, Stacy Taylor, attended a Southern



Legislative Conference reception with legislators, legislative staff, and partner organizations.

Several members of the KSHP Public Policy Committee presented during the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy's retreat and board meeting, held July 14th and 15th. KSHP also attended meetings of the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services (Meeting Memo) and the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board (Meeting Memo). The next Health Services meeting is set for August 18th.

In state executive activity, Governor Andy Beshear announced the availability of further funding intended to prevent proposed reductions in Medicaid provider payments (Medicaid Budget Reimbursement).

Through updates like these in Bluegrass Buzz, KSHP aims to keep members informed of the important work of KSHP leaders, our Cornerstone advocacy partnership and relevant state and federal legislative activity in order to demonstrate how your KSHP membership connects you to advocacy, leadership, and professional advancement opportunities.

KSHP Fall Meeting – REGISTRATION OPEN



The KSHP Fall Meeting will take place October 8-9, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown in Lexington, Kentucky. Meeting registration has opened at this time and the agenda is posted on our website so make plans to join us for this exciting two-day event. Register HERE!

Committee Spotlight – Pharmacy Practice



KSHP currently has eight committees and one subcommittee that help keep the organization running smoothly. This month we highlight our public policy committee who is responsible for providing members with information on public policy, collaborates with other healthcare organizations on public policy and advocates for the progression of Kentucky health system pharmacy practice to legislators on the state and local level. They work closely with our partners at Cornerstone to achieve these directives. If you are interested in joining the committee, please complete the KSHP volunteer form HERE or reach out with any questions to the committee co-chairs Dr. Katie McKinney (Kathryn.mckinney@stelizabeth.com) or Dr. Yahya Ahmed (Yahya.ahmed@uky.edu).

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