



CLIMB CONVENING 2024

SUSTAINING MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE CAREERS

May 14, 2024

The Campbell House, 1375 South Broadway Road, Lexington, Kentucky, 40504

Room name: *The Barn*

DRAFT AGENDA – AS OF APRIL 11, 2024

TIME	SESSION
7:30-8:30 a.m.	NETWORKING BREAKFAST Join your fellow attendees before the first session for a hot breakfast and table topic conversation. Buffet will close 10 minutes before the morning keynote.
8:30-9:45 a.m.	WELCOMING REMARKS AND OPENING KEYNOTES Launched in 2023, the CLIMB-Health initiative creates postsecondary pathways for individuals in recovery from substance use disorders. The program enables individuals, many of whom have been incarcerated, to seek entry-level employment as peer support specialists, with opportunities for additional certifications leading to a social work degree. The convening's opening keynotes will focus on the state's efforts to promote a systematic change for a more economically stable Kentucky, one where we invite potential rather than exclude it. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Leslie Sizemore, Associate Vice President, Workforce & Economic Initiatives, Council on Postsecondary Education• Dr. Aaron Thompson, President, Council on Postsecondary Education• Eric Friedlander, Secretary, Cabinet for Health and Family Services
10:00-10:20 a.m.	CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS – ROUND 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featuring KCTCS CLIMB-Health Colleges
10:20-11:20 a.m.	ENGAGING KENTUCKY'S LIVED EXPERIENCE WORKFORCE This immersive session will explore Kentucky's diverse lived experiences workforce. Dr. Marks will delve into the unique perspectives that shape our communities and workplaces, foster engagement, and help attendees to understand the stakes for impactful collaboration. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Katherine Marks, Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental, and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID).
11:20-12:00 p.m.	PREVALENCE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR This session will explore the cutting-edge applications that continuously enhance the rapidly evolving landscape of the healthcare sector. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carl Wilson, Senior Fellow for Healthcare Workforce Initiatives, Council on Postsecondary Education
12:00-1:15 p.m.	LUNCHEON, SPEAKER, AND EXHIBITS OPEN For the first 40 minutes, attendees will have a chance to network during the lunch and explore the exhibits available in the prefunction area. During the second half of this session, attendees will hear from KCTCS President Ryan Quarles as he discusses the dedication of Kentucky's two-year college system to the improvement of Kentucky's adult population and their communities through its CLIMB-Health commitment. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Ryan Quarles, President, Kentucky Community and Technical College System
1:15-1:35 p.m.	CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS – ROUND 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featuring KCTCS CLIMB-Health Colleges



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1:35-2:15 p.m.	<p>CAREER LADDERS IN MENTAL AND BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH</p> <p>CLIMB-Health is a Healthcare Workforce Collaborative (HWC) initiative focused on creating postsecondary pathways at KCTCS for individuals in recovery/reentry seeking entry-level employment as peer specialists. This session will dive into this work and explore future collaborations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carl Wilson, Senior Fellow for Healthcare Workforce Initiatives, Council on Postsecondary Education
2:15-3:15 p.m.	<p>CELEBRATING EARLY SUCCESS AT OUR CLIMB-HEALTH COLLEGES</p> <p>Join us in celebrating the early successes at three of our CLIMB Health Colleges. This session will highlight the innovative initiatives taking place at Big Sandy, Southeast Kentucky, and Owensboro that have propelled their communities forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator: Carl Wilson, Senior Fellow for Healthcare Workforce Initiatives, Council on Postsecondary Education• Panelists:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rachele Burchett, Chief Workforce and Marketing Officer, Big Sandy Community and Technical College○ Sherri Clark, Dean of Community, Workforce and Economic Development, Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College○ Cindy Fiorella, Vice President of Workforce Solutions, Owensboro Community and Technical College
3:15-3:30 p.m.	<p>CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Stay for this final session as we reflect on the key takeaways from the conference and provide next steps to continue the momentum of success for all CLIMB-Health students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Leslie Sizemore, Associate Vice President, Workforce & Economic Initiatives, Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)
3:30-4:00 p.m.	<p>NETWORKING & VISITING EXHIBITS BEFORE LEAVING</p> <p>Before you depart, make sure to visit each of this year's exhibitors. Special thanks for their contribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goodwill Industries, Inc.• EKCEP• Council on Postsecondary Education, Adult Learner Initiatives• Ashland Community and Technical College• Big Sandy Community and Technical College• Bluegrass Community and Technical College• Elizabethtown Community and Technical College• Hazard Community and Technical College• Madisonville Community College• Maysville Community and Technical College• Owensboro Community and Technical College• Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College