



## 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*

TIME	SESSION
7:30-4:00 p.m.	<b>REGISTRATION TABLE OPEN</b> Upon arrival, please visit the registration table in the pre-function space, where you will receive your name badge and printed agenda. Exhibit tables will be open from 7:30-8:30, 12:00-12:45 and 3:30-4:30.
7:30-8:30 a.m.	<b>NETWORKING BREAKFAST</b> 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.	<b>WELCOMING REMARKS</b> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Leslie Sizemore, Associate Vice President, Workforce &amp; Economic Initiatives, Council on Postsecondary Education</li></ul> <b>RECOVERY READY: CHANGING THE TRAJECTORY OF POSTSECONDARY AND THE STATE THROUGH CLIMB-HEALTH</b> The CLIMB-Health program is trailblazing a pathway into providing services to Kentuckians who have historically been excluded from postsecondary education. Through this initiative, CLIMB-Health is not just offering educational opportunities but also affirming the inherent worth and potential of every individual, regardless of their circumstances. CPE President Thompson will discuss this work and how its empowering communities and reshaping the landscape of opportunity for generations to come. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Aaron Thompson, President, Council on Postsecondary Education</li></ul> <b>KEYNOTE BY SECRETARY ERIC FRIEDLANDER</b> 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"><li>• Eric Friedlander, Secretary, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (30 min)</li></ul>
9:45-10:00 a.m.	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
10:00-11:00 a.m.	<b>ENGAGING KENTUCKY'S LIVED EXPERIENCE WORKFORCE</b> 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"><li>• Dr. Katherine Marks, Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental, and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID).</li></ul>



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11:00-11:05 a.m.	<b>STRETCH BREAK</b>
11:05-11:45 a.m.	<b>ENHANCING CAREER LADDERS IN MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: THE CLIMB-HEALTH INITIATIVE</b> Let's explore the CLIMB-Health program, a pioneering Healthcare Workforce Collaborative (HWC) initiative designed to foster postsecondary pathways at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. This initiative strategically supports individuals in recovery or reentry by facilitating their entry into the workforce as certified peer specialists. During this session, we will discuss the structure and outcomes of the CLIMB-Health program, highlight the successes and challenges faced, and open a dialogue on potential future collaborations to expand and enhance the initiative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carl Wilson, Senior Fellow for Healthcare Workforce Initiatives, Council on Postsecondary Education</li></ul>
11:45-12:05 p.m.	<b>INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHTS: KCTCS CLIMB-COLLEGES</b> Take an exclusive look into the innovative educational initiatives being spearheaded by Maysville, Bluegrass, and Elizabethtown Community and Technical Colleges. This session will feature micro-presentations from each college, highlighting their unique contributions to the CLIMB-Health program and other postsecondary educational initiatives. Attendees will gain insights into the strategies these institutions are employing to enhance educational opportunities and workforce readiness in their communities.  Participating Colleges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bluegrass Community and Technical College</li><li>• Elizabethtown Community and Technical College</li><li>• Maysville Community and Technical College</li></ul>
12:15-1:30 p.m.	<b>NETWORKING LUNCHEON FEATURING DR. RYAN QUARLES, KCTCS PRESIDENT</b> For the first half of this session, attendees will have a chance to network during the lunch and begin exploring the exhibits available in the pre-function 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"><li>• Dr. Ryan Quarles, President, Kentucky Community and Technical College System</li></ul>
1:30-1:45 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>



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### SESSION

1:45-2:30 p.m.

#### PREVALENCE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR

Explore the dynamic role of artificial intelligence (AI) in transforming the healthcare landscape in this enlightening session. As AI advances, its healthcare applications are becoming more innovative and impactful, reshaping how care is delivered and managed. This session will delve into AI-driven technologies and their applications in various areas of healthcare.

- Carl Wilson, Senior Fellow for Healthcare Workforce Initiatives, Council on Postsecondary Education

2:30-3:30 p.m.

#### CELEBRATING EARLY SUCCESS AT OUR CLIMB-HEALTH COLLEGES

Join us as we highlight the remarkable achievements of three CLIMB-Health Colleges -- Big Sandy, Southeast Kentucky, and Owensboro Community and Technical Colleges. This session is dedicated to showcasing the innovative initiatives that have significantly contributed to advancing their local communities. We'll delve into the specific programs and strategies that have yielded tangible results, sharing insights on how these colleges have become models of success in workforce development within the healthcare sector.

- Moderator: Carl Wilson, Senior Fellow for Healthcare Workforce Initiatives, Council on Postsecondary Education
- Panelists:
  - Rachelle 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
  - Jason Simon, Workforce Solutions' Director of Innovation and AMTEC, Owensboro Community and Technical College

3:30-3:45 p.m.

#### CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

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.

- Dr. Leslie Sizemore, Associate Vice President, Workforce & Economic Initiatives, Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)

#### NETWORKING & VISITING EXHIBITS BEFORE LEAVING

Before you depart, make sure to visit each of this year's exhibitors. Special thanks for their contribution:

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Goodwill Industries, Inc.

EKCEP

CPE, Adult Learner Initiatives

Ashland CTC

Big Sandy CTC

Bluegrass CTC

Elizabethtown CTC

Hazard CTC

Madisonville Community College

Maysville CTC

Owensboro CTC

Southeast Kentucky CTC



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