

J. Reynolds, Chair
W. Baxter, Vice-Chair
J. Brown
C. Ellinger
T. Fogle
B. Monarrez
D. Gray
F. Brown
D. Sevigny
K. Plomin



AGENDA
Social Services and Public Safety Committee
March 5, 2024
1:00 P.M.

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| I. | Approval of January 23, 2024 Committee Summary | (1-4) |
| II. | Community Paramedicine Program Update [Reynolds/Lockard] | (5-14) |
| III. | Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition [Reynolds/Theakston] | (15-25) |
| IV. | Items Referred to Committee | (26) |

"Social Services and Public Safety Committee, to which shall be referred matters relating to the department of social services and its divisions, the department of public safety and its divisions, any related partner agencies, and matters relating to capital improvement projects."- Council Rules & Procedures, Section 2.102 (1) effective January 1, 2023. Adopted by Urban County Council September 22, 2022.

2024 Meeting Schedule

January 23	July 2
March 05	September 17
April 9	October 8
May 14	November 12



Social Services and Public Safety Committee

January 23, 2024

Summary and Motions

Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Committee Members Ellinger, J. Brown, Fogle, Monarrez, Gray, F. Brown, Baxter, Sevigny, and Plomin were in attendance. Council Member Lynch was also present as a non-voting member.

I. Approval of November 14, 2023 Committee Meeting Summary

Motion by Ellinger to approve the November 14, 2023 Committee Summary. Seconded by Plomin. Motion passed without dissent.

I. Approval of November 14, 2023 Special Committee Meeting Summary

Motion by Ellinger to approve the November 14, 2023 Special Committee Meeting Summary. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed without dissent.

II. Source of Income Discrimination

Dave Sevigny, 10th District Council Member, began his presentation with a timeline from introduction of the *Source of Income Discrimination* item in 2022 until present. This item was first introduced to Council Members in 2022 and the Kentucky Tenants group met with almost every council member. The item died in committee that year for lack of action from previous sponsor. Council Member Sevigny took ownership of the item by placing it in this committee on April 18, 2023. Council Member Shayla Lynch became a co-sponsor of the item and the two met with Commissioner Charlie Lanter, tenants, landlords, and wrap around providers. The item was presented to the Social Services and Public Safety committee on October 10, 2023. The committee held a special meeting on November 14, 2023 for the purpose of hearing public input. Council Members Sevigny and Lynch received several letters of support which were circulated in the January 23, 2024 committee packet. During this meeting, Sevigny spoke about updates to the draft ordinance which now stands alone in the code of ordinances. He reviewed the addition of whereas clauses and what each of those meant. He pointed out the addition of a paragraph that states this shall not be construed or interpreted to supersede any federal or state law or regulation.

Motion by Sevigny to approve as amended an ordinance creating section 2-31.2 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government code of ordinances, to prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of lawful source of income or payment, all effective March 1, 2024; and report the item out of committee at the January 30th Work Session. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed 7-3 (Yes- J. Brown, Fogle, Monarrez, Gray, Sevigny, Reynolds, and Plomin; No – Ellinger, Baxter, and F. Brown).

Motion by Baxter to amend the ordinance referenced above (section 2-31.2 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government code of ordinances); removing language pertaining to paying mortgages and the sale/buying of property. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed 7-3 (Yes – J. Brown, Ellinger, Monarrez, Gray, F. Brown, Baxter, and Plomin; No – Fogle, Sevigny, and Reynolds).

Motion by Ellinger to table discussion of the *Source of Income Discrimination* committee item until March 5, 2024. Seconded by F. Brown. Motion failed 5-5 (Yes – Ellinger, Monarrez, F. Brown, Baxter, and Plomin; No – J. Brown, Fogle, Gray, Sevigny, and Reynolds).

III. Assistance Programs Update

Shayla Lynch, 2nd District Council Member, introduced this item. Charlie Lanter, Commissioner of Housing Advocacy and Community Development reviewed the past, present and future of rent/utility assistance programs. Prior to 2020, there was no program to provide significant rental assistance. Most programs assisted in small amounts of \$45-800 and were frequently out of funding in the first week of each month. Community Action Council's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provided annual subsidies for heating bills each fall and crisis cutoff assistance in winter. LFUCG Community & Resident Services (CRS) offered a suite of programs including Emergency Financial Assistance to help with rent, mortgage, or utilities. He reviewed the budget for CRS for Emergency Financial Assistance for 2018-2024 including ARPA assistance. At present, CRS tracks calls monthly and the Housing Stabilization Program exhausted rent funds at the end of November 2023 and he noted \$54 million has been spent in total. Lanter reviewed eviction cases filed in the years 2018 through 2023 and he spoke about the overall impact. He mentioned additional funding from the fund balance that will allow them to serve 200-300 households. He reviewed what we can do that works such as continued investments in affordable housing, smaller targeted programs, and household level case management. Lanter mentioned eviction diversion and legal aid and he reviewed the differences between the two. There was some discussion about federal funding and what happens when funds run out. When asked about getting more vouchers, Lanter said Simms has pursued every option, so the likelihood is minimal. No action was taken on this item.

IV. Items Referred to Committee

Motion by Sevigny to remove *Source of Income Discrimination* from the list of committee referrals. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Reynolds to remove *Community Risk Assessment Standards* from the list of committee referrals. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Reynolds to remove *Community and Resident Services: Evaluation of assistance programs...* from the list of committee referrals. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. _____-2024

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 2-31.2 OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING ON THE BASIS OF LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME OR PAYMENT, ALL EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Council seeks to enhance the health, safety, and general welfare of the public through adopting this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Urban County Government is a proponent of taking measures to reduce or eliminate discrimination in housing, and of promoting fair and equal housing opportunities to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this ordinance should result in making additional housing opportunities available to the residents of Lexington-Fayette County; and

WHEREAS this ordinance does not intend, and shall not be construed, to: (a) require a housing provider to give a preference to anyone or to rent to an otherwise unqualified tenant, (b) limit a housing provider’s ability to choose the most qualified and appropriate candidate; (c) or unreasonably delay the housing provider’s ability to rent property.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That Section 2-31.2 of the Code of Ordinances, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, be and hereby is created to read as follows:

Sec. 2-31.2. Discrimination in housing due to lawful source of income or payment.

- (1) It is the policy of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government to safeguard all persons within Fayette County from discrimination in housing on the basis of lawful source of income or payment as evidenced by the refusal to consider any lawful source of income or payment in the same manner as ordinary wage income.
- (2) For purposes of this section, “lawful source of income or payment” shall mean:
 - (a) any form of lawful income or payment that can be verified, which a person can use to pay rental or other payments associated with the rental, lease, or occupancy of any real estate used for residential purposes within Fayette County; and
 - (b) may include lawful income paid to or on behalf of a renter including, but not limited to, income derived from wages, salaries, or other compensation for employment, court-ordered payments, income

derived from social security, grants, pensions, or any form of federal, state, or local public assistance and/or housing assistance, including Housing Choice vouchers, and any other forms of lawful income. “Lawful source of income or payment” does not include income derived in an illegal manner.

- (3) The prohibitions in this section against discrimination based on lawful source of income or payment shall not be construed to prohibit a housing provider from determining the ability of a potential renter to pay rent by verifying in a commercially reasonable and nondiscriminatory manner the source and amount of income or creditworthiness of the potential renter. However, the use of a financial or income standard for the rental of housing that fails to account for any rental payments or portions of rental payments that will be made by other individuals, organizations, or governmental agencies on the same basis as rental payments to be made directly by the tenant or prospective tenant shall be a prohibited, unlawful practice.
- (4) This ordinance shall not be construed or interpreted to supersede any federal or state law or regulation that expressly conflicts with any provision of this ordinance, or that prohibits the application or enforcement of any part of this ordinance.
- (5) The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission shall have jurisdiction to receive, investigate, conciliate, hold hearings, and issue orders relating to complaints filed alleging discrimination in housing specifically as it pertains to lawful source of income or payment, and otherwise exercise the enforcement powers consistent with this Article of the Code of Ordinances.

Section 2 – That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 3 - That this Ordinance shall become effective on March 1, 2024.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

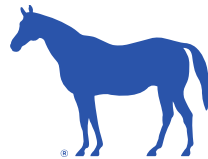
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LEXINGTON COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

*Captain Seth Lockard, Community Paramedicine, Division of Fire and Emergency Services
Social Services and Public Safety Committee*

March 5, 2024



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Community Paramedicine – History

- 2017 awarded AFG Grant
 - Live date March 1, 2018 with KBEMS approval
 - \$272,000
- 2018 Added Lexington Police Officer
- 2018 Practicum site for College of Social Work
- 2018 BJA Grant for opioid follow-up
 - 2019 Hired Social Worker – Maria Slone
 - \$500,000/Two Years
- 2019 UKHC, Baptist Health Lexington, CHI St. Joseph
 - Covered 2020 funding
 - \$200,000/One Year
- 2020 2nd BJA Grant for Continued opioid follow-up
 - 2021 Hired 2nd Social Worker – Mackenzie Gross
 - \$511,000/Three Years

Community Paramedicine – History

- 2021 KORE Grant (FY22, FY23, FY24, and FY25)
 - Allocated additional FF/Paramedic position
 - \$150,000/One Year
- 2023 3rd Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant (COSSUP)
 - \$1,300,000 over three years
 - Expansion of staff

Outside Funding Sources

- Grants Received
 - 2017 Assistance to Firefighters \$272,000
 - 2019 Hospital Funding \$200,000
 - FY 22 KORE Contract \$150,000
 - FY23, FY24, and FY25
 - Department of Justice – BJA
 - 2018 COAP \$500,000 (2 years)
 - 2020 COSSAP \$ 511,000 (3 years)
 - 2023 COSSUP \$1,300,000 (3 years)
- MedAware
 - Focused on Anthem Medicaid patients

Community Paramedicine – Response

- Referrals
 - Intranet form – Lexington Fire Department Intranet
 - Email
 - Fire Department Personnel
 - Police Department Personnel
 - Crisis Intervention Reports
 - Community Members
 - Hospitals
 - Social Service Agencies
 - Data Analysis – ESO

Community Paramedicine – Response

- Locally Defined
- Program unique
- Agility/Flexibility
- Responsive

Community Paramedicine – Response

Data

2023 Calendar Year Review:

- 735 unique individuals
 - 321 substance use related
 - 414 high-utilizers/referrals
- Over 1,800 individuals who experienced an overdose event
 - Over 850 packages of Narcan distributed to the community

Future

- FY24 Firefighter Spots
 - Two additional firefighter/paramedics
 - Anticipate in Spring 2024
- COSSUP
 - Two Overdose Prevention Project Coordinator
 - One Peer Support Specialist
 - Evaluation by UK Center for Drug and Alcohol Research
- Voices of Hope
 - Collaboration with a Peer Support Specialist
- Community Crisis CoResponse Team
 - Funding from Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
 - Creating a crisis response unit – direct hiring Behavioral Health resource to team with Lexington Police officer

Data

EMS Run Data 2014-2023

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
36635	41080	44264	48238	47033	46619	45838	48795	49438	51606
% Change	12.1%	7.8%	9.0%	-2.5%	-0.9%	-1.7%	6.5%	1.3%	4.4%

Questions?



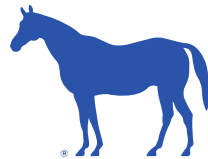
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DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION COALITION

Stephanie Theakston, Program Coordinator, Department of Social Services

Social Services & Public Safety Committee

March 5, 2024



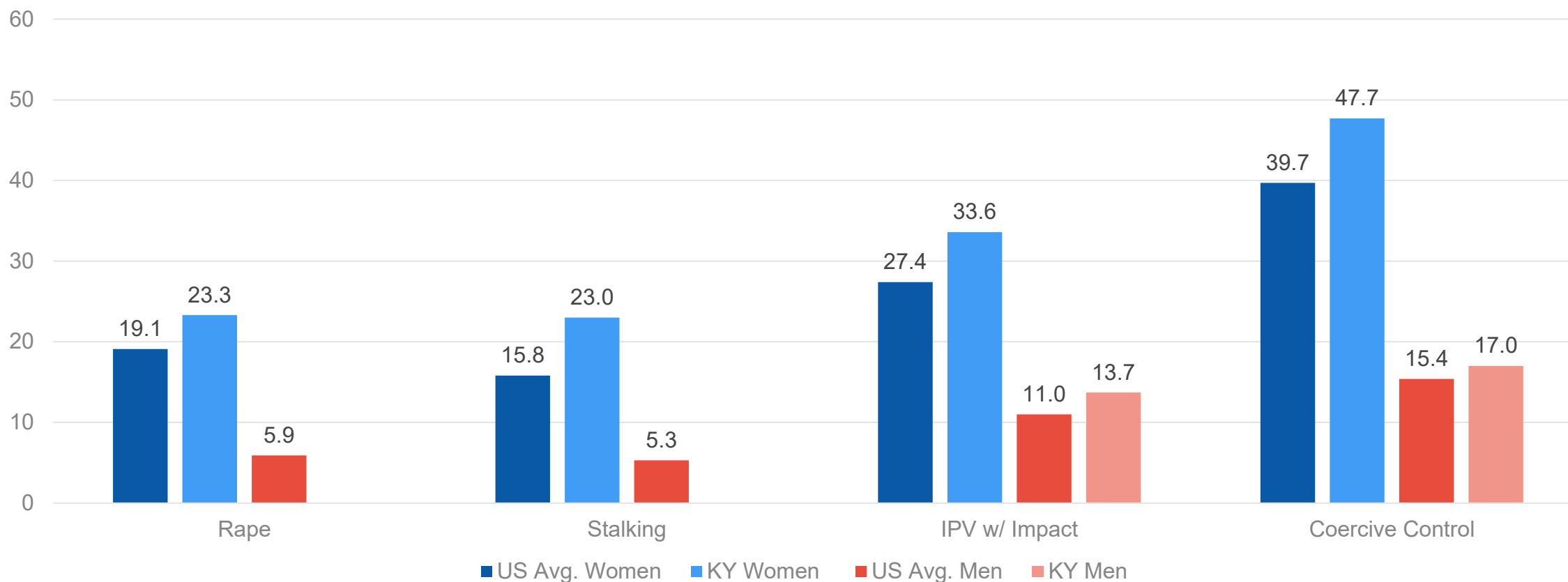
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Rates of Domestic and Sexual Violence

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 10 men experience rape, physical violence, and/or stalking with impact by an intimate partner in their lifetime
- More than 3 women are murdered by an intimate partner every day the U.S.
- KY ranks in top four states with the highest rates of rape, stalking, intimate partner violence with impact, and coercive control against women
- 2,450 petitions for protective orders were filed in Fayette County in 2023.
 - Approximately 6-7 petitions a day
 - 72% (1,755) were related to domestic and sexual violence

KY Rankings

NISVS Lifetime Prevalence Estimates



Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Intimate Partner & Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) (2017)

Domestic and Sexual Violence: Intersecting Issues

- Child Abuse
- Gun Violence
- Homelessness
- Substance Misuse
- Poor Mental Health
- Poor Physical Health
- Poor Educational Outcomes
- Poverty
- Economic Strain
- Animal Abuse

Program

- Green Dot (VOCA Grant & LFUCG Match)
 - Evidence-based prevention program that trains active bystanders to stop violence before it occurs
 - 23 Active Bystander Trainings
 - 6 New Green Dot Spots
- Housing Stability (VOCA Grant & LFUCG Match)
 - \$60,000 to assist 247 adult and child survivors
- Best Practices
 - Fatality Review
 - Training
- Advocacy
 - Legislative Updates
 - Systems Issues (e.g. child support)

Program

- Outreach & Awareness
 - National Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month (April): Wake Up! Lex
 - National Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October): Purple Peace Pumpkins, Purple Thursday
- Resources (Survivor Handbook, SUPPORT Survivors, Decision Tree)
- Safe Measures
 - 98 services and pieces of safety equipment to assist 75 adult and child survivors
- Appreciation & Awards event

It's Time Campaign

Know about it. Talk about it. Do something about it.

Community Engagement

- Events
- Pledges
- Interviews, articles, social media
- Resource website: itstimelexington.org
- It's Time Fund



Podcasts



Leading with Love

When someone you love is causing harm

Practice What you Preach

Faith community supporting survivors and preventing violence

It's Everyone's Business

How workplaces benefit from supporting survivors

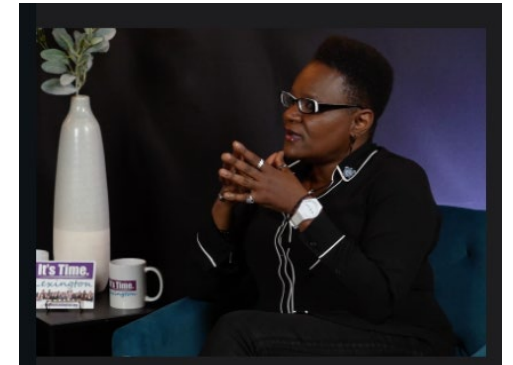


Man to Man

Encouraging men to act on ways to prevent domestic violence

The Kids are Not Alright

Parts 1 & 2: Talking to Youth about DV



Videos

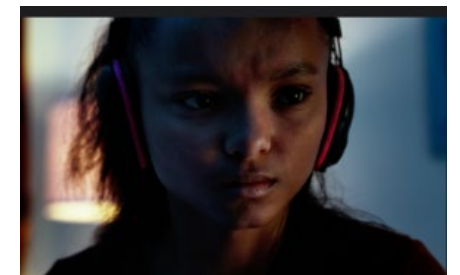
Green Dot Lexington

How to be an active bystander



Conversation with Lexington Leadership

Leaders' responsibility to act



Changing the Game

The role of mentors and impacting youth

Dear Diary

Effects of domestic violence on children



Domestic Violence in the Workplace

How domestic violence enters the workplace

It's Time: Moving Forward

- Areas of focus:
 - Men
 - Immigrant Communities
 - Faith Communities
 - Children & PACES
 - Workplaces
 - Continue promoting existing content

Questions?



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ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Social Services and Public Safety

Referral Item	Current Sponsor	Date Referred	Last Presentation	Status	Legistar File ID
1 Expand the Adult Mental Health Court with an Aftercare Program	T. Fogle	July 9, 2020	August 11, 2020		0763-20
2 Crime Reduction Technology	W. Baxter	September 21, 2021	May 2, 2023		1065-22
3 Assessment and Enforcement of Noise Ordinance	H. LeGris	July 5, 2022	August 22, 2023		0840-23
4 Review of Golf Cart Policies	L. Sheehan	October 11, 2022			
5 Eviction Diversion & Right to Counsel - Tenants' Bill of Rights	D. Wu	January 24, 2023			
6 Comprehensive Review of Code Enforcement (looking at ordinances, data, complaints, enforcement, technology, etc.)	D. Gray	June 29, 2023			
7 Examine prohibiting the sale of cats and dogs in pet stores	J. Reynolds	November 28, 2023			
8 Coordinated Victim Response Plan	L. Sheehan	May 2, 2023			
9 Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition	J. Reynolds	February 27, 2024		March 5, 2024	0239-24
Annual/Periodic Updates					
10 Substance Abuse Intervention Update	L. Sheehan	January 12, 2022	March 14, 2023		0302-23
11 Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Annual Report	L. Sheehan	June 7, 2022	August 22, 2023		0901-22
12 Annual NAMI - Fayette Mental Health Court Update	D. Gray	February 20, 2018	November 14, 2023		0360-22
13 Annual LFUCG Affordable Housing Fund, Initiatives and Projects Update	D. Gray	August 10, 2021	November 14, 2023		1026-21
14 Annual Juvenile Treatment Court Update	D. Gray	July 9, 2020	October 10, 2023		1164-21
15 Annual Update on Recruitment, Retirement, and Retention for Department of Public Safety	D. Seigny	September 22, 2020	June 13, 2023		0450-21
16 Annual Update on Community Paramedicine Program	J. Reynolds	July 6, 2021	March 14, 2023	March 5, 2024	0300-23
17 Annual Review of Code Enforcement	J. Reynolds	October 8, 2019	June 13, 2023		0814-22
18 ONE Lexington Programs Update	J. Reynolds	September 25, 2020	January 24, 2023		0080-23
19 Emergency Financial Assistance program: monitor funding to determine community needs as other funding sources diminish	S. Lynch	May 30, 2023	January 23, 2024		
Subcommittees					
20 Gun Violence Task Force	J. Reynolds	October 11, 2022			

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