

**TITLE:** Update on Healthcare Workforce Initiatives

**DESCRIPTION:** The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee received an update on the work of the Healthcare Workforce Collaborative and discussed upcoming work in this area.

**PRESENTER:** Karyn Hoover, Chair of the ASI Committee

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### **COMMITTEE'S REVIEW**

The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee received this information report at their March 21, 2023, meeting. It will not be covered or presented in detail at the March 31 board meeting; however, staff will be available for questions.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Kentucky's Healthcare Workforce Collaborative (HWC) is a \$10 million initiative funded by the legislature to bring together state leaders, policy experts, campus leadership and the health care industry to solve Kentucky's health care crisis.

The appropriation, designated in the 2022 budget bill and to be administered by the Council, will serve several purposes:

- Providing direct grants to Kentucky's public institutions.
- Funding administrative, research, consulting, planning and analysis costs for an advisory group.
- Raising student awareness of and interest in healthcare occupations.
- Improving pathways between high school career and technical programs to college-level health care programs.
- Helping health care organizations support career growth and development for their employees.

Since its launch nine months ago, 48 employer partners and 23 campuses have become involved in the work and \$8 million in grants have been earmarked to the institutions for programs that target high need healthcare job placement. First year data

points shared during the meeting included health-related program enrollment (disaggregated by URM and region) and occupational outlook projections through 2030.