

# Measures and Milestones 2006: Trends Affecting Kentucky's Future

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**LONG-TERM POLICY RESEARCH CENTER**

## Agenda

- 7:30 AM** Registration Opens (Bluegrass Prefunction Space, Registration Desk)
- 8:45 - 9:00 AM** Welcome, Brian Van Horn, Chair, KLTPRC (Bluegrass Ballroom 1, BG BR 1)
- 9:00 - 10:00 AM** *Leadership & Civic Engagement — How can Kentucky's communities marshal the civic energy required to shape a more prosperous future?* A discussion of strategies for cultivating much-needed civic leadership and engagement in solving the problems and seizing the opportunities Kentucky's communities face.



**Sylvia Lovely**, Executive Director/CEO of the Kentucky League of Cities and President of the NewCities Institute

**Dr. Gloria S. McCall**, Vice-Chancellor for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System

**Tom Prather**, Executive Vice President, NewCities Institute

**Mac Wall**, Executive Director, KET

- 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM** Concurrent Sessions 1 (See rooms listed below individual session descriptions.)
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** Concurrent Sessions 2 (See rooms listed below individual session descriptions.)
- 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM** Luncheon and Presentation of the 2006 Hellard Award (Bluegrass Ballroom 2, BG BR 2)
- 2:00 PM** Adjournment

The following eight concurrent sessions will be held during the two time slots listed above:

- *Economy — What sectors should Kentucky focus on to help build and sustain prosperity?* **Kris Kimel**, President, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, and **Dr. Kenneth R. Troske**, Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research and William B. Sturgill Professor of Economics at UK, will present research on what it will take to catapult Kentucky's economy forward. (Thoroughbred Room 4, TB4)
- *Health — What health issues present the greatest challenge to the Commonwealth's future?* **Dr. Susan Zepeda**, Executive Director, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, with UK professors **Dr. Michael Samuels** and **Dr. F. Douglas Scutchfield**, who will discuss their respective work on rural health status and health needs and a statewide public deliberation project on health issues. (Thoroughbred Room 7, TB7)
- *Aging Population, Fraying Benefits — How will Kentucky accommodate the needs of its growing population of elders, particularly in light of the declining benefits?* **Dr. Graham Rowles**, Graduate Center for Gerontology at the University of Kentucky, will present findings from the Kentucky Elder Readiness Initiative, and **Michal Smith-Mello**, Senior Policy Analyst, Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center, will discuss the changing landscape of retirement benefits. (Thoroughbred Room 5, TB5)
- *Broadband & Technology — How can broadband and technology-based development help Kentucky remain a place where people will choose to live, work, or raise a family?* **Brian Mefford**, President and Chief Executive Officer, ConnectKentucky, and **Doug Robinson**, Executive Director, National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO), will discuss how this nationally acclaimed initiative can move our communities toward a brighter economic future. (Thoroughbred Room 6, TB6)
- *Education — What challenges remain for Kentucky in its quest for educational excellence?* **Dr. Robert Sexton**, Executive Director, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, **Dr. Jim Applegate**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, and **Dr. William Turner**, Vice President for University Engagement and Associate Provost for Multicultural and Academic Affairs at UK, will discuss the basics of educational advancement in Kentucky. (Thoroughbred Room 1, TB1)
- *Environment & Energy — What do these inextricably linked issues portend for the future?* **Jo Hargis**, Executive Director, Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission (EQC), along with **Dr. Talina Mathews**, the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Energy Policy, and **Scott R. Smith**, former chief of staff and executive director of Regulatory Affairs for the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, will discuss environmental and energy trends and their implications for the economy, public health, and other issues. (Thoroughbred Room 3, TB3)
- *Immigration & Demographics — How will Kentucky's demographic profile change in the years to come and what do these changes portend for the state's future?* **Ron Crouch**, Director, Kentucky State Data Center, University of Louisville, and **Mark Schirmer**, Research Assistant, Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center, will share projections on the immigrant population and discuss their implications for the state's future. (Thoroughbred Room 8, TB8)
- *Agriculture — What forces are shaping the future of farming in Kentucky and how will rural Kentucky fare?* **Keith Rogers**, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy, and **Dr. David Freshwater**, Professor in UK's Department of Agricultural Economics and Martin School of Public Policy, will present the results of 13 public meetings being held across Kentucky to discuss the future of the Agricultural Development Fund and what it suggests about Kentucky's long-term plan for agricultural, community, and rural development. (Thoroughbred Room 2, TB2)