

Sen. Shelley Funke Frommeyer, R-Alexandria, discusses her resolution to establish a Make America Healthy Again Kentucky Task Force to implement the Trump administration's health policies. Feb. 27, 2025. (Kentucky Lantern photo)

Kentucky Make America Healthy Again task force meets for first time

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uring the first meeting of the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) Kentucky Task Force, lawmakers said they want to address food deserts and food quality, childhood obesity, mental health and health care costs, among other things.

Members and non members had a slew of ideas for what the task force should focus on - including education, diabetes, personal responsibility around health, the importance of physical fitness, agricultural partnerships, chronic illnesses, dental care, cancer and other topics.

Co-chair Sen. Shelley Funke Frommeyer, R-Alexandria, said the task force could "chase a lot of rabbits" but should stay focused. She and co-chair Rep. Matt Lockett, R-Nicholasville, want to place emphasis on food quality and availability.

In 2023, 753,410 Kentuckians were food insecure, meaning they don't have enough to eat and may not know where their next meal will come from. Meanwhile, the "big beautiful bill" Republicans in the U.S. House passed in May

Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which provides food to low-income Americans.

The Kentucky General Assembly created the MAHA Kentucky Task Force this year as a way to implement the Trump administration's principles in the commonwealth.

Hot button topics like fluoridated water will come up during the interim, Funke Frommeyer said, but "I don't think you'll hear that in our committee." In the 2025 session, a bill to make fluoride

Task force members, in addition to Funke Frommeyer and Lockett, are Sen. Cassie Chambers Armstrong, D-Louisville; Sen. Donald Douglas, R-Nicholasville; Sen. Craig Richardson, R-Hopkinsville; Sen. Phillip Wheeler, R-Pikeville; Rep. Emily Callaway, R-Louisville; Rep. Robert Duvall, R-Bowling Green; Rep. Adam Moore, D-Lexington; and Rep. Marianne Proctor, R-Union.

Sen. Stephen Meredith, R-Leitchfield, who is not a task shifts to state governments some in water optional in Kentucky force member but shared his July 10 at 3 p.m.

of the cost of the Supplemental passed the House but not the thoughts during the Wednesday meeting, said "the work that will be done here will touch every committee that we have in the legislature."

> "We forget that we don't live and work in a vacuum, and everybody's going to be impacted by this, said Meredith, a retired hospital executive. "I've been preaching for the last year about the unsustainable growth in health care costs, particularly in the United States. If we don't get control of this, I truly believe it's going to cause our economy to collapse."

> The next task force meeting is

NOTICE TO CLARK COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Michelle Turner, Clark County Clerk, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2024 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in The Winchester Sun on June 17, 2025.

The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of Mon. 8:00 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the County Clerk's office located at 34 S. Main St., Winchester, KY 40391. The list may also be inspected on the Software Management Inc. website. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is http://kydtax.smllc.us/.

The tax sale will be held on July 17, 2025 beginning at 10:00 a.m. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by the close of business on July 7, 2025. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts that will be needed.

Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office anytime prior to the tax sale.

Please Note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception.

Some delinquencies - although they have been advertised - will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10)(b). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's office at 859-745-0280.