

Hello, everyone. As requested, notes are below from today's meeting. (2-21-25)

- Over 45 LTC applications – 368 (334 pending for information, 34 ready to be reviewed/worked).
 - (Post meeting note: As of today, the number has reduced to 291 total aged)
- Collaboration Meetings
 - First Quarter 2025 Collaboration was held on 1/23/25
 - 152 total participants, which includes KDHE staff; however, very good turn out!
 - Agenda included COLA, LTC Question Form request update, and Medicare Savings Program vs Buy-in.
 - First Quarter 2025 HCBS Collaboration was held on 01/23/25
 - Agenda included COLA and Document Upload Portal vs Consumer Self Service Portal.
 - Documents/links shared after the meetings.
 - We have a note to ensure we are including you all in the collaboration invites
 - Next collaboration tentatively scheduled for Spring.
- New hires
 - 20-25 eligibility new hires onboarding in March.
 - Staff will start with processing basic elderly and disabled applications and move to NF and HCBS training as skillsets are developed.
- Training currently in progress to uptrain staff to long term care application processing. Additional trainings are planned throughout the year, to uptrain staff to processing long term care and HCBS applications – allowing the movement of staff/processing based on need.
- Question rec'd regarding hiring/retention, considering challenges many are experiencing with staffing.
 - KDHE Response: Staff movement from eligibility, is usually the result of internal promotions. We have seen good results with recruitment efforts, largely attributed to hiring across the state/remote work options.

Thanks,

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