Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA) Quick Facts

Background
Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA) was established pursuant to KRS 154.15-020 as part of the General Government Cabinet and is administratively attached to the Office of the Governor.

- KCNA was created to oversee and maintain the KentuckyWired (KYW), the Commonwealth’s open, access network.
- KCNA is responsible for the day-to-day managing of the Commonwealth’s Public-Private Partnership (P3) with Macquarie Capital. Under the project agreement, Macquarie Capital and associated partners will design, build, operate, maintain and upgrade the network for 30 years.

Public Private Partnerships Details
- Macquarie Capital, the lead developer of the project, arranged long term financing for the project
- Black & Veatch is responsible for architecture, design and outside plant engineering
- First Solutions was a co-developer of the project and provided technology consulting services to KYW
- Fujitsu Network Communications Inc. is responsible for network design, equipment, operations and maintenance, and refresh
- Ledcor is a co-developer of the project responsible for design and construction of KYW

Organizational Relationships

Mission
KCNA is the public technology authority that partners to build and manage a Commonwealth-owned, leading-edge communication infrastructure service to provide affordable broadband connectivity, foster collaboration, and promote innovative use of digital technologies connecting the people of Kentucky to the world.
**Background** - In addition to its statutory board, the Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA), as outlined in KRS 154.15-020, is charged with the creation of an Advisory Group (KAG) of major network user stakeholders. This legislation also designated KAG’s administratively attachment to and management by KCNA. KAG was established in the Fall of 2017, holding its first meeting on October 19th.

**Purpose** - KAG is to provide input and feedback on issues:
- important to the KentuckyWired (KYW) user community
- related to & support the long-term sustainability of the KYW Implementation Project & network
- strengthen the KCNA last mile partnership activities
- promote the value of Broadband’s meaningful use

**KAG Membership Structure = 17 Members**
14 members are designated in the legislation which also enabled KCNA to include “others whose input will benefit the network”, resulting in 3 additional members representing other groups: Jobs/Employment, Media, and Broadband Advocates/Internet Service Providers.

**Stakeholder Groupings**
This membership list has also been organized in the context of identifying representatives of the following Stakeholder Groups: Economic Development, Education, Healthcare, Legislative, Judicial, Local Government, State Government, Jobs/Employment, Public Safety, Media, and Broadband Advocates/Internet Service Providers.

**KCNA Relationships**
Authority - KAG is to serve in an advisory capacity through the provision of input/feedback and potentially recommendations for review and consideration by KCNA and its Board. It shall have no authority to make decisions about KYW for KCNA.
Communications- All KAG to and from communications will be conducted through KCNA.
Coordination/Support - KCNA is to provide administrative support to KAG by the designation of a KAG Coordinator.

**KAG Supporting Documentation**
Charter - provides the purpose, focus, direction and structure for KAG
Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) - guides the operations and administration of KAG to ensure efficiencies, consistency and quality operations
Member Contact List - a current list of KAG Members, KCNA Coordinator and their contact information