

KYHEC Needs Assessment Summary 2015 -2016

The Survey

The survey was conducted in the fall of 2015. Respondents were contacted by email and asked to complete the survey and share the link with colleagues working at other institutions. There were a total of 29 responses. Although the survey did not ask the names of institutions, voluntarily provided contact information and subsequent emails to Dr. Becky Yarrison provide anecdotal evidence that the responses represent different types and sizes of institutions from several different regions in Kentucky.

The Results

Current Ethics Resources

The majority of respondents report that their institutions have an active ethics committee and have people designated to respond to ethics consults. However, though the majority (90%) have such people designated, a little more than 1/3 report that those responding to ethics consults do not have specific education or training to do so.

Activities and Modalities

There is a marked preference among respondents for interactive, face-to-face opportunities for networking and information. Case discussion groups, workshops, and consultation trainings are rated the most valuable. Online journal clubs and listservs are rated as less valuable or helpful. It is important to note that although some activities and modalities are rated less highly, all activities and modalities rated above a 3 on a 5-point scale and so are considered valuable and helpful by respondents.

Topics

The topics that the respondents rate most highly were case reviews, advance directives/KY MOST, and withholding and withdrawing life-prolonging treatment, all of which rated in the high 4s on a 5-point scale. The topics rating the lowest are online/social media, pediatric decision making and policy development. However, like the activities and modalities, no topic has an overall rating of less than 3.29 on a 5-point scale.

Cost

Approximately half of respondents report that they would expect to pay under \$1000 per institution for an annual KYHEC membership. Among the half of respondents that would expect to pay more than \$1000, most expect to pay between \$1000-\$1500.

Commentary

Overall, the results of the survey support launching KYHEC, as respondents have identified several activities, modalities and topics as particularly valuable or helpful. These results, coupled with the optional provided comments and offers to assist in planning, suggest that health care ethics providers in the area are interested in participating in KYHEC.

Q1 My institution has a group such as an Ethics Committee that is responsible for ethics-related functions.

Answered: 29 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	86.21%	25
No	13.79%	4
Total		29

Q2 My institution's Ethics Committee meets at least 3 times per year.

Answered: 29 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	72.41%	21
No	27.59%	8
Total		29

Q3 My institution has a designated person or group of people to respond to ethics questions or consults.

Answered: 29 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	89.66%	26
No	10.34%	3
Total		29

Q4 The people designated to respond to ethics consults have specific training or education in clinical ethics.

Answered: 29 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	62.07%	18
No	37.93%	11
Total		29

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Q5 Please indicate on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being not valuable and 5 being very valuable which activities people at your institution would find valuable.

Answered: 29 Skipped: 0

	1- Not Valuable	2	3	4	5- Very Valuable	Total	Weighted Average
De-identified Case Discussion Groups	0.00% 0	3.45% 1	3.45% 1	31.03% 9	62.07% 18	29	4.52
Ethics Consultation Training	3.45% 1	3.45% 1	3.45% 1	34.48% 10	55.17% 16	29	4.34
Workshops	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	20.69% 6	31.03% 9	48.28% 14	29	4.28
Webinars	6.90% 2	10.34% 3	17.24% 5	20.69% 6	44.83% 13	29	3.86
Annual Conference	3.45% 1	13.79% 4	31.03% 9	24.14% 7	27.59% 8	29	3.59
Online Discussion Forum	13.79% 4	6.90% 2	20.69% 6	31.03% 9	27.59% 8	29	3.52
Online Journal Club	17.24% 5	17.24% 5	27.59% 8	6.90% 2	31.03% 9	29	3.17

#	Other (please specify)
1	We already have regular webinars that we engage for ethics education
2	We already participate in a monthly ethics webinar series.
3	any of these would be very helpful to our ethics committee.

Q6 Please indicate on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being not valuable and 5 being very valuable what people at your institution would find valuable as topics for the above activities.

Answered: 28 Skipped: 1

	1- Not Valuable	2	3	4	5- Very Valuable	Total	Weighted Average
Case Study/Case Review	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.57% 1	39.29% 11	57.14% 16	28	4.54
Advance Directives and KY MOST	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.71% 3	32.14% 9	57.14% 16	28	4.46
Withholding and Withdrawing Life-sustaining treatment	0.00% 0	3.57% 1	7.14% 2	35.71% 10	53.57% 15	28	4.39
Surrogate Decision Making	0.00% 0	3.57% 1	10.71% 3	39.29% 11	46.43% 13	28	4.29

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	1- Not Valuable	2	3	4	5- Very Valuable	Total	Weighted Average
Decisional Capacity	0.00% 0	3.57% 1	14.29% 4	35.71% 10	46.43% 13	28	4.25
Medical Futility	0.00% 0	10.71% 3	3.57% 1	35.71% 10	50.00% 14	28	4.25
Medical Decision Making (Patient)	0.00% 0	3.57% 1	14.29% 4	39.29% 11	42.86% 12	28	4.21
Ethics Consultation	0.00% 0	7.14% 2	10.71% 3	39.29% 11	42.86% 12	28	4.18
Informed Consent	0.00% 0	3.57% 1	17.86% 5	35.71% 10	42.86% 12	28	4.18
Moral Distress	0.00% 0	10.71% 3	7.14% 2	35.71% 10	46.43% 13	28	4.18
Code Status	0.00% 0	7.14% 2	10.71% 3	39.29% 11	42.86% 12	28	4.18
Mental Health Ethics	3.57% 1	3.57% 1	14.29% 4	42.86% 12	35.71% 10	28	4.04
Pediatric and Adolescent Decision Making	7.14% 2	17.86% 5	17.86% 5	21.43% 6	35.71% 10	28	3.61
Death by Brain Criteria ("Brain Death")	3.57% 1	7.14% 2	14.29% 4	35.71% 10	39.29% 11	28	4.00
Ethics Committee Role, Structure and Development	0.00% 0	10.71% 3	21.43% 6	28.57% 8	39.29% 11	28	3.96
Ethically Appropriate Discharge Plans	3.57% 1	10.71% 3	14.29% 4	32.14% 9	39.29% 11	28	3.93
Specialty-specific ethics (oncology, surgery, pediatrics, critical care, etc.)	0.00% 0	10.71% 3	25.00% 7	28.57% 8	35.71% 10	28	3.89
Public Health Issues (including pandemic planning)	3.57% 1	10.71% 3	25.00% 7	28.57% 8	32.14% 9	28	3.75
Policy development	0.00% 0	21.43% 6	32.14% 9	17.86% 5	28.57% 8	28	3.54
Confidentiality	3.70% 1	11.11% 3	33.33% 9	37.04% 10	14.81% 4	27	3.48
Online/Social Media Professionalism	7.14% 2	17.86% 5	32.14% 9	25.00% 7	17.86% 5	28	3.29

#	Other (please specify)
1	Cultural practices and religious beliefs that influence a patient's medical decisions.
2	Specialty-specific: hospice/palliative care

Q7 Please indicate on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being not helpful and 5 being very helpful which modalities people at your institution would find helpful in providing content information.

Answered: 28 Skipped: 1

	1- Not Helpful	2	3	4	5- Very Helpful	Total	Weighted Average
Face to face events (workshop, conference, etc.) at a single central location	0.00% 0	11.11% 3	18.52% 5	18.52% 5	51.85% 14	27	4.11
Web-based training modules	7.14% 2	3.57% 1	7.14% 2	35.71% 10	46.43% 13	28	4.11
Webinars	7.14% 2	0.00% 0	17.86% 5	25.00% 7	50.00% 14	28	4.11
Face to face events (workshop, conference, etc.) at changing locations around Kentucky	0.00% 0	3.70% 1	22.22% 6	37.04% 10	37.04% 10	27	4.07
Teleconferences	7.14% 2	3.57% 1	17.86% 5	32.14% 9	39.29% 11	28	3.93
Listsers	14.29% 4	7.14% 2	21.43% 6	46.43% 13	10.71% 3	28	3.32

Q8 What would you expect your institution to pay annually for a membership in the consortium? Assume the following resources are included: at least 2 in-person events per year (such as workshops or conferences), downloadable web content, webinars/streaming presentations, and listserv maintenance.

Answered: 27 Skipped: 2

Answer Choices	Responses
under \$1000	51.85% 14
\$1000-\$1500	37.04% 10
\$1500-2000	11.11% 3
over \$2000	0.00% 0
Total	27

Q9 As we think about ways for medical ethics providers and other interested parties to access networking, education and training opportunities, do you have any suggestions for us as we develop and plan KYHEC offerings?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 21

#	Responses	
1	no	
2	Committee membership recruitment strategies	
3	any information would be beneficial	
4	Good to get others' ideas and share experiences.	
5	on-demand learning modes	
6	Location will be very important for meetings. Also cultural related ethical topics.	
7	I feel very confident that my hospital will have no interest in paying for these types of activities for ethics committee members. Sad but true.	
8	Anything would be appreciated!	