Policy Statement
District Long-Term Care Ombudsman (DLTCO) programs shall establish and maintain a local advisory council to advise in the planning and operation of the program to meet the needs of the service area.

Legal Authority: OAA § 712(e);
910 KAR 1:210 Section 7

Procedure:

(1) Each District LTCOP shall develop its own advisory council.
(2) The DLTCOP shall design its advisory council to perform one or more of the following functions:
   (a) Provide advice regarding the planning and operation of the DLTCO Program
   (b) Enhance community understanding of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) purpose and services;
   (c) Act as a multidisciplinary team to assist the DLTCO or Kentucky Long-Term Care Ombudsman (KLTCO) in obtaining resources to benefit long-term care facility residents;
   (d) Develop an understanding of long-term care issues and assist the LTCOP in issues advocacy efforts; and/or
   (e) Assist the DLTCO or KLTCO in special projects

(3) Composition of the advisory council
   (a) The council shall be made up of persons with a strong interest in improving the quality of life and protecting the rights of residents in long-term care facilities. The DLTCO and the Director of the Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living (AAA/L) shall ensure that all volunteers and Advisory Council members receive a criminal background check, and receive a background check utilizing the Nurse Aide Registry, if appropriate.
   (b) Group size and composition shall be individualized to the needs of the DLCOP but shall not be less than seven.
   (c) One third of the members shall be consumers or family members of consumers.
   (d) Members shall not:
      1. Be responsible for certifying or licensing long term care facilities;
2. Be a provider of long-term care services or part of an association of such providers;
3. Be an immediate family member of the DLTCO (see SOP 16.15 for definition of immediate family member);
4. Gain economically or receive any compensation for a long-term care facility provider or association.