

KANSAS MENTAL HEALTH COALITION

.....Speaking with one voice to meet the critical needs of people with mental illness

Grassroots Advocacy Network: Kansas Voices for Mental Health

VOLUNTEER LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT ADVOCATE POSITION DESCRIPTION

Responsibilities of volunteers who agree to serve as a Volunteer Legislative District Advocate for the Kansas Mental Health Coalition include the following:

1. Establishing a relationship with my Kansas Representative and Kansas Senator and maintaining communications with them throughout the year;
2. Receiving action alerts on key legislative issues affecting the mental health community and communicating with my Kansas House and Senate members when called on by e-mail and telephone;
3. Receiving and reviewing background information on mental health policy issues via e-mail communications;
4. Communicating with my U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators when called on regarding key issues pending in the U.S. Congress.
5. Volunteering to provide testimony to legislative committees in Topeka as time and resources permit;
6. Identifying and updating when needed my County Commissioners' contact information for action on local mental health funding issues;
7. Recruiting other individuals in my district to advocate for selected mental health policy issues as time and resources permit;
8. Providing input to the Coalition on mental health policy issues which need attention and on how to improve the effectiveness of the Grassroots Advocacy Network;
9. Keeping the Coalition updated on changes in my contact information, particularly my e-mail address for communications and my home address as it may affect my assigned legislative districts;
10. Participating in conference call meetings of the Coalition if available and as resources permit;
11. Immediately advising the Coalition when I can no longer perform these duties.

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