

# KANSAS MENTAL HEALTH COALITION

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

## ***KMHC BOARD AGENDA***

Agenda for September 24, 2014 Please RSVP and bring \$5 for lunch provided by Valeo.  
Valeo Behavioral Health Center, 330 SW Oakley, Topeka, KS  
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Rick Cagan, presiding – called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. There was not a quorum present.  
Attendance: Rick Cagan, Glen Yancey, Kyle Kessler, Sue Lewis, Glea Ashley, SallyAnne Schneider, and Steve Feinstein participated by phone.

- Minutes [See Minutes.](#) [Read August Notes.](#) Approval was postponed due to the lack of a quorum.
- New Business:
  - Review Bylaws [Bylaws PDF.](#)

- Discuss Mission

Is there is an inconsistency between the Mission and Membership section because “business” is mentioned in the Membership and not in the Membership? But the Mission section refers to “members” who are further defined in the Membership.

General agreement that anyone can be a member as long as they want to do this work.

It is a little bit unusual to enumerate our Goals and Activities in the bylaws? Seems like it is something that can change over time. They seem to be general enough to be applicable and appropriate.

By enumerating our goals, it does show that we don’t intend to provide direct services.

Omission does say something.

Coalition has reviewed and updated bylaws every couple of years.

There is consensus from those present that our Mission encompasses our current work and is comprehensive enough. It allows for flexibility.

Where is the intersection with Jim’s proposal?

Rick – the question that Jim’s proposal spurs for me is – here we are at the end of 2014. If we were to state our strategic vision for three years out, what does that look like? Policy wise? Structure wise?

We have all of this work that we want to do and don’t have enough Amys to do it – is that true? Then, do we want to pursue fundraising?

Genesis of June Advocacy Committee retreat when the Committee members talked about goals that continued to bump up against a lack of resources / staffing to implement.

Also that Committee talked about the difference between the monthly meetings and members who participate at that level vs. the Advocacy Committee level where implementation of a number of initiatives occurs.

Sue – would like to see additional hours and compensation of our staff and/or additional staffing for administrative capacity for bidding hotels for events and other functions.

One strategic goal might be to have quarter time administrative duties to assist with meetings, committees and events. Or other staff capacity.

There are some duties of the Advocacy Committee that may be a bit of a stretch for leaders of that committee that could be supported by contract staff.

Is it a goal for KMHC to enhance consumer / family participation through stipends, grants or scholarships?

Is it a goal to increase consumer participation? Is this a question of credibility?

Would also like to see a goal of more meaningful member participation?

Is it a goal to have higher percentage participation from our members such as the individual centers?

We don't want to sit here and do strategic planning outside of a strategic planning process.

This conversation sounds like we do have an interest in some strategic planning.

Regarding increasing participation – is that an issue of what we provide since directors can pick up this information in many other forums?

Interpreted the conversation with Jim Brann to be more focused on concerns/lack of direction regarding the perceived need for fundraising and how funds might be used.

Participation issues – probably just as likely due to the incredible demands now placed on the directors and other members.

Amy's note: Is this also a question of appropriate agenda and most useful technology?

Glea feels this group has pretty good goals and structure – but some extended goals and timeline would be useful.

Sue – not yet ready to need an outside facilitator. We have already captured three items. With some more in depth discussion, could advance that discussion.

Comfortable with advancing the notion of establishing one or more goals to improve our ability to achieve our mission for in the next three years?

Want to put our current suggestions in the "Parking Lot" for future consideration.

The three discussed today were:

1. Increasing meaningful family and consumer participation
2. Enhancing a deeper level of participation from our current members
3. Adding to our current contract or otherwise increasing our administrative capacity.

Internal to the Board – float these three ideas to our Board members and ask for their support, criticism or additional suggestions.

1. Want to establish goals.
2. Want to establish goals and here are my ideas.
3. Do not want to do any of the above.

The group agrees that this is a good stopping place.

Some extended conversations about Jim Brann's proposal.

There is nothing to prevent a for-profit group to join the Coalition. There is nothing to prohibit a for-profit company from donating to a 501 (c) 4.

Rick talked to David about allowing Jim to visit a sample company to begin conversations with a moderate goal to see how this would work. Would want to have someone along with him from the Coalition in order to accurately represent the group. Could then have a report back from Jim about how that goes.

That was an option that took place in July. The Board did not authorize moving forward in that way at this time, but that continues to be an option.

Jim is currently working on a collaboration of churches who will hold a public meeting about mental health in Johnson County. He is also actively proposing a policy position regarding law enforcement/veterans/CIT/community based services.

References from discussion re: Corporate Engagement proposal - Jim Brann, Grassroots Advocate Handout - Corporate Initiative Proposal [Read Here](#).  
Handout - Is It Just About the Numbers? [Click Here](#).

- 2014 Schedule - Future meeting guests and topics
  - October: Use of antipsychotic medications in nursing homes
  - KanCare / Health Homes / Susan Mosier, MD
  - TeleHealth presentation – can someone let us know how to pursue that?
  - Invite Sean Swindler – Autism – include info about adults?
- Reports:

If there are board members that are holding us back from achieving quorum, need to utilize our bylaws regarding board attendance.

Fill in?

2014 KMHC Meetings: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Jan 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov 19, Dec 17

Board: 12 noon quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 26, July 23, Sept 24, Dec 17)

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