

# KANSAS MENTAL HEALTH COALITION

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

## Minutes

**July 22, 2015 Monthly Meeting**

**Valeo Behavioral Health Center, 330 SW Oakley, Topeka, KS**

David Wiebe called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

JoLana presented the financial report. The year to date expenses exceed revenue by ~\$12,000 due at least in part to the delay of payment of dues by the ACMHCKS. It is expected this will be addressed soon. JoLana circulated a list of paid up members. Those not on the leapt, please consider paying dues as soon as possible. It is recommended that the Board of Directors consider an easier payment scheme.

KMHC started fy15 with a balance of \$21000. The current balance is near \$8500. The Menninger special projects fund is in need of attention as the balance is fading fast. The Advocacy Day fund is still ~\$300 in the red. Susan Lewis reported some difficulty collecting certain Advocacy Day pledges.

Susan Lewis moved the financial report be accepted. Steve Christenberry seconded. President Wiebe called the vote. Motion succeeded.

President Wiebe presented the minutes of the May 27, 2015 meeting. David Elsbury moved the minutes be accepted. Mark Wiebe seconded. President Wiebe called the vote. Motion succeeded.

Susan Lewis presented the Advocacy Committee report. The Committee will meet at noon to review the evaluations from the preferences question posed at the May KMHC meeting.

Mark Wiebe presented the Medicaid Access Coalition report. The Kansas Healthcare Consumer Coalition expires Friday, May 29 due to loss of funding. This is a blow to those who seek to expand Medicaid in Kansas. Rick Cagan suggested other funding may be found. The Kansas hospital association or other disability groups may rise to the project.

Wes Cole reports the Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council meets June 5 with Jane Adams the guest speaker. This will be the last meeting of the Council for FY15. The calendar for FY16 is now open. The Council is seeming new appointees, preferably from one of the First Nations. A site review is pending for ????. A special meeting to review the block grants will convene with the Secretary Friday, June 26, 2015. The various subcommittees continue to provide their annual reports to the Council and the department Secretaries. Among them is the Justice Involved Youth and Adults chaired by Rick Cagan and ???.

The KMHC will extend an invitation to Nancy Luber to report on the Kansas Mental Health and Aging Coalition.

Rocky Nichols spoke regarding HR 2646, the 'Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act', submitted by Rep. Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania. He described how the bill would negatively affect the PAIMI program, representing a large portion of the budget for the DRC. It would limit service strictly to abuse and neglect. Limitations would be placed on system change and lobbying with any funds. With 35 cosponsors the bill is likely to be amended. Other related bills may be introduced. Rick Cagan reports that NAMI is likely to work to amend the bill. Carol Manning reports that MHA will be holding a call on the bill this afternoon. The IMD exclusion is amended in the bill but could be deemed to be budget neutral. Rocky circulated a flyer with claims and rebuttals regarding the impact of the bill on the PAIMI program.

Sally Ann Schneider spoke regarding the adult continuum of care. The situation with the OSH facility has developed into something of a crisis for the members of the C of C committee. Committee members, judges, psychiatrists, hospital administrators, and the various cmhc's, convened three meetings over ten weeks. Their recommendations include a parallel mental health task force, community based services, full spectrum of care, outpatient centers, state wide admission system,.

facilities to support people in a step down facility. Included was a discussion of the purpose and role of the nfmh's and what services consumers need.

Wes Cole asked about what type of beds do we need?

The transformation subcommittee considered 50-100 beds for extensive, intensive services.

While the commissioner and secretary are listening. money keeps vanishing.

Rick Cagan noted that the nami kansas consumer council has been discussing the merits of peer run respite services.

Jo Ann Howley inquired about the roles of cro's vs respite houses.

Sally Ann Schneider mentioned the need for consistency of service. She also discussed the possibility of the use of telemedicine in cost containment.

There will be further discussion July 2 and 16 at Valeo in the llcc from 10am - 3pm.

Kyle Kessler delivered a legislative session report which may be found as an addendum.

Ted Jester delivered a kdads report including the resignation of Carla Dresser two weeks ago. Diversion grants have been approved for \$433-500k with larger amounts for established diversion programs and smaller, \$10k seed money, to start diversion programs.

SAMHSA has provided a \$735/yr x 5 year grant for underage drinking and prescription drug abuse helping community coalitions to build on programs. There is a pilot program in kicks.

OSH Is at maximum census of 146 leading the Secretary to officially declare a moratorium. \$3.2 million will be available during construction for diversion from OSH.

Rick Cagan asked if the funds will be aggressively used to secure private beds especially for voluntary admissions as well as substance use services, housing, wrap around crisis services for uninsured designed to keep the person in the community.

There is some involuntary outlet at via christi while retaining the right to refuse violent patients. The Larned census is at 99 of 102 today. Optimally it would be about 85.

Trish Darling noted some problems getting admits to lsh despite approval. She had a hard time getting response in 12 hours for approval for admission.

LSH implemented an aggressive triage policy.

Other concerns expressed:

sally f-c - compromised care due to under staffing.

staffing - statutory ratios met. liability concerns are universal.

rocky n - olmstead concerns depend on facts of individual case

rick c - agency flux - nothing definite. might reorganize structure.

trisha d - what's up with those being held?

rick c - grading states nami report wait time is a major problem!

sally f-c - screener can call osh for triage with khs to coordinate services where available during waiting period.

avoid use of phrase 'make do'

sheli s - other rfp grants???? data collection and analysis

announcements:

sheli s - acmhcks conference save the date. see handout.

rocky n - transition planning app. see handout. drc moved to 400 sw 6th

marcia e - mwrsp conference july 23, kc

sally f-c - outreach to cac. sue lewis may follow up.

notice to courts. bill ryan to meet with cmhc's biweekly

David Wiebe called for adjournment at 11:24am.

Submitted by Eric Harkness, Secretary