

Kansas Mental Health Coalition
Speaking with one voice to meet critical needs of people with mental illness.

KMHC BOARD MEETING

September 25, 2019 Valeo Behavioral Health Center - 330 SW Oakley, Topeka, KS

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Mary Jones, Vice President convened the meeting.

- Approved Minutes – Sherrie motion Dana second.

Old Business:

- Form for Member of the Year Award Sherrie suggested adding a line about Eric and who he was. Approved by a motion by Bob Chase, second Colin Thomasset.

New Business:

- Appoint Mary Jones to serve as President – Motion by Bob Chase, second Sherrie Watkins.
- Motion to appoint Stephanie West-Potter to the Board of Directors to replace Eric Harkness with the term ending 2020. Motion by Bob Chase, second by Dana Schoffelman.
- Budget and Membership Report – we have been operating without an official budget. Since I've been able to access the accounts and information, it looks like our budget will be met sufficiently. Have put the minimum balance into the Money Market account to avoid any fees. Would be interested in sitting down to evaluate the budget and how it compares with our current revenue picture. Colin also indicated that he will need to hand off the treasurer's responsibilities at the end of the year. Will be happy to work with that individual to facilitate a smoother transition than what he experienced.

Report adopted, Jane Rhys and second Bob Chase.

Status of memberships – there are a number that still aren't paid. The Board will need to address that. BHAK seems to be misclassified according to their Secretary of State filing – and apparently hasn't paid in two years. Need to have some flexibility regarding whether or not we have invoiced correctly, but at this point, need to hold members accountable.

- Consensus Recommendations Process and Papers Review – interested in doing something about housing. Definite problems getting landlords to take housing vouchers. Current economy means that most landlords are not having a problem keeping their units filled. As a result – many of the units available are virtually unlivable. Homeless shelters are dealing with budget problems. Lawrence has reduced the number of people they will serve. Wichita has no shelter for single women. Many local issues.

NFMH issue – need to create an issue paper around the recommendations of the NFMH report. Key on the solution – don't need to identify additional problems. Sherrie will work on that paper with Ashley from her office.

Workforce Development - KMHC already supports a number of proposals in this area, put together a paper around the issues. Amy will make a first effort on this.

2019 Schedule - Future meeting guests and topics

Advocacy Day – February 19, 2020

2019 KMHC Meetings: 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Jan 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov 20, Dec. 18

Family First will be on the October agenda. Working on getting Secretary Howard to a meeting.

Board Meetings: 12 noon quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 27, June 26, Sept. 25, Dec. 18)

Reports:

Board Members

2017-2020	2018-2021	2019-2022
Eric Harkness	Bob Chase	Colin Thomasset
Kyle Kessler	Susan Crain Lewis	Dr. Sherrie Vaughn
Dana Schoffelman	Mary Jones	Jane Rhys
	Dave Ranney	Monica Kurz
	Sherrie Watkins	Louis Brown
		Shereen Ellis

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