

Kansas Mental Health Coalition Board of Directors

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

KMHC BOARD Minutes

Sept 23, 2015

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

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sue Lewis, presiding

Rick Cagan, Eric Harkness, Andy Brown, Mark Wiebe, SallyAnne Schneider, David Elsbury, Sky Westerlund, Carol Manning, Bob Chase, Sheli Sweeney, Amy Campbell, Nick Reinecker

- **Approve Minutes** See Minutes Motion by Cagan, Westerlund second.

Old Business:

New Business:

Sue Lewis motion to appoint Mark Wiebe to fill David Wiebe's board position, second Cagan. Approved.

- **Reviewed and Approved Proposed Officer changes.** Cagan motion to accept the volunteers to fill the following officer positions. Brown second
 - Sue Lewis, President (2016)
 - Eric Harkness, Vice President (2017)
 - Mark Wiebe, Secretary (2016)
- **Advocacy Committee Recommendations**
 - Kansas Health Foundation will be moving toward making some grant funding available for advocacy and policy initiatives. KMHC may want to apply for some of these funds targeting building capacity, particularly if it would help us to get some part-time help to facilitate/strengthen/mobilize our work around the grassroots advocacy network. Approach Kansas Health Foundation for grant for \$50,000 for five years to facilitate that support and engagement.

Motion adopted: KMHC will submit a grant request for administrative support to facilitate/strengthen/mobilize KMHC advocacy and the Grassroots Advocacy Network. A draft of the proposal will be circulated to the Board prior to submitting to the Foundation. Motion by Elsbury, second by Chase. (Sally, Mark, Rick, Amy, Rick will help.) Rick is the point person to disseminate the information when it comes out from the KHF.

- Motion adopted: Amend Advocacy Budget Line Item for expenses to send Eric Harkness and Nancy Ross to Train the Trainer by NAMI. Add \$1000 from advocacy reserve and to advocacy expenditure line. Elsbury motion, Schneider second.

- Discussed possibility of KMHC engaging a leadership role with the Kansas Health Foundation to pursue some of the tobacco cessation policies that were recommended by the Fellows VIII class. Initiative would also have funding tied to it. Where would tobacco cessation line up as a priority for our members? Tobacco cessation is a "value added" option offered by MCOs. But they aren't the evidence based treatment programs. They are inconsistent in what they offer, some have nicotine patches, some meds. Seems that Amerigroup has a good program. Health homes are supposed to incorporate, but not accompanied by evidence based treatment and reimbursement. CMHCs can hire peers to provide the service. Kim Richter, KU Med, will do a presentation on the subject and statistics at the NAMI conference. The data is significant for our population. It is a timely topic, we should know our position because we may

be asked. Note – it was observed that we call it tobacco cessation, should be tobacco dependence treatment.

Rick and Sue will close the communication loop with the Kansas Health Foundation to move forward with policy recommendation language and/or any partnership opportunity.

- **Coordinating the new Consensus Policy Recommendations**

- writing volunteers - review for necessary updates prior to the October meeting – Sky Westerlund, Carol Manning.

- **2015 Schedule - Future meeting guests and topics**

Dr. Kim Richter, KU Med – behavioral health and smoking possible 2016?

Ira Stamm – ACA – 25 years possible 2016?

Update on State Medicaid Plan as it relates to behavioral health – outline of the plan, content, process for amendment

Health Homes – outcomes, data, planning – still early now, but maybe next year. Becky Ross / Mike Randol

Reports:

2015 KMHC Meetings: 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Jan 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, Aug 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov 18, Dec. 16 **Board Meetings:** 12 noon quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 25, July 22, Sept. 23, Dec. 16)

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