**Kansas Mental Health Coalition**

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

**Minutes**

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**January 26, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.  Welcome and Introductions**     Mary Jones, President

**9:35 a.m.   KDHE Update - Sarah Fertig, Medicaid Director**

**Minutes of the previous meeting approved.** Motion by Joan Tammany, second by David Martin.   [Read minutes](https://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Minutes%2012-15-21.docx)

**10:00 a.m. Reports**

**Board of Directors -** met in December. Finalized calendar and budget. Kept consistent with the 2021 year. Also discussed Advocacy Day.

 **Financial Report adopted** – Amy Campbell - $391.00 – Membership payment available online. Please contact Amy if you need help to get your invoice. Motion Monica Kurz, second Shereen Ellis.

**Advocacy Committee –**[**2022 Mental Health Advocacy Day**](https://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.wildapricot.org/MHAD2022) **-** Amy Campbell / Mary Jones – Working to secure sponsorships. Having conversations about being in person or adding virtual options. Kansas is 8th in the nation for COVID case rates. We don’t want to abandon Advocacy Day and are interested. Perhaps facilitating a number of virtual meetings on that day or that week could be useful. Still encourage individuals and small groups to come into the building and meet with the legislators. Shereen – my employer won’t let me go. Nancy Jensen – CRO won’t want to come in a van, could join by zoom. Becky Fast – NASW is going virtual and can forward sponsor and vendor info.

   **Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council –** Wes Cole, Chair – Its been a difficult year but we are doing well. We are now on the legislative website which is a great advantage for getting our information out. Council is adding a Peer Support Subcommittee with consumers as members. One of the things that came up with the special committee on MHMR was the issue of Trauma Informed Care. Council is setting up a work group with KDADS to provide a presentation regarding what it is and why it is important. There is a subcommittee (Evidence Based Practices) working on that and will be needing some help. State of Kansas has a project going on, working within the hospital and at Parsons. I will send some info to Amy to distribute so you can get involved and help out with that subcommittee.

At our last meeting, there was a great presentation regarding the budget and our State programs. The work of this Coalition and the Council has been so important in raising the awareness and moving these issues forward. The MHMR committee will keep going. We need to remember that even with this pandemic and its negative impacts, it has brought more attention to the importance of mental health and reducing stigma. We need to look at some of the terms we use. It’s more than the people who don’t have insurance. It is also about the underinsured. I think the MHMR is the missing link because we are dealing directly with legislators and they are understanding better. Chair Brenda Landwehr has done an amazing job. A lot of the things that are in that budget are things we’ve talked about including the need for a facility. Matt indicates interest in assisting with the Council. Brenda asked about the peer support subcommittee.

Charles Bartlett has been a huge part of the Council and is under the weather. If you get a chance to email him to get well, he might appreciate it.

Ira – increase in anxiety and depression in the pandemic has been estimated to be in the 30 to 40% range. Phones ring off the hook and it is hard to get to people as soon as we in practice would want to. Insurance companies are also taking notice and being more supportive of getting help to their members. Each day I get more invitations to join various networks to provide help to people.

  **Big Tent Coalition** - Mike Burgess -

   **KanCare Advocates Network** - Sean Gatewood -

  **Consumer Programs -** Matt Spezia, P3 – Advocacy Education Day this Saturday – please sign up for those modules. They are free. We are still offering WRAP training and CCAR training. Please don’t be intimidated by cost – we offer scholarships and there is a link in the chat. We can record the training on Saturday and possibly offer it again.

Kansas based Story Circle is every third Wednesday.

Nancy Jensen – CAC working on June Recovery Conference. Looking for a good location since the hotel in Park City is no longer operating. CAC Leadership Training in Hays, Kansas in April to learn about leadership and communication – contact Melissa or Colleen at CAC if you would like to participate.

   **Parity Committee** - Rick Cagan – January 7 – next meeting February 4. Committee has engaged with Sarah Fertig to work to have Parity standards imbedded in new Kancare Contracts with explicit language by providing examples from other states. Also working to get that language imbedded into KAN contract renewal information. Link to Parity Tour segments is pending. Initially to share with committee and then the public.

Forum was postponed.

Hoping to look at policy to limit provider recoupment periods in the future.

   **Suicide Prevention Coalition / 988 Crisis Line** - Monica Kurz – 988 Coalition met in January under Laura Brake. Coordinator has been hired and starts in February. ComCare, JoCoMHC and Suicide Prevention HQ provided report on their work. In April, Kansas calls will be rolling over in state resources for text and chat as well. ??

Continue to work through the priorities of the State Suicide Prevention Plan – this month focused on the treatment and recovery goals. Robust discussion around the desire for more standardization for screening assessment and referral. Discussion around support structure for family members and friends who have lost someone to suicide. There are a few communities with a strong support groups, but would like to see those available in more communities. We will meet February 15 to focus on data collection and distribution around suicide.

Brenda – what do those support groups look like? Not just NAMI – these are community groups. Who is on the 988 Advisory Council? NAMI and others are at the table. 911 and 211 coordinating council folks, advocacy representatives, consumer representatives, 988 response centers, others.

**NEW ITEM: Agency Update – Andy Brown, KDADS –**

Governors Budget Report – budget surplus allowed some last minute enhancements to the KDADS budget.

24/7 State Facilities Pay Plan – currently SPARK funded – added 2.4 m to base

15.6 m for temporary pay differentials at state hospitals

20.5 m caseloads for extended federal FMAP enhancement.

Recommend continued work at OSH 1.7 m remodel

29.3 m SGF to expand mental health safety net:

 10 m FY 23 / 2 m FY 22 Crisis Intervention Center

 2.8 m mobile competency / mobile

 15 m FY 23 capacity for 50 new regional hospital beds with 10 m construction support / $5 m operational costs

 1.5 m suicide prevention to implement the state suicide prevention plan

23.2 m HCBS – 5.3 m standardized personal care service rates 1.7 m AF for IDD nursing rates equalization 1.8 m assistive services cap increases (7500 to 10000 lifetime limit)

$ State hospitals rehab and repair. Raze two buildings at OSH and Parsons

Add 8 FTEs for facility surveyors

FY 23 Enhanced FMAP – savings were 108 m – reallocate 96 m SGF to additional projects including risk corridor payments for MCO contracts, 3% NF rate increase 8.6 m SGF, 14.1 m / 5.7 m CCBHCs FY 22,

CCBHCs to be certified in May – could be as many as 9 certified for FY 23.

$2 m AF for CMHC outpatient services to individuals in nursing facilities

Crisis Intervention Centers – final stages of putting out our regulations. Antifipating expansion of CICs and some new facilities. Funding will provide care for more people in the community and divert from OSH. Will require new Crisis Stabilization Centers – capped at $6 m in current statute. Need to increase that cap to expand the program.

Mobile Competency – recommendation from MHMR to reduce the strain on law enforcement and jails for people who are waiting for competency evaluation and restoration. Going to be introducing legislation to facilitate the local response. Will be holding stakeholder meetings with different groups about that legislation.

50 new beds for regional hospital capacity – add 35 forensic and 25 involuntary beds. These are new beds, not SIA.

Working to use regional model to treat people as close to home as possible

1.5 m new money will be used to provide grants to local

Working on HB 2281 to get fee fund revenue for 988 program to support answering calls and text chats and get some stable long term funding for that as well.

3 m for mental health intervention teams pilot K-12

7 m for Family First at DCF

6 m evidence based juvenile justice programs

Feels like a banner year for behavioral health.

Amy – asked about the regional beds / workforce issues? Working with SPARK. Have a 2 week window to update recommendations for SPARK. Also going to open a portal for stakeholder and community members. We fall under the Health and Education Advisory Panel.

Does the fiscal note change for 2281? Going from a 50 cent ask to a 20 cent ask.

**10:45 a.m.   Consensus Priorities Discussion**

Updated Issue Papers and Legislative Issues - Food Sales Tax

**11:00 a.m.**   **Lobbyist Report**    Amy Campbell

Governors Budget - https://budget.kansas.gov/budget-report/

Budget Overview - Adam Proffitt, State Budget Director - [See Here](https://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.wildapricot.org/chrome-extension%3A/efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/viewer.html?pdfurl=https%3A%2F%2Fbudget.kansas.gov%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2FDirectors_Overview-01.12.2022.pdf&clen=1966952&chunk=true)

Report of the Special Committee on Home and Community Based Services Intellectual and Developmental Disability Waiver to the 2022 Kansas Legislature  [See Report](https://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Report%20of%20the%20Special%20Committee%20on%20Home%20and%20Community%20Based%20Services%20Intellectual%20and%20Developmental%20Disability%20Waiver%20to%20the%202022%20Kansas%20Legislature.pdf)

Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform - [See Report to the 2022 Legislature](https://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Report%20of%20the%20Special%20Committee%20on%20Kansas%20Mental%20Health%20Modernization%20and%20Reform%20to%20the%202022%20Kansas%20Legislature.pdf)

SPARK Executive Committee and Advisory Panels - Distribution of Federal Recovery Funds

**11:25 a.m.  Announcements**

**11:30 a.m.  Adjourn**

**2022 Schedule:**   Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, Nov 16, Dec 14

**Mental Health Advocacy Day - February 22, 2022**

**Board Meetings:** 12 noon quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 23, June 22, Sept. 28, Dec. 14)

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