

KANSAS MENTAL HEALTH COALITION

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

Minutes

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December 16, 2015 Monthly Meeting

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

9:00 a.m.

Introductions and sign-in sheet

Susan Crain Lewis, Vice President

Amy Campbell
Ken Kerle, CIT
Alexandra Simmons, MHAH
Rob Mealy, KPS
Sally Anne Schneider, Stormont Vail
Chad Bernhardt, Cenpatico
Colin Thomasett, ACMHCK
Susanna Honaker, ACMHCK/KAAP/DCCCA
Rick Cagan, NAMI KS
Kevin McGuire, JCMHC
Eric Harkness
David Elsbury, Kanza MHC
Kelsey Nepote, KHI
Sky Westerlund, KNASW
Jane Rhys
Ira Stamm

Walt Hill
Steve Christenberry, FSGC
Kyle Kessler, ACMHCK
Lynn Lemke
On the phone:
Nick Reinecker
Jessie Kaye, Prairie View
Sally Fronsman-Cecil
Trisha Dorlan, ComCare
Lori Gonzales, Emberhope
Ryan Speier, KVC
Guests:
Angela DeRocha, KDADS
Ted Jester, KDADS
Sheldon Weisgrau, Health Reform Resource Project

No Financial Report

Treasurer not present.

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Minutes of the previous meeting approved. [Read minutes.](#)

9:15 a.m. Reports

Advocacy Committee –Grassroots Advocacy Network - Eric Harkness

Mental Health Advocacy Day – March 1, 2016 – planning committee is amending focus to support the grassroots advocates, helping to schedule appointments and providing lunch for advocates and specific legislators. There will not be a large briefing at the Ramada this year, will register and brief participants in the Visitors Center at the Capitol. Won't provide lunches for all participants.

Groups of consumers are encouraged to attend, although the schedule will look a little different. Encourage individuals to commit to the Grassroots Advocacy Network and become a part of our communications network.

The Committee meets today after the Board meeting.

Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council – Wes Cole

10:00 a.m. Legislative Update: Amy Campbell

- Kari Bruffett leaving KDADS
- MHMAC – providing recommended prior authorization policies to the Medicaid DUR Committee which must accept or deny the recommendations as proposed. DUR Committee will meet in January. The MHMAC process has lacked transparency, as we are unable to get copies of the actual policies in order to comment on them. Each meeting does allow public comment, but you must sign up and turn in your comments 7 days in advance without seeing the actual proposals.
- Kancare Oversight – December 28, 2015

- Retiring Legislators: Rep. Travis Couture-Lovelady, Palco; Rep. Carolyn Bridges, Wichita; Rep. Steve Brunk, Wichita
- State Budget and Taxes – leaders are aiming for a short session, and the Governor has promised an easier effort this year, but it will require a rescission bill and some changes to the biennial budget passed in 2015.
- Medicaid Expansion - three primary points of opposition by legislative leaders. This is expected to be a very hot topic in 2016, although leaders will oppose.

Sheldon Weisgrau - Health Research Project -- Report received a lot of attention

Sunflower creating Alliance for a Healthy Kansas

Kansas is one of 20 states that hasn't expanded Medicaid.

Phil Cauphin 232-3000 pcauthon@sunflower.org

Partnering with Kansas Hospital Association

January 5 Forum sponsored by KHA in Kansas City. Send out information.

Amy shared concern that the report asserts the state could save money by not spending the state general funds currently being used to provide various health care for the uninsured, which could be replaced with the federal funds for Medicaid treatment for those who are covered. Suggesting forfeiture of the mental health grants is potentially harmful, and few people believe that Kansas policymakers would adopt a broad expansion plan. KMHC supports expansion but losing 100% of state based behavioral health funds would be very harmful.

10:30 a.m. Consideration of proposals for Consensus Recommendations for 2016

The following items have been discussed.

Amendment to K.S.A. 65-2837a as proposed. Relating to the use of Vyvanse, a medication recently approved by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts for treatment of binge eating disorder – neutral

Tobacco Addiction Treatment – general support

Juvenile Justice / Corrections Reform – new report, no formal language for recommendations.

Emergency Observation and Treatment – neutral, no consensus, is new language pending? Appears at this point that when the Legislature addresses this issue, the Coalition will have members who testify in support and others to testify in opposition. NAMI Kansas will support with 3 conditions – facilities provide peer support, , involuntary retention be a last resort. Members also concerned that people wait in emergency rooms for up to 90 hours waiting for commitment process. Jails also an unacceptable alternative. New screening protocols exacerbate the situation because of a lack of connection to quick alternative intensive community based services. Centers see it as a choice whether or not a community would participate and could combine the best most compassionate approaches to community interventions.

Jason Flatts Act – generally supportive. There is a one-page issue paper being developed but it hasn't yet been circulated.

11:00 a.m. KDADS Update -KDADS Behavioral Health -Ted Jester, KDADS

SAMHSA is sponsoring

11:25 a.m. Announcements

11:30 a.m. Adjourn

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