

Kansas Mental Health Coalition

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

Minutes

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February 28, 2024

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

Minutes of the previous meeting adopted. Motion Andy Houltberg, second Chad Childs

9:35 a.m. Reports

Board of Directors - meet in March.

Financial Report – adopted with balance \$17,599.59. Motion Brian Blevins, second Lori Barnes.

Advocacy Committee – Colin Thomasset / Monica Kurz - March 13 2024 - Mental Health Advocacy Day. Committee is meeting on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. volunteers welcome! RSVP now for sponsorships, exhibitor tables and attending!

Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council – Council report and reports from members serving on the Council or subcommittees. See Annual Subcommittee Reports posted here: <https://kdads.ks.gov/kdads-commissions/behavioral-health/gbhspc/gbhspc-subcommittees>

Big Tent Coalition - Mike Burgess

KanCare Advocates Network - Sean Gatewood

Consumer Programs - CAC, CRO, P3, Clubhouse, Other

Parity Committee - Amy Campbell / Rick Cagan

Suicide Prevention Coalition / 988 Crisis Line - Brenna Vicoscky/Monica Kurz

South Central Regional Psychiatric Hospital Advisory Panel - Update - Mary Jones

10:00 a.m. Guest Update: Legislation to create penalties for encouraging suicide

Jennifer Dennis shared her family’s experience with suicide encouraged and facilitated by a “sanctioned suicide” website community.

House Judiciary Committee has held hearings on [House Bill 2488](#) and [House Bill 2676](#) Amended bill passed House Committee [Substitute for House Bill 2676](#). Read [supplemental note / summary of legislation here](#). [KMHC Testimony](#)

10:40 a.m. Lobbyist Report

 Amy Campbell

- Legislative Update

- Agency Budget Enhancements Presentations: [KDHE](#) [DCF](#) [KDADS](#)
- Budget Testimony and Recommendations [State Hospitals](#) [KDADS Budget](#)
- HB 2345 Supported Decision Making - [KMHC Testimony](#)
- HB 2484 - Social Work licensure compact - [link to bill information](#) House passed 118-2.
- HB 2487 - Providing immunity from prosecution for certain drug crimes when persons seek or provide medical assistance related to the use of a controlled substance - [link to bill information](#) House passed 120-0.
- HB 2536 - Establishing the SOUL family legal permanency option for children 16 years of age or older - allow young people ages 16 and older in foster care to identify caregivers in their community who have played a significant role in their lives. With agency and court approval, they would form a legally recognized SOUL Family. [Link to bill information.](#) House passed 112-8.
- HB 2284 - Tax Package combined and passed - vetoed - [Summary CCRB](#) House failed to override Feb 20.
- HB 2353 - Assertive Outpatient Treatment and Outpatient Treatment Orders
- HB 2669 - Kansas department for aging and disability services; codifying the mental health intervention team program in state statute; requiring the department to oversee implementation of the program; establishing structures for partnership between mental health intervention team providers and school districts; providing for coordination of mental health services to students. [Link to bill information.](#) Letter of support. House passed 101-18.
- HB 2723 - Making appropriations for the department for aging and disability services for FY 2025 and creating a program for cities to improve and develop infrastructure for homeless shelters. House Welfare Reform Committee expected to hold a hearing - \$40 million funds from Governors Budget Recommendations were removed.
- HB 2793 - Removing most legal exceptions to parental consent for healthcare, creating penalties against the healthcare providers license. House Health and Human Services held and hearing and plans to work this bill to advance to the full House. [KMHC Testimony Opposing HB 2793](#) [Randy Callstrom Testimony](#)
- SB 391 - Constitutional Right to Health Freedom Act - remove state quarantine laws and restrict authority of state health officials role and interactions with local health officials to address infectious diseases. Local health officials required to ask local board of health or commissioners for permission to issue quarantine or isolation orders. [Link to bill information.](#) Senate passed 23-17.
- Medicaid Expansion Legislation will have a hearing in House Health and Human Services in March.

11:15 a.m. Unfinished Business - Additional input regarding Policy Priorities from members

Robust discussion with additional resources submitted by Nick Reinecker for member consideration. Motion to adopt paper did not move forward for lack of a second.

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HB 2673 - prohibiting SNAP benefits used for soda or candy Reinecker Testimony Bill passed by House Welfare Reform Committee. Bill stricken due to turnaround deadline.

HB 2596 - Controlled Substances Act update - Reinecker Testimony Motion to amend to remove cannabis by Rep. Silas Miller rejected by House. House passed 120-0.

11:25 a.m. Announcements Lori Barnes provided link to NAMI advocates training event March 12. This is a great opportunity to prepare for talking to legislators on Advocacy Day. Please note that Friday is the deadline to secure your hotel room.

11:30 a.m. Adjourn

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