

Kansas Mental Health Coalition

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

Minutes

April 25, 2018 Monthly Meeting - Valeo Behavioral Health Center, basement conference room, 330 SW Oakley, Topeka, KS

Introductions and sign-in sheet

Susan Lewis, MHAH

Teresa Snow, Sunflower

Rick Cagan, NAMI KS

CE Harkness, NAMI KS

Joan Houska, J&J

Ryan Speier, KVC Hospitals

Dana Schoffelman, Florence Crittenton

David Chrisman, MHAH

Clay Dierksen, Cottonwood Springs

Becky Fast, KNASW

Wes Cole, GBHSPC

Mary Ellen Conlee, Breakthrough Club

Cheryl Rathbun, St. Francis

Andy Martin, NAMI KS

Jane Rhys

Ken Kerle, CIT

On the phone:

Christian Wade, P3

Billie Todd-Ball, NAMI Butler

David Larsen, NAMI Wichita

Jessie Kaye, Prairie View

Corinna West, P3

Nick Reinecker

Dierdre Helm, ComCare

Lynette Downing, Crawford County

Minutes of the previous meeting approved. Motion Becky Fast, second Dana Schoeffelman
9:15 a.m. Reports

Board of Directors – Bylaws proposal and nominations for May Annual Meeting and Elections.

The Board of Directors recommends amending Article VI, Section 2 as follows:

Section 2 Number, Tenure and Qualifications. The number of directors shall be no fewer than nine (9) and no more than fifteen (15)~~twenty-five (25)~~ until changed by amendment of this bylaw. Each director shall hold office for a term of three (3) years. Directors may serve consecutive terms.

Annual Elections -Nominations are welcome from the floor in addition to those from the nominations committee.

Board Nominations for 2018-2021:The committee nominates the following directors to renew their positions: Susan Crain Lewis, Mary Jones, and Bob Chase. New director nominations include David Ranney and Sherrie Watkins-Alvey.

Officer Nominations for 2018-2020: The committee nominates for President - Eric Harkness; Secretary - Jane Rhys. (If Harkness elected President, Mary Jones nominated for Vice President.)

Bylaws guidance regarding consensus process for coalition. The Board reviewed the current bylaws language for the Coalition consensus process and do not believe amendment is needed. Leadership is entrusted with the ability to declare a vote if consensus is not sufficient.

“ARTICLE V: DECISION-MAKING

It is the intent of the organization to act by consensus (general agreement) whenever possible. When consensus is not achieved and a formal response is appropriate or necessary, a majority of the voting members present may, but are not required, reach a decision by means of a majority vote. If so, then Robert's Rules of Order will be followed. Directors of the Board may also declare all or a portion of any meeting a "discussion period" during which no rules apply, and during which free and open discussion of issues and other matters may occur without decisions being made.”

Advocacy Committee –Grassroots Advocacy Network - meet in May to review the

Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council – Wes Cole – Will have the onsite review in May. Good news – there is a 28% increase in the federal block grant for Kansas. The Council sees this as a 38% increase, because it reverses the 10% decrease that the agency had been anticipating from the President’s proposed budget.

Changing the application process has been effective, and that has been appreciated.

Chartering a gambling subcommittee. The Prevention Subcommittee has completed their charter and has begun working on a strategic plan.

Vocational and Supported Employment report to the Secretary this afternoon.

May 16 – Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council Annual Children’s Issues Meeting – focus on children’s systems of care grant – (\$10 million federal grant – Compass, Wyandot for regional coalition building for services for children with SED) .

Dr. Bickelhaupf will fill the position for a medical staff member on the Council, he works at Osawatomie State Hospital.

KDADS Report – moved up from 11 a.m.

Jeannie Urban-Wurtz, Behavioral Health Director and Charles Bartlett, Projects Coordinator

Children’s Crisis Beds Initiative – children with mental health concerns and co-occurring concerns. Regulations are ready for Attorney General’s review.

Major concern with children being moved from place to place with little stability.

Have an RFP coming out this week for screening and 24 hour hotline services.

The work at KDADS is different focus than DCF crisis beds. SB 179 – DCF and KDOC put together a bill re: kids in foster care and juvenile justice system. Expected to be worked some time this week. The funding has moved through the committee process of the Senate and the House.

Still gathering information on what we need to do regarding crisis beds for children’s mental health. It is a bigger problem than what we anticipated.

Cagan – there is overlap with these services. 75% of kids in the juvenile justice system have a background of behavioral health issues.

Rathbun – PRTFs serve private pay, SED waiver kids, foster care, and kids in the juvenile justice system.

Wurtz – What we are doing is not duplicative of what DCF is working on. The agency is working to see how we can address the broad issues that we see relating to children’s crisis needs, building on the recommendations of the Children’s Continuum of Care Committee. These solutions will be managed under KDADS, rather than DCF or KDOC.

DeRocha – DCF is setting up a system of care for kids who are in foster care and

If kids in that system need mental health care, they will also receive the screening and care that all children are eligible for under the agency. SB 179 is not yet finished.

Proposal to move part of the forensic beds from Larned State Hospital is just in the proposal phase. There was an idea to move some of those to a more urban area. The other proposal we are still working on would provide mobile units to take those evaluation services to the jails. Do not know if that would appear in the legislative budget process

Where are we right now regarding potential changes for behavioral health services under KanCare.

Have finished the initial evaluation process for the KanCare RFP and are beginning to meet with the bidders. It appears that the case management fixes that we attempted to include are being set aside.

Reinecker – the screening portion of this – is there a universal screening tool for both systems or would it be different for DCF and KDADS?

Wurtz – nothing is really in place. We don't know anything about a universal screening. There are some interagency meetings on this topic.

Other updates from the agency:

Preparing for site visit from SAMHSA the week of the 21st of May. Will be setting up a consumer review focus group for that. Will try to include as much diversity as possible. Looking at mental health this time, as well as some substance use.

Looking at Task Force re SUD services in the state as well as kids' services under the GBHSPC.

Lewis – I know there have been some advocates meetings with KDADS and KDHE – is that May 22?
Cagan – from 10-11, constituency meeting with KDHE. These are groups that have been put together according to similar interest. Wichita State is the facilitator and organizer - involved KDHE and KDADS.

Conlee – what is the methodology for how the additional 28% block grant funding will be allocated?
No one knows.

Would like to have a report in May or June relating to how the new funds will be targeted.
May be pushing for an increase in the first episode psychosis grants.
SUD block grant recipients indicate their block grant funds have run short in the past several years.
The agency did promise to restore the 10% reductions that were put in place last summer.

The Legislative Mental Health Task Force that met last fall will be extended with the current participants. Think we are moving in the right direction with that. Next meetings will be how to implement the recommendations in the January report. KHI has agreed to facilitate the group again. Probably wouldn't start until July or August. (DeRocha)

Bartlett reported more enthusiasm across the state with peer services. Have been hosting trainings for SUD – almost monthly. They are filling up. Also looking at getting the certified peer support training – working with combined curriculum and whether or not to contract for that.

Opened our 116th Oxford House in Kansas. 8-10 beds each that don't cost the State anything. Have 64% recovery rate. Working on funding and grants to provide NARCAN and have some that are friendly with medically assisted treatment (3 Wichita and 2 Kansas City). Each house is autonomous. Their world conference is in Kansas City this year in the fall and think this will be a promoted topic.

Mental Health Medication Advisory Committee – Gold prescribing status issue still pending. Committee meets May 8.

Big Tent Coalition - Mike Burgess

Financial Report - Treasurer's report – [see attached](#). (members only)

10:00 a.m. Topic- New Education Program and other legislative initiatives for Youth and Adolescents – Sub SB 423 – K-12 Mental Health Initiative

Discussion of multiple legislative issues regarding youth and adolescents.

10:30 a.m. Lobbyist Report - Kansas Legislature

- Veto Session Resolution : April 26-May 4 Sine Die scheduled for May 4
- Consensus Revenue Estimates
- Conference Committee Report on HB 2028
- IMD Exclusion - Federal Waiver to allow Medicaid reimbursement for inpatient care at free standing behavioral health facilities. Issue is held up with KanCare Delay.
- House and Senate Budget Outlines and behavioral health subjects/provisos. GBA's will be released this week and other new issues may come up – including supplemental funds for substance use disorder treatment.

- State Hospitals – budget includes expansion of sexual predator treatment program and supplemental funds to cover lost federal payments from decertification of OSH. Osawatomie city and county officials have taken action to facilitate bond funding for new facilities but there has been no action in Legislature to date.
- KU Hospital new facility – anticipates short term stays and small bed expansion.
- Kansas Hospital Association Behavioral Health Task Force – recommendations

Legislation of Interest

- SB 38 - Medicaid Expansion – no progress.
- SB 195 - Suspension of Medicaid Benefits for Incarcerated Individuals – has become a budget item.
- SB 316 - Improve Medicaid tobacco cessation services. Legislation will not move, there could be administrative changes.
- SB 438 - removes prior authorization requirements for behavioral health medications prescribed within the scope of public mental health system facilities in order to counter KDHE plans to end the “gold” prescribing status for psychiatrists. No action.
- HB 2308 - suicide evaluation upon admission to certain treatment facilities. House amendment relates to repeated judicial orders to hold individuals awaiting hospital admission.
- CCR on HB 2386 – nursing facilities background checks
- HB 2517 - Lottery Vending Machines to fund mental health and crisis services. Bill is exempt from deadlines, but no action yet.
- HB 2549 - State Hospital Catchment Areas Removed, amendments to competency statutes allowing evaluation and restoration at facilities outside of Larned State Hospital. Bill is in conference – may depend on support for the idea of moving part of State Security Hospital.
- HB 2663- Enacting the KanCare/Medicaid ombudsman act. Bill is exempt from deadlines, but no action yet.
- HB 2674 – Telemedicine, as amended, would establish the Kansas Telemedicine Act – has been held up due to a non-severability clause for the abortion prohibition. Now part of the Conference Committee Report on HB 2028.
- HB 2688 - Establishing the behavioral health task force to study the behavioral health system in the state of Kansas. No action – the Legislative Mental Health Task Force may be reconvened instead.
- HB 2704 - Seniors and Antipsychotics, Require written consent before administering an antipsychotic meds to adult care home resident. Exempt from deadlines, but no action.
- HB 2745 - Establishing a task force that would draft a transition bill of rights to educate parents and students regarding their rights and resources related to transition services for students receiving special education. Exempt from deadlines but no action.
- HB 2787 - Creating juvenile crisis intervention centers. Exempt from deadlines – this is also a budget item.
- KanCare Delay Legislation: Senate Bill 300 and House Bill would delay KanCare 2.0 - and have significant implications for the current bidding process for the next three years contract with MCOs. On hold.

11:25 a.m. Announcements

11:30 a.m. Adjourn

2018 KMHC Meetings: 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Jan 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, Aug 22, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov TBA, Dec. TBA

Board Meetings: 12 noon quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 28, June 27, Sept. 26, Dec. TBA)

Advocacy Committee Meetings: January - March: Friday teleconferences, Meet after Coalition meetings: January 24, February 28, May 23, August 22, October 24

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