**Kansas Mental Health Coalition**

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

**Agenda**

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**April 27, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.  Welcome and Introductions**     Shereen Ellis, Vice-President

**Minutes of the previous meeting**.   [Read minutes draft.](https://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Minutes%203-30-2022.pdf)

**9:35 a.m. Reports**

**Board of Directors -** met in March. Nominating committee report:

 **Financial Report** – Amy Campbell -

**Advocacy Committee –** Amy Campbell / Mary Jones – Board has suggested moving the date back

   **Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council –** Wes Cole, Chair

  **Big Tent Coalition** - Mike Burgess

   **KanCare Advocates Network** - Sean Gatewood

  **Consumer Programs -** Matt Spezia, P3 / Nancy Jensen – Poetry for Personal Power is sponsoring WRAP training every month. Can also create a training for organizations on your schedule. The cost is paid for Kansas residents through grant scholarship. CCAR trainings are more in depth and less frequent, the next one is at the end of May.

Annual Conference – RFP for Rite of Joy Conference presentations. Have an amazing headliner – we’d love for you to join us as a participant or presenter.

Information Campus is going live – we pay for online lessons and series. Not just mental health topics – contact us to sign up. Can speak to Matt or Andre.

This Thursday is WordPlay Battle League – this is the conclusion of our slam poetry competitions. This is national poetry month. Poetryforpersonalpower.org

Nancy not present.

CAC Recovery Conference is June 7-8.

   **Parity Committee** - Meet May 4 – Rick Cagan reported the committee has also held May 6 in case the Legislature conflicts with May 4. Most of our members have been consumed by activities at the Statehouse. Looking forward to meeting with the Kansas Insurance Department to discuss their targeted market exam – likely not ready by August, but hope to be meeting with them later in the Fall to update on their activities.

Participated in Kancare stakeholder meeting to reiterate our request that parity standards of care be implemented in Kancare 3.0. We have parity requirements in Medicaid now, but are asking that MCOs receive training regarding parity standards of care.

There is another meeting of that Kancare stakeholder group in May. Not sure how that will move forward depending on what is happening at the Legislature related to tying the hands of KDHE for making changes to Medicaid.

   **Suicide Prevention Coalition / 988 Crisis Line** - Monica Kurz – Elected officers and board at the last monthly meeting. So, the steering committee will be handing off governing responsibilities. Will be moving toward having work groups assigned to various tasks. Work groups do not require membership. coalition@ksphq.

Lifeline centers are working to improve answering rates to over 80% for the past four months or so. This is a major emphasis from the investments made for suicide prevention center lifeline planning.

**10:00 a.m.   Agency Update:** **Agency Update:  Drew Adkins, KDADS Behavioral Health Assistant Commissioner**

Andy Brown is at a conference so Drew is standing in to report on CCBHC implementation. I oversee the CCBHC team, Care PASSAR, NFMH Settlement Agreement,

Go live date is May 1. We’ve worked through rate setting wrinkles – we were looking at potentially having to use a $225 cap, but got the go-ahead from the Governor to move on without it.

Wyandotte, Horizons, Central KS, SE KS, ComCare, Four County are ready to go as our first round CCBHCs. We will have a lot of technical assistance work to do. Our main focus is to implement the legislation as passed by the Legislature – which focuses on the community mental health centers, although we are meeting with other entities as requested. Kansas has rolled this out in 10 months, as compared to what has taken 2 years in other states.

We attended the National Council on Mental Wellbeing. Kansas is under a microscope as we are the first state to pass this through state legislation and plan amendment rather than a federal demonstration state.

The transition period includes provisional certification for centers to ramp up their services in a year for staffing and service requirements. We don’t assume that they could be fully equipped on May 1 and we expect the services billing to gradually grow. We have three more centers to incorporate by July.

Allows certification staff to go out and provide feedback through the year.

NFMH Settlement Agreement – KDADS has been working very quickly and comprehensively to respond to the agreement’s eight practice improvements required to meet our improved outcomes. Four NFMHs in Shawnee County working with Valeo to implement and develop list of specialized services and budgeting. Also working on supported employment and supported housing to get funding out the door. We are making good progress but needed a period where we were hiring a lot to fill out most of the team. That is exciting but have had to work hard to get new employees up to speed and moving forward. Will move into other areas of the state in year 2 and 3. Shawnee County is the pilot project. Because we have 10 NFMHs, have 7 CMHCs co-located and we are expecting them to provide specialized services to comply with the agreement.

Sue Lewis – shoutout to Drew and Andy. We’ve been working with Valeo and Breakthrough to develop long term housing and supports. While it won’t be perfectly smooth, we are working to have all of the relationships and structures in place.

Bill Persinger – at some point, if you want a presentation on the work that has been done, we can do that. We have a coordinator hired – been on the job three weeks.

Put the agreement in the chat – we are getting out and about to communicate with people and groups.

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

988 Crisis Hotline Legislation - HB 2281 - Now House Sub for SB 19 ([link](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/measures/sb19/))

Legislative Mega-Budget -  [see spreadsheet](https://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Conference%20Comparison%20of%20Positions%20-%20Budget%20%20%282%29.xlsx)

   Medicaid Reimbursement Increase – 4% for mental health and substance use treatment

   CCBHC mini-grants

   Crisis Intervention Centers

   Suicide Prevention Funding

   State Hospital Improvements and Regional Beds

   Direct Care Worker Increases

   KanCare Contracts Extension / RFP Delay – now CCR HB 2387 – passed House yesterday.

Competency and Restoration Changes - Bill points out the leadership of KDADS has been great on this. LSH staff and Dr. Barnum came out to Shawnee County and provided the services locally to set out the model and there has been a groundswell of activity to improve this service. It is not okay for people to sit in county jails with minimal treatment or medication for them while they wait for necessary competency and restoration services. Sherrie points out that families need a voice in whether or not local attorneys request evaluations. Bill offered to visit with anyone interested about this initiative and recommended people check out Stepping Up Together – a pathway for counties to step up and make this a priority. Shawnee County and several others have been named innovators in this area. Audra Goldsmith is helping counties to engage in increasing mental health services in this area. Could have her come back to talk more about the program.

Kurt Haberkorn – have had two incidents where we couldn’t get people into OSH – had to be arrested and one had attempted suicide. Can’t put an OTO on them because they are discharged before the court date and psych is saying they are competent prior to being engaged in any services.

Sherrie – we’ve received three phone calls this month alone.

Axe the Tax - Food Sales Tax Repeal - Pulled out of committee to House floor debate Tuesday

Redistricting - Wyandotte County Judge rules congressional map unconstitutional

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

    Advisory Panel Recommendations to SPARK Exec: [4-18-22 (includes Health)](https://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/2022.04.18_SPARK-ExCo-Meeting_Advisory%20Panel%20Reports.pdf)  [4-15-22](https://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/2022.04.15_SPARK-ExCo-Meeting_vPost.pdf)

Sports Wagering -

**11:25 a.m.  Announcements**

**11:30 a.m.  Adjourn**

**2022 Schedule:**   Jan 26, ~~Feb 23~~, Mar 30, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, Nov 16, Dec 14

**Board Meetings:** 12 noon quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 30, June 22, Sept. 28, Dec. 14)

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