

# Kansas Mental Health Coalition

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

## Minutes

**May 22, 2019 Monthly Meeting**

**Valeo Behavioral Health Center, basement conference room, 330 SW Oakley, Topeka, KS**

Teleconference access 1-515-606-5187, enter 567518

Meeting room wi-fi: Guest@caccess

### **Introductions and sign-in sheet** Eric Harkness, President

Susan Crain Lewis, MHAH

Stacey Lyddon, NAMI KS

Matt Spezia, P3

Julianna Sellers, P3

Louis Brown, P3

Steve Satterwhite, Netsmart

Steve Solomon, Merging Trends

Shereen, Aetna

Susan Montague, St. Francis Ministries

Sherrie Watkins, JoCoMHC

Steve Devore, Headquarters Inc.

Heather Elliott, ACMHCK

Michelle Ponce, ACMHCK

Dana Schoffelman, Florence Crittenton

Jolee Eckert, Florence Crittenton

Mallory Lutz, BHAK

Stuart Little, BHAK

Bill Persinger, Valeo

Jane Rhys

Mary Jones, MHASCK

Eric Harkness

Amy Campbell

Clayton Dierksen, Cottonwood Springs

On the phone:

Susan Zalenski, J&J

Sherry Hall, P3

David Larson

Mike Burgess, DRC

Asia Owen, P3

Guests

Sean Gatewood, Alliance & KAN

Gary Henault, KDADS

Nomin Ujijedin, Kansas News Service

**Minutes of the previous meeting approved.** Read minutes draft. Motion Steve Solomon, second Matt.

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

**Board Nominations for 2019-2022:** The committee nominates the following directors to renew their positions: Sherrie Vaughn, Colin Thomasset, and Jane Rhys. New director nominations are Monica Kurz and Lewis Brown.

Sherrie Watkins will continue to serve. Sherrie has left Wyandot Inc. and will serve as a representative of Johnson County Mental Health Center.

Nominations from the floor – Shereen Ellis, Aetna Better Health. Sue Lewis motion to accept the slate. Second by Dana Schoffelman. Motion adopted.

**Officer Nominations for 2019-2020:** The committee nominates for Vice President - Mary Jones (2nd term) ; Treasurer - Colin Thomasset (1<sup>st</sup> full term).

2017-2020	2018-2021	2019-2022
Eric Harkness	Bob Chase	Colin Thomasset
Kyle Kessler	Susan Crain Lewis	Dr. Sherrie Vaughn
Dana Schoffelman	Mary Jones	Jane Rhys
	Dave Ranney	Monica Kurz
	Sherrie Watkins	Lewis Brown
		Shereen Ellis

## 9:15 a.m. Reports

**Board of Directors** – Next meeting is in June.

**Financial Report** - Colin Thomasset

**Advocacy Committee –Grassroots Advocacy Network** - Heather Elliott – Advocacy Day will be February 19, 2020. Upcoming Committee meetings are August 28, 2019 and October 23, 2019. New volunteers are welcome!

**Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council** – Stuart Little and Amy Campbell provided legislative reports to the Council at the May 15 meeting.

**Big Tent Coalition** - Jane Rhys and Mike Burgess

**KanCare Advocates Network** - Sean Gatewood

**Alliance for a Healthy Kansas** - Invitation to "Break Down and Bounce Back Tour" Please RSVP now to join us for a recap of the 2019 legislative session and discussion of strategy for 2020, thoughtful conversations with like-minded friends and of course, PIZZA. (Dinner’s on us, so come hungry.)

Prairie Village 5/29 6-7:30 pm at Minsky's Pizza

<http://expandkancare.com/event/break-down-bounce-back-joco-may29/>

Salina 5/30 5:30-7 pm at Old Chicago

<http://expandkancare.com/event/break-down-bounce-back-salina-may30/>

**Consumer Programs** - Juliana – June 17-21 peer recovery coach training in Kansas City Kansas. Have scholarships available. Looking for a location for a training in October. Sherrie Hall shared their desire to collaborate with KDADS to get their training approved for state certification or have their trainers certified with the State’s materials. Right now, the agency program is still in development with WSU. There is a test that must be passed.

Kansas Meaningful Measures meeting last Friday was a good opportunity to provide input to KanCare development.

Pathway to Social Determinants community hubs – leadership meeting was held. This is a way to target funding to peer specialists or community health workers. These hubs conduct needs determination studies and are then paid to target services to those needs. Next step toward getting these developed here is convening an exploratory committee of interested individuals who can help to organize the project.

Held 15 resiliency messaging events across the state.

Attended the Johnson County Mental Health Coalition and visited with the CIT team about how to provide long term support at the community level after CIT.

Attended anti-human trafficking conference.

Lewis Brown shared his experience being involved with Wyandot since 2004 and sometimes being active with SIDE. He shared that getting involved with P3 as an advocate really helped him to shed his isolation and the feeling that his life lacked purpose. Has completed training and is looking forward to mentoring individuals in recovery – has been in recovery for four years. Feeling like he has a voice has been a blessing. Participating in these meetings and events costs money and P3 has been funding this activity.

**Parity Committee** – met in May. Collecting information and communicating with Kansas Insurance Department about the practices of private insurance companies that may violate mental health parity laws.

## 10:20 a.m. Lobbyist Report - Amy Campbell

HB 2066 – Medicaid Expansion – Bill assigned to Senate Public Health. Senator Hensley motion to bring bill out of committee failed by one vote on May 1. There was an effort by a coalition of Democrats and moderate Republicans to force consideration in the full Senate by refusing to vote for the budget bill – Sub for SB 25.

Clubhouse Programs – supplemental FY 19 funding for program and for expansion

Crisis Stabilization Programs – supplemental funding (\$1.9 m) was vetoed by the Governor

Restoring CMHC Mental Health Reform grants - \$5 m

Substance Use Treatment through the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund for the uninsured - \$500,000

Safety Net Clinics

Family First Federal Program – 1/3 1/3 1/3 – MH / SUD / Parent Education

MH Technicians at Larned State Hospital wage increase to line up with Corrections employees

New individuals eligible for SB 123 treatment – Gov = \$1.2 m plus Legislature added \$1.2 for other investment, adding \$8.9 m back into this program

KDHE rate study for MH and SUD services

K-12 Pilot funded for next year. Unspent funds authorized to be carried over and may be used for limited expansion.

Bills Passed:

SB 15 – BSRB Licensed Professions (Social Worker reciprocity), Adult Care Home Licensure Act and Receiverships, Naturopathic Doctors

SB 77 – Requiring DCF Action for Children with Problem Sexual Behaviors

HB 2044 – Tax Credit for Purchases from Businesses that Employ Individuals with Disabilities

HB 2209 – Combined Insurance Items inc. Association Health Plans and Farm Bureau “non-insurance”

HB 2119 – Pharmacists Administer Drug by Injection, Electronic Prescription Orders, Corporate Physicians

HB 2365 – Confidentiality of Peer Support Counseling Sessions for National Guard Members Supported Decision Making – still on general orders in the Senate.

### **11:00 a.m. KDADS Update - Gary Henault, KDADS**

Andy Brown confirmed as Commissioner of Behavioral Health. Charlie Bartlett has taken position as Director of Adult Behavioral Health Services. There will also be a Director of Children’s Behavioral Health Services. We hope to continue to define staff roles in a way to reduce the amount of work each staff person is trying to cover.

Governor did veto the FY 19 supplemental funding for \$1.9 m for adult crisis stabilization – it was looked at very quickly. It is an integral part of diversion from state hospital services. There are internal funding sources to be used to cover that. Andy did have personal conversations with the people involved in those programs.

PRTF wait list is at 183 / 44 child welfare kids – one of the big things happening with them is we are meeting with the MCOs once a month in order to review the kids that are on the list the longest. During these meetings we are able to identify kids who are now in a stable placement who may no longer need the services. Do they continue to meet medical necessity for that placement?

Amy asked – what about the services the kids are receiving. We hear you talk about medical necessity but not about assuring that the kids are receiving needed services.

Some percentage of these kids are not covered by the SED waiver – as reported by the MCO. That is a concern to me. Why are we not exhausting these services before we move to PRTF. The vast majority should have SED waiver services. There might be some who are in treatment

programs (other waivers) that would not allow them to also be on the SED waiver, but the majority should be on the waiver. It shouldn't be looked at as a crisis waiver, but it is a resource we should be looking at to surround them with additional services. I can now see the services the kids are eligible for – in the recent past, that information was not available to me.

Also asking the PRTF why an appropriate bed wasn't found for particular kids who remain on the wait list for months. When a PRTF says they will serve a child when a bed opens, the MCO can't look at alternative beds out of state. So, need to be accountable for when the bed will be available.

The 183 number is higher – partially due to some issues relating to where their coverage lies. Some are actually covered by private pay such as Blue Cross. The Aetna list wasn't quite right.

Dana shared that sometimes kids leave the waiver. Maybe they left because they had a conflict with the provider and went to a private provider, or maybe they didn't continue to utilize the services or refused the services that were available.

Steve Solomon suggested there is more of a systemic problem. Have seen a report that some kids who qualify for PRTF admission are receiving no services.

Gary said there is a draft report from the National Research Institute about these kids and the data surrounding what they do or do not receive and what they do or do not need.

28 additional beds have been approved. Could be as many as 42 if all who have expressed an interest apply for approval.

Want to look at admission criteria and continued stay criteria. Want to look at things like – just because a kid is doing okay for a week, does that mean he is ready for discharge or does it mean he is responding well to the care?

- Talked about the K-12 Pilot Program - importance of being in the schools where the child is and where the parents go.
- Peer Support Specialist Training – agency plans to get online training in place and then supervised training.

### **11:25 a.m. Announcements**

**ACMHCK Conference** will feature Patrick Kennedy September 11-13.

**Drug Endangered Children's Association** – one day conference re: forming coalitions in June.

**Headquarters Inc.** – relocating and will be able to provide online chat services. Celebrating our 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary this year.

Steve Christenberry – Nancy Crego is semi-retiring after 36 years from FSGC. Retirement reception tomorrow but she will continue to work with young children part time.

### **11:30 a.m. Adjourn**

#### **2019 Schedule:**

**Mental Health Advocacy Day:** February 19, 2020

**2019 KMHC Meetings:** 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Jan 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov 27, Dec. 18

**Board Meetings:** 12 noon quarterly the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays (March 27, June 26, Sept. 25, Dec. 18)

**Advocacy Committee Meetings:** January - March: Friday teleconferences, Meet after Coalition meetings: January 23, February 27, April 24, May 22, August 28, October 23

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