

Kansas Mental Health Coalition

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

Minutes

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September 23, 2020 Monthly Meeting *Teleconference access only.*

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

Mary Jones, MHASCK

Matt Spezia, P3

Jessie Kaye, Prairie View

Kevin McGuire, JoCoMHC

Heather Richardson, ACMHCK

Marcia Epstein

Jenna Gross, Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ

Sean Gatewood

Gita Himire

Becky Fast, KASW

Jolie Eckert, Florence Crittenden

Kyle Kessler, ACMHCK

Dana Schoffelman

Stuart Little, BHAK

Doug Bowman, KDADS

Juliana Sellers, P3

Jane Rhys

Sue Lewis

Susan Montague

Bob Chase

Lisa Baker

Brad Chapin

Emily Jensen

Monica Kers

Minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Matt S. motioned to approved; second by Jessie Kaye. Approved.

9:45 a.m. Reports

Board of Directors – Cancelled due to Amy’s leave

Financial Report – Not available

Advocacy Committee –Grassroots Advocacy Network - Committee meets by Zoom following the Coalition at noon. Have you ever thought of getting more active with the Coalition? Please volunteer for Advocacy Committee. The next Advocacy Day at the Capitol is scheduled for February 17, 2020.

Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council – Doug Bowman reported that the meeting was occurring concurrently to this one. It is a busy time as they are working on interim committee, CARES act monies. Marcia Epstein asked about KDADS funding for the zero suicide. Doug reported that they are involved in discussions and working on delivery plan for services.

Big Tent Coalition - Mike Burgess-No report

KanCare Advocates Network – Will host a candidate questionnaire including on mental health topics. The Alliance is beginning its roadshow and asked that KMHC pushes out info to membership. A question was presented about the viability of Medicaid Expansion next session. Sean noted that there will be votes in Chamber to pass but there are still leaders who seems immovable on the topic.

Consumer Programs – Matt Spezia, Poetry for Personal Power, reported that there is a course available (free and online for peers)

Story Circles will continue into November. These are incredible wellness tool.

They have been attending several national conferences lately and are working on developing own conference.

Matt announced hay the 1st week in September P3 was recognized with the 2020 Community Service Award from National Spoken Word.

Parity Committee No report.

Peer Certification - working committee - Mary Jones – no update.

10:30 a.m. Lobbyist ReportAmy Campbell: No report but directed to handouts in agenda.

Announcements –

Michelle Ponce from the ACMHC presented data collected on the second annual public opinion poll for on Behavioral Health. The data suggests that mental health is a priority among Kansans. The data could potentially be used in working with legislators. Report to be sent to Coalition.

Lisa Baker asked questions about the KDHE website and how to ensure that resources for mental health are there. Michelle Ponce and Mary Jones discussed that input could be given by our groups to elp with that section.

10:21 a.m. Adjourn motion by Sue Lewis, second Matt Spezia.

2020 Schedule:

Mental Health Advocacy Day: 2021

KMHC Meetings: 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 16

Board Meetings: 12 noon quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 25, June 24, Sept. 23, Dec. 16)

Advocacy Committee Meetings: January - March: Friday teleconferences from December through Adv. Day, Meet after Coalition meetings: January 22, ~~February 26~~, April 22, May 27, August 26, October 28

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