

Kansas Mental Health Coalition
Speaking with one voice to meet critical needs of people with mental illness.

KMHC BOARD MINUTES

December 13, 2017 Valeo Behavioral Health Center - 330 SW Oakley, Topeka, KS

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Sue Lewis, presiding

- Approve Minutes [Read Minutes](#)

Old Business:

- Policies and Procedures - Elections - Sue Lewis Two items might need bylaws amendments.
 1. Should KMHC allow online voting? Suggestions include allowing it for items that need to be handled in an expedited manner (not voting people off the board or other structural changes).
 2. Should KMHC reduce the maximum number of board members from 25 to 15?
- Approved HEPI Grant objectives as adopted by Executive Committee – Rhys motion, Cizek second.
- HEPI Communications and Reporting Policies – Lewis distributed 3 documents:
 1. GAN Goals, Principles & Key Messages –
 1. Would be a policy change to make GAN members into KMHC members.
 2. Strike term “GAN members” and replace with district advocates – without question the advocacy network is a function of the Coalition and under its umbrella. *To say that they are members is problematic. Don’t know how we would implement that. Would they be a complimentary member? Idea anticipates that individuals would pay dues or apply for comp membership.*
 3. Could create a district advocate membership? \$12 or \$24 – *no final consideration*
 4. Concept – what is our overall goal? Some consider us a coalition of organizations v. coalition of individuals. On the other hand, the Coalition has always had individual memberships. Many of our strongest and most devoted members have been individuals.
 5. We have a grant to grow the GAN. As KMHC, we need to be clear about how they join.
 6. Rick – motion to table back to committee, second by Chase
 7. Friendly amendment accepted - Edits from NAMI to be returned to Sue by January 15. Sue can forward to the executive committee and convene discussion. Sue may call a Board teleconference meeting to make the decision if anything needs to be decided before the March meeting.
 2. GAN/KMHC Member Recruitment document for review. Will need updated once decision is made about district advocates and membership.
 3. GAN/KMHC Member Database Maintenance document for review. Will need to be updated.

Further discussion – how will current district advocates be changed to membership?

Dana – we want to honor people’s ability to participate and provide input, but we want to balance that with the question of forcing membership on volunteers that did not anticipate that level of commitment.

Amy – send the HEPI grant information.

New Business:

- Approved Treasurer’s report - Andy Brown – Cizek motion, Harkness second.

- Approve 2018 Annual Budget - Approved as amended. Reduced corporate dues projection and reduced professional contract.
- Accept Treasurer's Resignation, Appoint New Treasurer Sue Lewis nominated Meghan Cizek, second Cagan. Thank you to Andy Brown for all of his volunteer work. He is now working for KDADS.
- 2018 Legislature -
 1. Mental Health Caucus – sponsor one lunch.
 2. Recognition for Reps. Landwehr and Ballard – hope to find a way to do this during the session.
- Advocacy Day - schedule and volunteers
- **Schedule - Future meeting guests and topics**
 - o Substance Use Prevention Contracts: Sarah Fischer, Randy Johnson, Sandra Dixon
 - State Hospitals Recertification / Moratorium / Privatization
 - Legislation – many topics may emerge from MH Task Force Report
 - o Social Security Administration Demonstration Project – start in September to work with people who have been denied SSDI, would work with program and a nurse to manage their health in order to prevent future SSDI determination – have an overview
 - o Rich Minder – Kansas Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
 - o Ira Stamm – Affordable Care Act topic
 - o Federal update on budget and ACA

📅 **2018 Schedule: Mental Health Advocacy Day:** March 13, 2018

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)

Board Members

2015-2018	2016-2019	2017-2019
Andy Brown	Jane Adams	Eric Harkness
Susan Crain Lewis	Rick Cagan	Kyle Kessler
Bob Chase	Walt Hill	Dana Schoffelman
Mary Jones	Bill Persinger	Megan Cizek
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