

Kansas Mental Health Coalition Board of Directors

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

Board Minutes

December 16, 2015

Valeo Behavioral Health Center, 330 SW Oakley, Topeka, KS

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Sue Lewis, presiding - Harkness, Cagan, Westerlund, Schneider, Feinstein, Elsbury (on the phone)

- **Approved September Minutes** [See Minutes](#)

Old Business: KMHC will apply for Kansas Health Foundation grant for advocacy. RFP is likely to be out in February. This could allow KMHC to have staffing in addition to the voluntary services of interns. Motion passed as offered by Sue Lewis, second Eric Harkness.

Sue will follow program announcements and meet with Foundation staff to be sure we are prepared to respond at the appropriate time.

Review KMHC policies and procedures at the March Board Meeting.

Add the names of Board members to the printed Board agenda to aid with tracking attendance.

Consult ACMHCK about CMHC board members and participation / nominations?

New Business:

- **Advocacy Committee Recommendations** – Recommendations include offering additional teacher training, need staffing assistance in addition to volunteer services of interns and students for Advocacy Day. Seeking reliable administrative contracting for support to the grassroots advocacy network including training and regular communications. Will host another training event on the day before Mental Health Advocacy Day.

- Nominating Committee: President will contact and appoint nominating committee to report in March.

- **2016 Schedule - Future meeting guests and topics**

KS Dept. of Corrections: Randy Bowman, Juvenile Justice Reform and the Pew Charitable Trusts Report (Benet Magnuson)

KDADS Interim Secretary Tim Keck, Commissioner Bill Rein – State Mental Health Hospitals, State Medicaid Plan

Kim Richter, KU Med, Tobacco Cessation Plans

Insurance Commissioner Ken Selzer

- **Amended proposed 2016 KMHC Meetings schedule: 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.** Jan 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, Aug 24, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov 16, ~~Dec. 21~~
Dec 14

- **Board Meetings:** 12 noon quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 23, ~~July 27~~ **June 22**, Sept. 28, Dec. 21)

Do not need to postpone June board meeting to July in 2016.

Reports:

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