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| **Kansas Mental Health Coalition**  ***Speaking with one voice to meet critical needs of people with mental illness.***  **Minutes**  Click on underlined items for web links.  **June 24, 2020   Monthly Meeting**  **Due to safety considerations related to COVID-19, KMHC will meet by teleconference**  **9:30 a.m.  Introductions and sign-in sheet**    Mary Jones, President  **Minutes of the previous meeting**.   [Read minutes](https://KansasMentalHealthCoalition.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Minutes%205-27-2020%20saved.pdf)  **9:45 a.m. Reports**  **Board of Directors –** Meet following the Coalition meeting.  **Financial Report** – Amy Campbell        Please log in to the website to pay your dues!  **Advocacy Committee –Grassroots Advocacy Network** **-** Have you ever thought of getting more active with the Coalition?  Please volunteer for Advocacy Committee. Advocacy Day will be February 17. Advocacy Committee organizes this event and  Lisa Baker is interested in participating.  **Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council –** This is the time of year that the subcommittee provide their annual reports to KDADS. They are working to finish them by mid-July.  **Big Tent Coalition** - Mike Burgess – meets monthly and covers disability issues. The current meetings are mostly about COVID-19 issues.  **KanCare Advocates Network** – Amy Campbell – Medicaid Expansion virtual events will be scheduled throughout the summer. Convening a Olmstead Working Group to move forward to establish a state Olmstead Plan with the participation of KDADS.  **Consumer Programs – Matt Spezia, P3, if you participated in the level 1 peer support on the KDADS website, there is now a level 2. Compiling a list of the additional trainings that are occurring, such as WRAP – wellness recovery action planning – this is a plan development tool for people in recovery. P3 new website is now functionaland encouraging engagement. P3 has technical assistance available to those who need help with Zoom and digital tools. The public activism that we are seeing across the country is directly in line with the objectives of P3 and our social justice beliefs. Please be engaged and reach out to us if we can help. We are hosting Story Circle trainings to work with people in developing their stories as a tool for recovery and helping others. Next event is July 11.**  **Parity Committee** - Amy Campbell – Committee will meet with the Insurance Commissioner in August. There are tools available from other states that are being used to review insurance plans to see if parity requirements are being met. Will be further discussing with KID at this meeting. The Committee continues to look for letters from insurance policy holders and providers describing the barriers to insurance reimbursement or prior authorization for behavioral health treatment.  **Peer Certification** - working committee - Mary Jones  **10:00 a.m.   Programs Update – Telemedicine – stakeholders teleconferences with KDADS and KDHE**  **Amy reviewed recent stakeholder meetings gathering input regarding the use of telehealth by phone and by video for the delivery of mental health and substance use treatment. While telehealth authorization has been extended, the State is working to be prepared for the time when CMS may ask states to reduce the utilization of telehealth or change the way it is provided. At this point, participants have been encouraging the extension of telehealth options, offering choice to families, utilizing current outcomes as expected in traditional service delivery, and providing training to families and providers for maximizing the effective use of telehealth. There are needs for stronger digital broadband / internet services, providing phones or tablets with digital connectivity and video capabilities, and basic reimbursement for the investments made across the state to stand up these services within a short time. We do not know what direction the federal government might choose.**  **Members reported that Kim Nelson (regional HHS) has been asking for feedback.**  **Susan Montague -substance use – women’s group has been very active, higher attendance. Better connection rate than in person. May be true that compliance is more difficult to check, but maybe the combination of services is effective. Not a big proponent of screens. With good relationships, people will often tell on themselves. Had stopped in home visits, swabs, etc.**  **Some teenagers have been more concerned about video, afraid of being recorded.**  **Another factor is community corrections shutting down, clients with legal pressures were less likely to participate. When courts started up again, there were lots of phone calls from those needing to re-engage in order to meet requirements for court ordered substance use treatment.**  **Are swabs / tests only for those ordered by court? No, some programs do it for voluntary treatment – depends on the agency perspective.**  **Teenagers typically will tell on themselves once they have a connection with their counselor, and there are symptoms/movements that are visible in televideo. Can work through a harm reduction model in order to keep them engaged and moving forward. Other programs may have the all or none approach.**  **R**etainer payments for CDDOs – the idea of providing supplemental income to DD providers through Medicaid was discussed at the KanCare Oversight Committee with some pushback from legislators. There is apparently some concern from MCOs that they might be required to “double pay” providers.  **10:15 a.m.**   **Lobbyist Report**    Amy Campbell  Emergency State Funding Process - SPARK  Bob Bethell KanCare Oversight Committee June 22-23 - [Agenda](http://kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/committees/ctte_jt_robert_g_bob_bethell_joint_committee_1/documents/agenda/weeklyinterim/20200622.pdf) - will try to make the agency handouts available when possible. There were significant updates from the agencies with lots of information about how they are addressing COVID-19. **R**etainer payments for CDDOs – the idea of providing supplemental income to DD providers through Medicaid was discussed at the KanCare Oversight Committee with some pushback from legislators. There is apparently some concern from MCOs that they might be required to “double pay” providers. The agenda was extensive.  Legislative Interim Committee on Mental Health    <http://www.kslegresearch.org/KLRD-web/Committees/2020InterimDocs/Approved-2020-interim-docs-sp-cmtes.pdf>  Legislative Interim Committee on Foster Care Oversight  Election Year Discussion  2020 Budget Legislation - <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/documents/ccrb_sb66_01_0000.pdf>  While the Legislature did approve a number of new programs and funding, they did not use their special session to address forecasted budget shortages caused by the pandemic. This leaves the responsibility for cutting the budget to the Governor and we can expect to see reductions, particularly to new programs.  **11:00 a.m.   KDADS Update - Charles Bartlett – KDADS is still mostly working from home. Some are in the office. Will continue into July. There will be some public access to the building in July. Agency hired a grant coordinator for COVID-19 emergency funds for uninsured in hotspot regions. As hotspots change, the funding can be spent in other areas. Also working to start on FEMA teams in 9 CMHCs – non-licensed counselors / case managers will work with individuals in the community who need help to connect to services.**  KDADS will hire for SUD support position to work with Cissy who administers the block grant.  Working to finalize grants and contracts – establishing new grants and contracts due to the new administration. There is a bottleneck at the Department of Administration but are hopeful they can implement them in a timely manner for the new fiscal year.  Sue – peer support billing codes?  Working with Fran Seymour-Hunter. Likely to keep the same two codes but open them up. Expect to complete in July for system approval. Still in process.  Working with CI at Wichita State for our peer training work. The Level 1 Certified Peer Specialist training is online. Level 2 CPS is not a digital training. However, the agency has completed two through Zoom training, where the participants exhibit their knowledge. There is a supervisor training online.  Just received curriculum for Level 1 Certified Peer Mentor to be online hopefully by July.  In process to work on Parent Support Level 1 online training. Level 2 with have to be in person. Will work in line with SOR grants.  Sue and Amy congratulated Charlie for getting these in place – have been talking about them for years.  GBHSPC – not having live meetings is a challenge, but there was a call in May and the executive committee has been meeting by phone. Expect to have a full Council meeting by Zoom soon. Will introduce some new members. Appointments office is still processing a couple of nominations. The subcommittees held a joint meeting earlier this spring, and they are working remotely to compile their annual recommendations due to the Secretary in August. The Secretary is asking for specific recommendations with budget needs attached in order to easily convert to budget requests.  Haven’t heard anything yet about budget reductions, but are supposed to be working with level funding at this point and not seeing increases at this point.  **11:25 a.m.  Announcements**  **11:30 a.m.  Adjourn**  **2020 Schedule:**  **Mental Health Advocacy Day:** February 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  For more information, contact: Kansas Mental Health Coalition  c/o Amy A. Campbell, Lobbyist, P.O. Box 4103, Topeka, KS 66604  785-969-1617    [campbell525@sbcglobal.net](mailto:campbell525@sbcglobal.net) |