

Kansas Mental Health Coalition

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

Minutes Draft

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September 22, 2021

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

Minutes of the previous meeting. [Read minutes](#)

9:45 a.m. Reports

Board of Directors - Meet at 11:45 a.m. next Wednesday.

Financial Report – Amy Campbell - Dues are due now. Please log in to the website to renew membership.

Advocacy Committee –Grassroots Advocacy Network – First meeting to develop plans and establish chair/co-chairs. Welcome anyone who is willing to help with organizing Advocacy Day and reaching out for sponsors and exhibitors. Advocacy Day will be February 22, 2022.

Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council – Wes Cole, Chair

Big Tent Coalition - Mike Burgess

KanCare Advocates Network - Sean Gatewood - Stronger Together Policy Planning Retreat November 18 Alliance for a Healthy Kansas Coalition Retreat Sept 29

Consumer Programs - Matt Spezia, P3

Parity Committee - Amy Campbell

Kansas Suicide Prevention Coalition - launch meeting held Sept 21

10:00 a.m. 988 Advisory Council Update - Kelly Amos – Council is working

For this to be successful, this will depend on the crisis centers and we are glad they are all at the table. They are working on their answer rates. It is a work in progress as they will be working on follow up. This planning grant will end on September 30.

Some interest in working on terminology to assure that the language around National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the new call centers are distinct and different than the call answering that has been supplied by Headquarters volunteers to date.

This plan will be taken by new positions under Laura Brake, KDADS crisis coordinator, to make some key decisions how the plan will move forward. This group will be wrapping up initial recommendations and agency staff will be moving into implementation.

10:20 a.m. Member Focus: NAMI Kansas Action - Zero Suicide, 3 Days 2 Impact, Justice Assistance Grant Application, and more – Sherrie Vaughn and Ryan Reza –

Implemented NAMI Provider – four hour seminars each month geared to professionals in the field. Trained 170 professionals and have 40 finishing this Thursday. There are two additional trainings in October and December. Sign up at the website.

Monthly NAMI Smarts for Advocacy – Includes three 2 hour modules for legislative advocacy training.

KDHE Kansas Zero Suicide Initiative – co-chairs Sherrie Vaughn and Monica Kurz – 3 Days 2 Impact Event for Kansas Suicide Prevention Month in September. This was a three day documentary event last week. Online and social media turnout was great, reaching nearly 18,000 people with around 6000 views of the videos.

Working with KDADS on the Assisted Outpatient Treatment program. Partnering with 5 CMHCs in targeted counties and NAMI Kansas affiliates and CROs. Trainings webinars and meetings are occurring along with KDADS

Statewide Consumer Network Grant – includes multiple goals relating increasing participation and voice of people with SMI. Increasing program leaders for peer programs and state trainers for those peer programs. Get the peer voice at decision making tables to participate in those decision along with those who work in the field. Partnering and collaborating with the work that Audra Goldberg at KDADS is doing with the STEPPING UP initiative.

988 – Working with partners in the state and nationally to formulate 2022 response on behalf of passing legislative policies for 988.

Pilot an Office at Hand Platform with ATT to create a more seamless response to calls that our office and affiliates receive. Have lots of expansion efforts at hand, including expanding the NAMI footprint across Kansas. NAMI Hays is becoming NAMI Golden Plains to expand beyond Hays. Southwest support group, Northwest support group working to become Model B Affiliates. Recent traction in Barton County area for potential support group there.

Justice Assistance Grant pending for peer support and suicide reduction in Kansas jails. Includes commitments with seven sheriffs for NAMI connections services to be provided within those jails. Includes commitments with three correctional facilities for NAMI connections and peer to peer services.

Our mantra is “what is the next right thing” that we can do! Please comment and share our posts to help get the information to those who need it!

10:45 a.m. Lobbyist Report Amy Campbell

Legislative Actions and Interim Committees

SPARK changes planned workgroups, recommends \$50 million for Hospitals workforce

Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight - Sept 22-23

Legislative Budget Committee – Sept 28

Special Committee on Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform - Sept 28 – Work groups will begin meeting.

Legislature will fight federal vaccine mandate with a Special Committee on Government Overreach

11:00 a.m. Discussion of the process for consensus priorities.

Create a proposal using the sample issue paper linked here. Then contact Mary or Amy to reserve a place on the agenda to present your issue to the membership for consideration at the October or November meeting.

11:25 a.m. Announcements

Nominations open for KMHC Member of the Year - [application linked here.](#)

Tobacco Cessation - On the afternoons of December 15th and 16th, a number of Kansas organizations will be hosting a virtual Kansas Strategy Session for Tobacco Recovery with support from SAMHSA. One objective is to identify leadership and commitments to address the continuity of work related to the Kansas Health Foundation's Tobacco Recovery Initiative, including NAMI Kansas' Behavioral Health Tobacco Project. We will also focus on implementing objectives in the Kansas Tobacco Control Strategic Plan for 2021-2025. This is an invitation-only event and would like to have KMHC represented by both Amy and Mary along with other key provider, peer, and advocacy organizations who are focused on tobacco treatment and tobacco control measures. Please reach out if you would like more information. cessation@namikansas.org.

KPC Conference registration is open - KPC Conference: <https://kansaspreventioncollaborative.org/conference/> Kansas Prevention Conference is also supporting a statewide campaign for Suicide Awareness Month: <https://knowmoreks.org/2021-suicide-prevention-campaign/>

Kansas Suicide Prevention Coalition - launch meeting held Sept 21. Next Meeting: October 19th @ 3:00 p.m. Email coalition@ksphq.org to get your direct invitation.

11:30 a.m. Adjourn

2021 Schedule: Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, Sept 22, Oct 27, Nov 17, Dec 15

Mental Health Advocacy Day - Virtual Event: February 17 - 24, 2021

Board Meetings: 12 noon quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 24, June 23, Sept. 22, Dec. 15)

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