**Kansas Mental Health Coalition**

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

**Minutes**

**December 14, 2016   Monthly Meeting**

**Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66605**

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**Introductions and sign-in sheet**           Susan Lewis, President

Representatives of Amerihealth Caritas attended today. They are looking at bidding to be an MCO contractor for Kancare – Kansas Medicaid program.

**Financial Report** adopted.          Andy Brown, Treasurer Will have net loss for the year of about $3000. Distributed December financial report.

Please renew your membership at [KMHC website](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/).  First, log in, select your membership renewal and the site will generate an invoice to pay by check.  Contact Amy if you have questions.

**Minutes of the previous meeting**.   Postponed.

**9:15 a.m. Reports**

**Board of Directors -**  Meets following this meeting in this room.

Will be discussing 2017 budget, increasing dues, changing teleconferencing option, and the memorandum of understanding for the Kansas Health Foundation grant.

  **Advocacy Committee –Grassroots Advocacy Network** **–** Advocacy Day will be March 15. Members are working on issue papers.

**Kansas Leadership Center Training Grant** – distributed description of the training program. KMHC has five scholarship training slots to fill. KMHC members who are interested in participating should contact Amy or Susan.

**Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council –** Wes Cole was not present.

**Mental Health Medication Advisory Committee -** Amy Campbell

**Alliance for a Healthy Kansas** - Amy Campbell - December 13

Big Tent Coalition Retreat tomorrow at Oxford Center, 408 SW Jackson – rsvp with [Stephanie@drckansas.org](mailto:Stephanie@drckansas.org) Will be planning their policy agenda.

**9:45 a.m.**   **Approve the 2017 KMHC Consensus Recommendations** - 2016 process for updates and amendment.  Please draft an issue paper for the topic that you would like to see included in the Coalition's October or November agenda.   Linked here: [sample issue paper format.doc](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/sample%20issue%20paper%20format.doc)

**Mental Health 2020 and ACMHCK Policy Agenda -**

**Nick recommends inserting voluntary into language about community based stabilization and treatment services. Kyle doesn’t have a problem with the suggestion, the current crisis facilities do not treat involuntary patients. Bill suggests the only time it would occur is if someone is waiting for an open state hospital bed after court proceedings have occurred.**

**Lynn Lemke motion to approve Mental Health 2020 as a piece of the KMHC policy recommendations. Jane Adams second. Reflect in the record that we understand that the community based crisis stabilization and treatment services recommended for investment are voluntary services. Public Policy Agenda adopted. Bill Persinger and Nick Reinecker abstained.**

**Note: There is a 24 bed facility for people 50 years and older opening in Topeka.**

**Advance Psychiatric Directives – Mike Burgess, Disability Rights Center – several members met to discuss the concept. General consensus to seek something similar to the Virginia statute, which is not psychiatric specific but more accessible and disability oriented than the current Kansas law. The group will pursue more research and detail for KMHC to consider statutory language proposal.**

**Addictions Treatment Platform – Stuart Little –**

**1. Increase Funding and oppose any additional budget reductions to alcohol and drug prevention and treatment.**

**2. Maintain integrity of addiction counselor licensure act.**

**3. Allow deemed status (similar to 2016 CMHC statute) Allows facilities who have achieved a national accreditation to bypass state inspection and accreditation. Still allows specific necessary state authority.**

**4. Support public safety components of substance use disorder treatment to avoid higher correctional costs**

* + **Sustain funding for 3rd and subsequent DUI offender treatment program**
  + **Preserve SB 123 system in current form – treatment instead of incarceration**
  + **Fund and expand community corrections treatment funding – HB 2170**

**5. Preserve the statutory use for the Problem Gambling and Addictions Grant Fund and support KDADS Strategic Plan recommendations for its use**

6. Support KanCare Expansion

7. Oppose legalization of marijuana

8. Replace inefficient and high-risk data system (Kansas Client Placement Criteria)

9. Repeal alcohol exclusion law

10. Support crisis intervention legislation (EOT Legislation)

11. Amend student data privacy law to allow the student data privacy law (Communities That Care survey)

Eric, Nick, Sue – do not have consensus on #7

Sue – do not have consensus on #10 Mike is optimistic that the Judicial Council will bring something forward regarding the Emergency Observation and Treatment issue that the Coalition might be able to

Jane – Keys for Networking does not support #11. Current law is an opt-in.

Lynn – current law says a child can get substance abuse treatment without a parent’s consent at 14 years of age. It also says a provider can’t share treatment information for a child of 14 with a parent against the child’s will. Can’t provide a parent with the child’s substance use history.

Stuart – the issue is a problem for providers who use the data for outcomes reporting for federal funding. The legislation was passed in 2014 says that if you collect individually identifiable data, you have to get parent opt-in. So, Greenbush stopped doing the survey because school districts wouldn’t administer it because of fear of getting sued even though it provides aggregate data and not individual identifiable data.

Andy – this is a problem for many reasons. Affects Kansas groups’ ability to obtain grant funding.

Kyle – strength of the Coalition is the diversity of its membership. It is good that we bring a variety of issues to the table for discussion and it is healthy that we choose to join together to support some things and not others. One of the things that keeps me up at night relates to the issue of child suicide.

Nick – table the document.

Amy points out that #1, #5, #6 and #9 are already a part of the KMHC Consensus Agenda.

Rick – what will occur between now and January to allow us to move forward on these positions?

Please reach out to Stuart between now and January if you need more information in order to proceed with any of the KAAP recommendations.

**10:30 a.m. Legislative Update - Amy Campbell**

Legislative Interim Committees -

Special Committee on Larned and Osawatomie State Hospitals meets December 19-20 (Testimony due December 15)

Special Committee on Public Health Boards meets December 6 and 14 (Testimony due December 12)

Special Committee on Step Therapy topics not on the calendar.

Adult Continuum of Care Report expected to be final in January.

Leadership Elections Report

Federal 21st Century Cures Bill passed. Includes pieces of important behavioral health legislation including the Murphy Bill

**11:00 a.m.  KDADS Update -**

RFP for Privatizing Osawatomie State Hospital due end of December. There was a bidder meeting November 29. The agency is hoping for numerous applicants. If the agency chooses to follow up any proposal, will need to gain approval from the 2017 Legislature.

2017 KMHC Meetings: 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Jan. 25, Feb 22, Mar 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug 23, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 15, Dec 13

**11:25 a.m. Announcements**

**11:30 a.m. Adjourn**

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