**Kansas Mental Health Coalition**

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

**KMHC BOARD MINUTES**

**March 28, 2018       Valeo Behavioral Health Center - 330 SW Oakley, Topeka, KS**

**Sue Lewis, Eric Harkness, Meghan Cizek, Mary Jones, Bob Chase, Rick Cagan, Jane Rhys, Dana Schoffelman present. Heather Elliott, Andy Martin, and Amy Campbell also attending.**

**11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Sue Lewis, presiding**

* **Approved Minutes** [Read Minutes](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/Minutes%20Board%2012-13-17.pdf) **Cagan motion, Cizek second.**

**Old Business:**

* Policies and Procedures - Elections - Sue Lewis
  + Motion to amend bylaws at the Annual Meeting by changing the number of board members to minimum of 9 and maximum of 15.
* Health Equity Partnership Initiative Report - Andy Martin
  + Appointed hoc committee to develop plan to expand network capacity/resources/staff. Sustainability plan due in September. Andy Martin, Susan Lewis, Meghan Cizek, Mary Jones, Lynn Kohr (if she is available)
  + Extended discussion about expanding the network, where we have gaps, how to interest people in participating. People need to hear what is does for them. Balance with advocating Coalition positions.
  + Need to engage Advocacy Committee and general membership in this same discussion.
  + One of the things we achieved this quarter is the new advocacy tool. There has not been much success with getting the advocates to document their legislative meetings on that tool. Believe that a legislative action alert will help to get those folks into it.

**New Business:**

* Accept President's Resignation / Intent not to stand for re-election – Susan will continue to be a member, but must not stand for re-election – her board has asked her to reduce her time commitment here.
* Accept Jane Adams’ resignation from the Board.
* Accept Patrick Yancey’s resignation from the Board. His organization did not renew membership.
* Nominations Committee: Rick and Bob volunteered. Looks like we could use 1 or 2 additional board members, would like to achieve more diversity. Need to contact Walt Hill to see if he is interested in continuing. Lewis, Jones and Chase are up for election. Lewis will have to check with her Board. Jones and Chase are willing to stand for election. Should reach out to Becky Fast to see if she is willing. (Fast should not have been on the list on the agenda – web system inserted her name as she replaced Sky Westerlund as the KNASW representative on the Coalition.)
* Mental Health Caucus Report – 27 legislators attended the second meeting. The next meeting is on Monday.
  + Monday’s topic includes MH Task Force – topics relating to drawing down more federal funding, Amy has been asked to speak
  + Dana noted that the new Michelle Moore-Kearney, Social Work chair at KU is looking at Families First / 4E funding opportunities to draw down additional federal dollars. Might be a good guest speaker
* Bylaws Amendments:  Membership Classes Allowed to Block Consensus
  + Rick interested in possibly allowing blocking consensus only by organizational members
  + Amy talked about how consensus has been reached by a vote in the past by various other actions, options for addressing the opposition presented most recently
  + Susan concerned about second class memberships
  + Could be a policy to trigger a vote when there is a minority holding up policy development
  + Possible – consensus would be first objective.

**2018 Schedule - Future meeting guests and topics**

**Meeting Dates:  Select dates: Nov 28 and Dec. 12**

* Plans for regional crisis beds / facilities, crisis intervention centers, regional inpatient beds
* KU – plans for EPA building and psychiatric inpatient bed expansion
* Substance Use Prevention Contracts:  Sarah Fischer, Randy Johnson, Sandra Dixon
* 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 – MHA of SCK
* Rich Minder – Kansas Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
* Federal update on budget and ACA

Susan thanks the board members for their service. She will not be attending the June Board Meeting. Cizek and Harkness will also be unable to attend.

**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)

**Advocacy Committee Meetings:**   January - March: Friday teleconferences, Meet after Coalition meetings: January 24, February 28, April 25, May 23, August 22, October 24

**Reports:**

Board Members

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| 2015-2018 | 2016-2019 | 2017-2020 |
|  | Jane Adams | Eric Harkness |
| Susan Crain Lewis | Rick Cagan | Kyle Kessler |
| Becky Fast | Walt Hill | Dana Schoffelman |
| Mary Jones | Bill Persinger | Megan Cizek |
| Bob Chase | Jane Rhys |  |
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