**Kansas Mental Health Coalition**

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

**KMHC BOARD MINUTES**

**September 27 2017  Valeo Behavioral Health Center - 330 SW Oakley, Topeka, KS**

teleconference access 1-515-739-1285, enter  567518 Meeting room wi-fi: Guest@ccess

**11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Sue Lewis, presiding**

**Rick Cagan, Steve Feinstein, Andy Brown, Bob Chase, Mary Jones, Dana Schoffelman, Jane Rhys, Megan Cizhek, Amy Campbell**

**On the phone: Nick Reinecker, Corinna West**

* **Approved Minutes**[**Read Minutes**](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/Board%20minutes%206-28-17.docx) **motion Cizhek, second Rhys**
* **Treasurer's Update - Andy Brown – Wild Apricot contract is ending this month. Will begin having a monthly payment. Teleconference savings should cover those costs this year, but we need to think about how we will cover that next year. Also, we need to begin having budget committee meetings to develop 2018 budget. Volunteers include Bob Chase, Sue Lewis. Last year, the board approved a very tight budget and we will be very close to our year-end. Advocacy Day early payments will help with that, but we need that money for 2018 Advocacy Day. Sue has received a check from Health Care Foundation. J&J usually pays before year-end as well. We need to push to have members renew in January and not March. We have around 95 members now. Haven’t proposed an increase to Amy’s contract for a number of years. Majority of expenses should remain the same.**

**Dana asked about strategic opportunities for Board members to invite organizations to rejoin or to join. Reviewed the treasurer’s report for the list of paid members.**

**There is some splintering going on between individual advocates and professional members. The meeting agenda tends to be occupied by provider issues. Rick suggested that every organization has the opportunity to bring forward individual members for participation.**

**Will plan to approve budget at December Board meeting.**

**Corinna – would like to see KMHC deal with living wages for clients, proactive resilience overall health agenda.**

**Old Business:**

* **Policies and Procedures Review - Sue Lewis – Sue is reviewing these and creating calendar. Member participation – every member is entitled to vote.**
* **Legislative Awards Update - Amy Campbell – Support Wichita event? Discussed hosting separate events. Amy will work to set up something before the end of the year. Could end up a January event.**

**New Business:**

* **Health Equity Partnership Initiative Report and Objectives - Andy Martin – Seven year 1 objectives have been completed. We are about 50% finished with adding numbers to our Grassroots Advocates Network. Also need to expand diversity.**

**New objectives:**

**Health Equity Position Paper – research, coalition engagement and approval of position paper with specific policy topics for further development**

**Implement online automated system for tracking and documenting number of messages and legislators contacted for each KMHC action alert.**

**Motion by Andy Brown to accept the draft objectives. Rick Cagan second.**

**Sue offered a friendly amendment to adopt the motion and Board Members are urged to contact Sue by October 6 if they request changes. She will combine the input and send to NAMI by October 13.**

**Sue has been drafting some HEPI guidelines and will forward to Board.**

* **Website - capacity and cost sharing proposal – Andy Brown**

KMHC’s website agreement has provided for a grandfathered monthly hosting rate that expires this month. Beginning tomorrow, the cost of the website will go up. We can save a percentage by paying up front for a year.

NAMI proposes expanding our website capacity to cover the goals of the GAN expansion and will cover the increased charges for the higher level fee. In order to make the change, the HEPI grant would pay this difference for the next three years.

Motion by Sue Lewis – accept the cost-sharing proposal by NAMI, expand the website capacity and pay the upfront web fees for one year at the higher rate. KMHC will invoice NAMI for $700.00 or 50%. Seconded by Jane Rhys.

* **Legislative Mental Health Caucus Report - Amy Campbell**

**Summary was distributed. Amy asked the budget committee to consider sponsoring the lunch at one of the meetings and the HEPI grant. Andy Martin will have a dialogue with KHF about whether or not that could be allowable as long as no specific legislation was debated.**

**Member organizations could also partner to sponsor one or more of the meetings.**

* **How to adopt positions on federal issues – or short notice –**

**We can forward action alerts that are sponsored by other organizations or our members. It is difficult to be clear that such announcements were not promoted or endorsed by the Coalition.**

**Could we have items turned around more quickly by having the Board approve them? Our Board can’t approve such action items, because the Board doesn’t adopt policy positions for our membership.**

**Caution is due because so many of the federal issues are very partisan.**

**Board members are encouraged to think about how this can work, especially for federal issues that arise.**

**We can forward our members to information published by the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas or others. Not sure that we want to automatically**

* **Nick Reinecker – request**

**Could KMHC publish a calendar of relevant meetings? Children’s Continuum of Care, Mental Health Task Force, GBHSPC, MHMAC, DUR. Andy volunteered that we could create a Google calendar? Would just need to know what to include on the calendar and then we could share it.**

* **2017 Schedule - Future meeting guests and topics**

o    Substance Use Prevention Contracts:   Randy Johnson, Sandra Dixon

o    State Hospitals Recertification / Moratorium / Privatization

o    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 – Mary Jones – have an overview in January.

o    Rich Minder – Kansas Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

o    Ira Stamm – Affordable Care Act topic

o    Federal update on budget and ACA

Add to November – private insurance step therapy patient protections (Oct. 24 11-2 Topeka meeting)

December - PRTF challenges – Dana Schoffelman, Ted Jester – Juvenile Services JoCo, Cheryl Rathbun

January – Peer Engagement – CPS at the hospitals (Dantia Maur-McDonald, Randy Johnson, Andy Brown, Rick Cagan)

         **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

         **Board Meetings:** 12 noon quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 22, June 28, Sept. 27, Dec. 13)

**Reports:**

 Board Members

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| 2015-2018 | 2016-2019 | 2017-2020 |
| Andy Brown | Jane Adams | Dana Schoffelman |
| Susan Crain Lewis | Rick Cagan | Eric Harkness |
|  | Walt Hill | Kyle Kessler |
| *Mary Jones – replaces Carol Manning* | Bill Persinger | Meghan Cizek |
| Bob Chase | Jane Rhys |  |
|  | Patrick Yancey |  |

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