**Kansas Mental Health Coalition**

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

**Minutes**

**October 24, 2018   Monthly Meeting**

**Valeo Behavioral Health Center, basement conference room, 330 SW Oakley, Topeka, KS**

**Introductions and sign-in sheet**

Eric Harkness, President

Amy Campbell, KMHC

Sue Lewis, MHAH

Jessica Stoffer, MMHAH

Cadance Ries, KNASW

Jen Cato-McKinney, COC

Cheryl Rathbun, St. Francis

Susan Zalenski, J&J

Nick Reinecker

Clay Dierksen, Cottonwood Springs

Heather Elliott, ACMHCK

Sherrie Vaughn, NAMI

Stephanie West-Potter, DRC  
Mike Burgess, DRC

Colin Thomasset

Jane Rhys

Stuart Little, BHAK

Bob Chase

On the phone:

Jessie Kaye, Prairie View

Christy McMurphy, Kim Wilson Housing

Marcia Epstein

Mary Jones, MHA of SCK

Jennifer Padron, P3

Liz Worth, JoCo MHC

Steve Christenberry

Rick Cagan

Colleen , CAC

**Special Recognition**: Eric Harkness, President, recognized Sue Lewis for the NAMI State Impact Award.

**Minutes of the previous meeting adopted**.  [Read minutes.](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/Minutes%209-26-18.pdf) Motion by Heather Elliott, second Cheryl Rathbun.

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

**Board of Directors –** Met in September.  Next meeting December.

**Financial Report** - Colin Thomasset has volunteered to serve as Treasurer and was appointed by the Board.  He will begin duties when the bank documents are amended.

**Advocacy Committee –Grassroots Advocacy Network** **-** Heather Elliott – Advocacy Day will be March 13 or 14, 2019

**Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council – Next meeting Nov 21. New subcommittee reports are still being presented – not yet posted online.**

**Big Tent Coalition** - Jane Rhys and Mike Burgess – Will host a collaborative meeting to develop legislative priorities November 29. The Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities is developing recommendations regarding alternatives to guardianship / limited guardianship. BTC is considering potential legislation. Federal Money Follows the Person has passed committee with a one year extension. It had expired and was not funded. Advocates would prefer a five year extension or at least two – the Senate has better options for funding longer extensions. This program will need to pass the Senate – encourage contact with Senator Roberts, who is on the finance committee. Senator Moran could also have an impact.

Behavioral health applications of money follows the person as implemented in Texas included up to $2000 for individuals leaving institutional settings. Missouri hires a public/private partnership to administer the self-directed care for their Medicaid program. Would be beneficial to research effective use of self-directed care for behavioral health.

**KanCare Advocates Network** - Amy Campbell –

* **Client Financial Obligations** – This is a deterrence to employment and providers are supposed to collect it. When someone is limited to $750 per month for living expenses, it has a huge impact on their daily lives. Assets limits are locked at $2000, but client financial obligations are different. Texas has eliminated these, other states have increased the allowed amounts.
* **Bethell KanCare Oversight Committee P**reparing for the upcoming Bethell HCBS and KanCare Oversight Committee. **During its November meeting, the Committee will draft recommendations to the 2019 legislature so it's important for us to come to consensus about our recommendations to the committee.** The tentative agenda for the Nov. 8-9 meeting has been posted online and is attached. *Approval of the additional meeting day is still pending LCC approval* Should the additional day be denied, the agenda will  be adjusted.  At this time,  presentations on KanCare by individuals, providers, and organizations is scheduled for the afternoon of Nov. 8.
* Contact Iraida Orr, Kansas Legislative Research Department, 785-296-4408 [Iraida.Orr@klrd.ks.gov](mailto:Iraida.Orr@klrd.ks.gov), to be placed on the agenda and to indicate if you will be providing written-only or oral/written testimony is **5p on Nov. 2**. Whether you intend to provide written-only or oral/written testimony, you must contact her by Nov. 2 to be placed on the agenda. All conferees must provide 100 paper copies and an electronic copy of testimony by **5p on Nov. 6**.
* The meeting will be livestreamed and then archived shortly after its conclusion. The livestreaming/archive will be available at <http://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00287/Harmony/en/View/Calendar/>. Select the meeting date from the calendar right corner at the top of the page and then select the entry for the Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight.
* **Draft policy changes re: the Physical Disability (PD) Crisis Exception policy** and its accompanying PD Crisis Exception have bee posted on the KDADS website [https://kdads.ks.gov/commissions/home-community-based-services-(hcbs)/hcbs-policies](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fkdads.ks.gov%2Fcommissions%2Fhome-community-based-services-(hcbs)%2Fhcbs-policies&data=02%7C01%7C%7C7b82ecf9b6b04cf1b74308d6336d8027%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636752942721781263&sdata=dqIzjr%2BehxOAfKW2iUXx3rLdkV%2FzcLIcjJq2dbjYick%3D&reserved=0) under Draft Policies. We will be talking about these policies tomorrow. The public comment period for review and feedback according to the directions on the KDADS website. **Comments for this policy and form should be submitted by email to Eva Diels at**[**eva.diehls@ks.gov**](mailto:eva.diehls@ks.gov) **KDADS by Nov. 15, 2018**.
* **Waiver Transition policies -- the comment period for the waiver transition policies closed Sunday, Oct. 21.** The policies are available at: [https://kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/csp/hcbs/hcbs-policies/draft-policies/draft-pd-waiver-transition-policy.pdf?sfvrsn=a16f04ee\_6](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fkdads.ks.gov%2Fdocs%2Fdefault-source%2Fcsp%2Fhcbs%2Fhcbs-policies%2Fdraft-policies%2Fdraft-pd-waiver-transition-policy.pdf%3Fsfvrsn%3Da16f04ee_6&data=02%7C01%7C%7C31ac779a83ac4831bddc08d62b9033c6%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636744295681060956&sdata=lwzqpS6ZSHSBfhL6VkfsLr47BZf25KHgMYxNYn5XCes%3D&reserved=0) [https://kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/csp/hcbs/hcbs-policies/draft-policies/draft-tbi-waiver-transition-policy.pdf?sfvrsn=db6f04ee\_6](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fkdads.ks.gov%2Fdocs%2Fdefault-source%2Fcsp%2Fhcbs%2Fhcbs-policies%2Fdraft-policies%2Fdraft-tbi-waiver-transition-policy.pdf%3Fsfvrsn%3Ddb6f04ee_6&data=02%7C01%7C%7C31ac779a83ac4831bddc08d62b9033c6%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636744295681060956&sdata=Gsqk1kvRygDtin4ISgssNY7j3ekD9J1sgxvbPC8Zk%2BQ%3D&reserved=0)
* **2019 Legislative Planning** -- We will draft our KAN priorities during our Nov. 16 weekly meeting. We have begun making a list of issues to discuss including changes to the client obligation policy, an increase to the Protected Income Level, supported decision-making, changes to the assistive services policy. If you have legislative priorities for KAN consideration, please plan to attend both meetings.
* **Supported Decision Making** -- The Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities shared its presentation focused on supported decision making. It is attached. Contact Steve Gieber, Craig Knutson, or Jeff Schroeder for more information.

**Consumer Program Reports** - Peer Recovery Coach training and outreach. Jennifer Padron, program director, still have about five seats open at the November peer training event. Recovery Coach Academy training is November 10, 11-17, 18 in Kansas City – certified for SUD recovery. There are scholarships available. Distributed training flyer.

Also working on a peer-to-peer rural recovery proposal.

Statewide Consumer Network Action Plan distributed.

CAC and MHAH is participating with the planning project for certified peer specialist training. Currently using the curriculum and working to develop an online format for the training.

Why not offer diversity of choice, multiple curriculae.

**10:00 a.m.  Consider KMHC Consensus Recommendations-** Annual process for updates and amendment.  Please draft an issue paper for the topic that you would like to see included for consideration during the Coalition meetings.  The Coalition encourages the incorporation of health equity principles - proposals that help to reduce health disparities and encourage overall health.  Linked here:[**sample issue paper format.doc**](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/sample%20issue%20paper%20format.doc)

[**Review 2018 Summary**](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/consensusrecommendations)[**Review Current Issue Papers**](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/issuepapers)

**Draft Tobacco Dependence Treatment Issue Paper proposal** - Presented by Rick Cagan

**Distributing information cards for providers and Medicaid participants regarding the new benefits guidelines for tobacco cessation benefits. Possible interest in policy directing DCF, KDADS, KDHE to require contractors to be tobacco free environments and/or signed on to the Kansas Tobacco Guideline for Behavioral Health Care.**

**Tobacco use interferes with the effectiveness of many medications and the effectiveness of symptom reduction is enhanced by taking fewer mental health medications. Health home initiative being rolled out by KDHE will include the tobacco guideline for health home providers.**

**Sue Lewis motion to adopt the issue paper with some minor corrections to typos. Mary Jones second and encourages adoption. Also endorse Tobacco Guideline.**

**Nick – fifth paragraph of second page. Could that be amended to say and/or medication instead of and medication. Rick – sentence refers to research, prefer not to amend.**

**Counseling preferred, with options of medications.**

***Consensus to adopt with some modification.***

**Choose whether or not to endorse the Tobacco Guideline for Behavioral Health -** [see link with a list of organizations that have currently endorsed the guideline.](https://namikansas.org/resources/smoking-cessation-information/)

***Consensus to endorse the tobacco guideline.***

**Draft Decriminalize Cannabis Issue Paper proposal**     Presented by Nick Reinecker

**Comments – not really related to KMHC priorities? Are there statistics showing rates of incarceration for persons with mental illness? There hasn’t been sound research relating to impact on persons with mental illness. Generated discussion asking for more of an evidence based approach relating to impact to persons with mental illness.**

**10:45 a.m.  Lobbyist Report Amy Campbell**

* **Distributed the Summer 2018 report for KMHC members: Kansas Behavioral Health Landscape as a background document for people to refer to what recent budget and policy legislation has been passed. Updates and or corrections are encouraged.**
* **Mental Health Task Force –** 
  + **Working to incorporate recommendations of the Children’s Continuum of Care Committee with the relevant sections of the Mental Health Task Force recommendations. Crosswalk document.**
  + Kim Nelson, SAMHSA Regional Director, presented national suicide prevention efforts report. Andy Brown will be presenting to the group regarding Kansas specific data and recommendations/programs. These were brought to the group as a result of the Attorney General’s Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force supported by the Tower Foundation. This task force includes some legislators and has been talking a lot about technology and social media applications.
  + Attempting to better address or describe recommendations relating to SUD – we are crosswalking the recommendations of the Substance Use Disorders Task Force Report.
* **Step Therapy – Possible amendment language has been distributed as a result of the proponent/opponent meeting and discussion held at the Capitol. Let us know if you would like a copy.**
* **Elections – early voting is available now. Governor’s race and 2nd district congressional race are virtually tied according to polling. Those who are elected to the Governor’s office and all of the House of Representatives races are very important to the future of our issue priorities such as Medicaid expansion and an improved continuum of care.**
* **Governor’s Substance Use Disorders Task Force Report is posted at** <http://www.preventoverdoseks.org/download/GovSUDTaskForceReport_FINAL.pdf>
* **Medicaid Expansion Public Forum –** [www.expandkancare.com](http://www.expandkancare.com)- October 30 – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Advanced Learning Library, Conference Room B, 711 West 2nd St., Wichita, KS

RSVP to Sean@expandkancare.com

**NOVEMBER**

Nov. 1 -- TENTATIVE: Posting of Waiver Renewal Drafts followed by a 30-day public comment period

Nov. 2 -- Deadline for signing up for the Bethell HCBS/KanCare Oversight Committee

Nov. 6 -- Deadline for submitting testimony for the Bethell HCBS/KanCare Oversight Committee

Nov 8 and 9 - Bethell KanCare Oversight Committee (TENTATIVE: pending LCC approval)

Nov 13 – Mental Health Medications Advisory Committee - 2pm to 4:30pm, the 2nd Tuesday of the months of February, May, August, and November. The meeting is held at DXC Technology (formerly HP Enterprise Services), Capital Room; 6511 SE Forbes Ave, Building 283J, Topeka, KS 66619.

Nov. 16 -- 9-10a / KAN meeting with Jon Hamdorf & Adam Proffitt (Develop legislative priorities)

Nov. 16 -- 1-4p -- KanCare Meaningful Measures Collaborative, KHI

Nov. 29 -- 10a-4p -- Legislative Priorities with the Big Tent Coalition, First Congregational Church, Topeka

**11:15 a.m.  Announcements**

**11:30 a.m.  Adjourn**

**2018 Schedule:**

**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 28, Dec. 12

**Board Meetings:** 12 noon quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 28, June 27, Sept. 26, Dec. 12)

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

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