**Kansas Mental Health Coalition**

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

**Minutes**

**February 22, 2017   Monthly Meeting**

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

(teleconference access 1-515-739-1285, enter  567518 - KMHC has changed to a teleconference service that might incur charges for members.  If the fees become a burden to members please forward the bill to the treasurer at [andy@headquarterscounselingcenter.org](mailto:andy@headquarterscounselingcenter.org) )

Meeting room wi-fi: Guest@ccess

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

Walt Hill

Jesse

Deirdre Helm, ComCare

Marcia Epstein

Carol Manning, MHA of SC Kansas

Stacey Kratz, Crawford County MHC

**Financial Report adopted -** Andy Brown, Treasurer – Please log in online and pay your dues. Cagan motion, Schoeffelbein second.

**Minutes of the previous meeting adopted**.   [Read minutes](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/Minutes%201-25-17.docx).

**9:15 a.m Reports**

**Board of Directors -** meet in March. The Board will be developing nominations report for board and officer elections for the annual meeting in May.

**Advocacy Committee –Grassroots Advocacy Network** **-** Mental Health Advocacy Day March 15 and Grassroots Advocacy Network Training March 14. Registration available on the website. Please schedule legislative appointments in advance.

Meeting today at noon. Registration is open online. Heather Elliott reported sponsors and exhibitors for Advocacy Day.

The Grassroots Advocacy Network Training event will be held the Tuesday before for anyone joining

**Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council –** Wes Cole

Met last week. Heard a report on the opiate tracking pharmacy program – it operates on grants and will be seeking sustained funding. Report on Traumatic Brain Injuries waiver and its overlap with other diagnoses. New subcommittee on Aging to be restarted. New role for the Council relating to oversight of the new Systems of Care grant. Endorsed the Adult Continuum of Care Committee report and looking for the group to focus further on SUD and recovery. Children’s continuum of care group is pending, waiting for Pam McDiffett’s position to be filled.

Suicide Prevention subcommittee will meet one more time before merging with the Prevention Subcommittee.

Children’s Subcommittee report to the Secretary of KDADS, Education, and KDOC

Rural and Frontier Subcommittee recommending enhancing and facilitating licensing requirements for professionals in those areas. KMHC will look at this further next month.

Meet the third Wednesday of every other month. Charles Bartlett will be having another knee surgery which will take him out of commission for a few weeks.

**Mental Health Medication Advisory Committee -**Susan Lewis - met February 14. Rick Cagan and Chris Beal also attended. Working on children’s meds and dosage limits. There was some discussion about developing preferred drug lists.

Cagan motion to write a letter to the Secretary and members asking for greater transparency. Harkness second. Adopted. Susan Lewis will write letter.

**Alliance for a Healthy Kansas** - Amy Campbell - Bills for Medicaid Expansion - Kancare Bridge to a Healthy Kansas (HB 2064).  Vote pending in House Health and Human Services.

**9:45 a.m.**   **HB 2639 Emergency Observation and Treatment Act** - [Judicial Council Report](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Pictures/HB%202639%20Judicial%20Council%20report%20-%20complete%20and%20final.pdf) - Jane Rhys – The 2017 version of this issue is in HB 2240 – Crisis Intervention Act.

A group of 10 people or so served as a subcommittee to the Judicial Council over the interim to develop a consensus around the question of establishing community based involuntary admissions. The group included advocates, persons with lived experience, law enforcement, judicial representatives, and providers.

Law enforcement agencies are very interested in pursuing this issue because the state hospital moratorium on admissions has created a crisis for finding a safe place for persons in crisis.

There are three crisis intervention centers in Kansas today. The bill would allow counties to designate, or create, crisis intervention center service areas. It would also allow a person to voluntarily be committed to such a center. The Act is for adults 18 years of age or older.

If a facility is over capacity, how would they handle the mandate? Same as they do now. The current moratorium is leaving people in difficult situations, resulting in “psychiatric boarding”.

The standard for the 72 hour hold is the same as the current standard for involuntary commitment.

Nick – respect process and time by the Judicial Council efforts, still have some concerns. Won’t stand in the way of the Coalition endorsing the bill. Some concern with forced medication details and a few other specific issues.

There are more protections within this Act than currently exist for commitment to state mental health hospitals – shorter period of time for notifications to family and others.

There is still some concern about the bill – will table the bill until March meeting for more communication.

**10:15 a.m.  Kansas Legislative Update -** Amy Campbell

See Legislative Report on the back of the agenda.

Medicaid Reform tabled by House Health Committee – House will attempt to bring to the floor today.

Other issues of interest to members

Look up legislation and calendars at [www.kslegislature.org](http://www.kslegislature.org)

**11:00 a.m.  KDADS Update -** Susan Fout, Commissioner of Behavioral Health Services - CROs integration into state psychiatric hospitals.

Hiring Behavioral Health Director to replace John Hostetler

Hiring Housing Specialist

Adding Children’s Program position – have been asking for input on the position.

Hope to be fully staffed when that position is filled.

Establishing Governors Behavioral Health Services Grant Advisory and Review Board

Kelsee Torrez report re: Systems of Care SAMHSA Grant - $2.5 m for three years and $2 m for fourth year.

Seeks to target SED and early onset SMI. Outreach to underserved populations such as 18 to 21 population / aging out of foster care and others such as Spanish speaking populations. Formalizing partnerships with existing partners. Each center would hire parent/youth support peer services. Empower youth to have a say in what their care looks like. Use parent input for what at home behavior looks like. Parent has support group. Youth has support group.

The Systems of Care grant will partner with Community Engagement Institute and four community mental health centers: Compass Behavioral Health, South Central Mental Health Counseling Center, Sumner Mental Health Center and Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Health. The Kansas SOC Advisory Council will influence policy, programs, and financial to prepare for additional implementation statewide (work within the new Grant Advisory and Review Board under the GBHSPC).

What is going to happen to replace the work that was being done under the canceled University contracts for the evidence based practices, strengths based case management, IPS Supported Employment?

For Housing and Supported Employment Program Fidelity – we are sending two people to training to be able to manage fidelity assurance.

There is a contract with CMHCs to provide the face to face training for peer support case management. Will update and utilize the materials from WSU, will be the same trainers.

Working on a plan for the certified peer support training.

Can you update us on the current extension for the block grant management contract is up on the 28th?

There is a goal to have the new contract established by March 1st. Hope this is the last extension.

Home based family therapy training is still on the list for planning.

Cagan - There is some resonance with an idea for 10 year planning for mental health, a longer vision could benefit the agency as it struggles from year to year. Mental health caucus has some interest. Think that it could require some leadership from the agency to say that a ten year plan would be beneficial, to put some numbers to the gaps in the continuum of care.

Fout - Yes, there are lots of things we would like to do. As we look at the history, it is true. There are good things happening. Would like to have someone to gather the good things that are happening out there and bring that information. Needs to be community involvement and looking at where we want to go.

Cagan – would like the agency to be deliberate and say that we want to

Schoeffelbein – agency responded to the public feedback regarding reserve days for children in a PRTF.

Agency plan was to reduce what was paid and limited number of days. Lots of public comment – feedback disagreed. Agency will change the policy. There won’t be a limit on the number of days and we won’t change the payment, but would like the PRTF to have a different code to indicate the number of days children are out of the PRTF and those reasons. We have a better understanding after the public feedback.

CRO Involvement in State MH Hospital – peer services

Working to have CROs provide peer services within the state mh hospitals.

Will have to amend contracts for CROs who are going to do the work within the state mental health hospitals. Hospitals have been supported. At one time, this was happening, but I don’t know the history.

West – in New York they have the Peer Bridger Model. Not traditional CRO model – have excellent outcomes. Could you add to the Clubhouse statute “and CROs” and perhaps help with that? Poetry for Personal Power would be ready to bill Medicaid.

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

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

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Legislative Report – 2-22-17

HB 2064 - Medicaid Expansion - [Link to Testimony](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/HB%202064%20KMHC%20Testimony%20to%20House%20Health%20and%20Human%20Services%20for%20medicaid%20expansion%202-8-17.pdf) – motion to bring out of committee today

HB 2044 - Clubhouse programs - [Link to Testimony](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/HB%202044%20Barbara%20Gibson%20Testimony.pdf)

SB 32/HB 2124 - Psychiatric residencies, medical loan program [Link to Testimony](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/HB%202124%20KMHC%20Testimony%20to%20House%20Health%20and%20Human%20Services%20for%20medical%20student%20loans%20psychiatry%202-2-17.pdf)

SB 32 – Psychiatric residencies, medical student loan program – Final Action Today

SB 33 - Membership of KanCare Oversight Committee

SB 68 – Caregiver Act

Sub for SB 69 – Medical Assistance, process and contract requirements, claims appeals

Sub for SB 74 – Drivers with cognition needs, identification cards – Final Action today

SB 82 - Step Therapy rules for commercial insurance

SB 94 – MCO Privilege Fees

SB 95 – Public Assistance Eligibility

SB 100 – Mental Health Nursing Scholarships – General Orders today

SB 160 – Establishing an independent ombudsman

SB 195 – Suspended Medicaid Eligibility

HB 2240 - Crisis Intervention Act = Emergency Observation and Treatment

HB 2243 - School safety officers, use of restraint- submitted opponent testimony. Appears the bill is stalled.

HB 2343 – DRC – Require organ transplant considerations not include disability or mental health diagnosis.

Sub for HB 2178 - Income Tax changes, passed House and Senate

Sub for SB 27 - Rescission Budget/ Sub for HB 2052 - Rescission Budget

Privatization of Osawatomie State Hospital

[Testimony on State MH Hospitals](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/17%20KMHC%20Testimony%20to%20SWM%20Subcommittee%20on%20Osawatomie%20and%20Larned%20State%20Hospitals%20.pdf)

[Testimony on KDADS Budget](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/17%20Testimony%20KMHC%20on%20KDADS%20Budget%20SWM%20Subcommittee%20on%20Social%20Services%20Budget.pdf)

[Testimony on KDHE Budget](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/17%20Testimony%20KMHC%20to%20SWM%20Subcommittee%20on%20KDHE%20Health%20Budget.docx)

[Mental Health 2020](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Pictures/2017%20ACMHCK%20Public%20Policy%20Agenda.pdf)