

Kansas Mental Health Coalition

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

Minutes

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March 27, 2024

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions Mary Jones, President

Minutes of the previous meeting approved – motion Bill Persinger, second Brian Blevins. [Read minutes draft.](#)

9:35 a.m. Reports

Board of Directors - meet after the membership meeting today.

Financial Report approved \$17,920.75 - motion by Brian Blevins, second Lori Barnes – Amy Campbell

Advocacy Committee – Colin Thomasset / Monica Kurz - March 13 2024 - Mental Health Advocacy Day. Review the day - what went well, recommendations?

Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council – Council report and reports from members serving on the Council or subcommittees. See Annual Subcommittee Reports posted here: <https://kdads.ks.gov/kdads-commissions/behavioral-health/gbhspc/gbhspc-subcommittees>

Chad Childs: GBHSPC Subcommittees Children's, Employment, Evidence-Based Practices, Housing & Homelessness, Justice Involved Youth & Adults, Kansas Citizen's Committee on Alcohol and Other Drugs, Peer, Problem Gambling, Prevention, Service Members, Veterans, and Family Members, Tobacco

Big Tent Coalition – discussed the Community Support Waiver.

KanCare Advocates Network – Amy provided an update about the Medicaid eligibility unwinding. Big tip – KDHE encourages all Medicaid members to create a KanCare Portal Online Account. This will assure that they are always fully updated on their Medicaid information.

Consumer Programs - CAC, CRO, P3, Clubhouse, Other

June Recovery Conference [Workshop Proposal](#) [Scholarship App](#) [Exhibitor Registration](#)

Parity Committee - Rick Cagan – next meeting is April 5. Link to the Inseparable report: <https://www.inseparable.us/AccessAcrossAmerica.pdf> Kansas data can be found on page 67. The Committee will be seeking applicants for a paid intern position to provide administrative coordination. At this point, we have commitments for \$2600 and hope to fund \$3000.

Suicide Prevention Coalition / 988 Crisis Line - Brenna Vicosky/Monica Kurz

KSPC Annual Meeting: May 21 in Manhattan, KS. Register here:
<https://kspcoalition.org/annual-meeting/>

Suicide Prevention State Plan: <https://kspcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Kansas-suicide-prevention-Plan-2.pdf>
2023 Review: <https://kspcoalition.org/state-plan-review-reports/>
2024 State Plan Evaluation Tool: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWs-YTbMeJznLt3oGGvXFEp3ysx4Y9QoVePWSxabQU2uUKQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

KDADS team for the Crisis Response Policy Academy

Vibrant, the National 988 Admin - seeking an opportunity to do an in-person meeting in June

South Central Regional Psychiatric Hospital Advisory Panel - Mary Jones provided a full report on the Panel meetings and planning for the hospital. Scott Brunner, KDADS Deputy Secretary provided information about the hospital plans including information about the planned construction, employees, potential contracting, and timelines.

10:15 a.m. KDADS Update – Drew Adkins, KDADS Behavioral Health Commissioner – full update.

11:00 a.m. Lobbyist Report Amy Campbell

- Legislative Update
- [Housing Presentation](#) presented by Andy Brown to House Welfare Reform Committee

Dustin Hardison: Through my background in housing we define affordable housing as an area where the individual pays no more than 30% of their income on housing including utilities. Meaning it is defined in different communities.

- Budget items – see [mega-budget conference committee list](#) pages 13-16
 - - HB 2484 - Social Work licensure compact - [link to bill information](#) House passed 118-2. Senate passed 35-5 March 26.
 - HB 2487 - Providing immunity from prosecution for certain drug crimes when persons seek or provide medical assistance related to the use of a controlled substance - [link to bill information](#) House passed 120-0. March 26 Senate passed over.
 - HB 2536 - Establishing the SOUL family legal permanency option for children 16 years of age or older - allow young people ages 16 and older in foster care to identify caregivers in their community who have played a significant role in their lives. With agency and court approval, they would form a legally recognized SOUL Family. [Link to bill information.](#) House passed 112-8. Senate G.O. scheduled March 27.
 - HB 2284 - Tax Package combined and passed - vetoed - [Summary CCRB](#) House failed to override Feb 20. New tax packages have been formed in House

and Senate. They are different. Expecting some tax discussions before budget is adopted.

- HB 2353 - Assertive Outpatient Treatment and Outpatient Treatment Orders - amend provisions in the Care and Treatment Act for Mentally Ill Persons (Act) to extend the time period a person may be held for treatment and to add conditions for which continued treatment may be ordered. House passed as amended 119-0. Senate passed 40-0 March 26. [See supplemental note.](#)
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- HB 2556 – Medicaid Expansion – House and Senate held public hearings March 20. More than 400 proponent testimony submitted to each. House Health and Human Services motion to send to the House without recommendation failed with 5 yes votes. May be a motion to pull out of committee in the chamber.
- HB 2669 - Kansas department for aging and disability services; codifying the mental health intervention team program in state statute; requiring the department to oversee implementation of the program; establishing structures for partnership between mental health intervention team providers and school districts; providing for coordination of mental health services to students. [Link to bill information.](#) Letter of support. House passed 101-18. Senate held hearing March 19.
- HB 2676 - Creating the crime of encouraging suicide and providing criminal penalties therefor. See testimony. House passed 119-1.
- HB 2723 now SB 542- Making appropriations for the department for aging and disability services for FY 2025 and creating a program for cities to improve and develop infrastructure for homeless shelters. House Welfare Reform Committee hearing - [See KMHC testimony](#) - \$40 million funds from Governors Budget Recommendations were removed. House Committee tabled bill after adding two amendments – 1: requiring supreme court decision for funds to expended, 2: requiring cities and counties to pass public camping enforcement ordinances and prohibiting drop-offs.
- HB 2793 - Removing most legal exceptions to parental consent for healthcare, creating penalties against the healthcare providers license. House Health and Human Services held and hearing and plans to work this bill to advance to the full House. [KMHC Testimony Opposing HB 2793](#) [Randy Callstrom Testimony](#) Committee amended to impact only services in schools and exempting behavioral health crisis. House advanced to final action.
- SB 391 - Constitutional Right to Health Freedom Act - remove state quarantine laws and restrict authority of state health officials role and interactions with local health officials to address infectious diseases. Local health officials required to

ask local board of health or commissioners for permission to issue quarantine or isolation orders. [Link to bill information.](#) Senate passed 23-17.

- SB 542 – Housing Matching Grants (see HB 2723) – Senate Ways and Means amended to require all cities and counties to pass ordinances prohibiting public camping and blocking pathways, blocking a Wichita precinct location for emergency shelter beds, prohibiting drop-offs. Changed funds to \$15 million first year and \$5 million second year. Amended to require some funds to be granted to smaller counties. Committee passed.
- CCBHC Certification – passed House and is on GO in the Senate.
- HB 2345 – Supported Decision Making – Chair Susan Humphries will request Judicial Council review to hopefully get some legal recommendations to move this forward next session.

11:20 a.m. Announcements - please use this time to share your upcoming events

April 20 – Suicide Awareness Walk - AFSP

11:30 a.m. Adjourn

2024 Schedule - Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23, Nov 27, Dec 18

Board Meetings: 11:45 a.m. quarterly the 4th Wednesdays (March 27, June 26, Sept. 25, Dec. 18)

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