**Kansas Mental Health Coalition**

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

**Agenda**

**May 24, 2017   Monthly Meeting**

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

**Introductions and sign-in sheet**   Eric Harkness presiding

Kevin McGuire, JCMHC

Clay Dierkson, Cottonwood Springs

Stephanie West-Potter, DRC

Cheryl Rathbun, SFCS

Heather Elliott, ACMHCK

Ken Kerle, CIT

Andy Martin, NAMI

Susanna Honaker, KAAP

Steve Christenberry, FSGC

Dana Schoffelman, Florence Crittenton

Sandra Berg, Sunflower Health Plan

Carol Manning, MHASCK

Susan Zalenski, J&J

Bethany Anderson, MHASCK

Jane Rhys

Andy Brown, Headquarters

Mike Burgess, DRC

Kyle Kessler, ACMHCK

Sky Westerlund, KNASW

Bob Chase

Dave Ranney

On the phone:

Billie Todd, Butler

Jessie Kaye, Prairie View

Nick Reinecker, Inman

Sara Glass, Poetry for Personal Power

Marcia Epstein

Guests:

Sheli Sweeney

Angela DeRocha

Carrie Billbe

**Minutes of the previous meeting**.   [Read minutes.](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/Minutes%20Draft%204-26-17.docx) Motion by Solomon, second by Westerlund.

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

**Board of Directors -** next meeting is June following the regular Coalition meeting.

**Financial Report adopted –** Motion by Burgess, second by Rhys - Andy Brown – Financial picture is slightly better than last month, but we are a money in, money out operation. Members are encouraged to send in their dues as soon as possible.

**Mental Health Month** - Andy Martin, NAMI, and Bethany Anderson #TearStigmaApart. Handout distributed. MHA of SC Kansas is running an anti-stigma social media campaign this month. The awareness campaign is designed to point out stigmatizing words. Asking members and public to write a word that you consider stigmatizing on a piece of paper and post a video of you tearing this paper apart – post the video with #TearStigmaApart and tag MHA of South Central Kansas.

Steve Christenberry discussed the Mental Health First Aid training and it’s curriculum pertaining to negative language and how to replace it. Bethany shared that even very young individuals are exposed to remarkably negative language. Some schools have participated by having children write words in the dirt and then stomp it out. Andy Martin posted a Facebook live video at the month.

**Advocacy Committee –Grassroots Advocacy Network** **-** Heather Elliott - Committee met last month and completed a wrap-up of the Advocacy Day in March. Also, working on grant with NAMI to expand and develop the grassroots advocacy network. The goal is to have at least one advocate in each legislative district. The committee meets today following the Coalition meeting. 2018 Advocacy Day is scheduled for March 15, 2018.

**Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council –** Jane Adams submitted a written report. The Planning Council’s next meeting is June 21 in Topeka.  Subcommittee members will share their annual reports on work accomplished at this meeting.  We have added a representative from Education, Superintendent Steve Woolf, USD 101, Erie, Kansas.

**Mental Health Medication Advisory Committee -** Amy Campbell – met May 9. Adopted extensive prior authorization requirements for children’s mental health drugs. The policies will need to be approved at the next DUR Committee meeting. Unless they are a psychiatrist – which has “gold” status – providers will see major changes in the medications available to children, including dose limitations. Children under six will only have three medications available without prior authorization

**Big Tent Coalition** – Jane Rhys – Meets monthly to develop consensus among a number of social service entities. There is a gap in services for people with developmental disabilities and co-occurring disorders – will be a big push for the Big Tent Coalition and hope to work with KMHC to develop sources of reliable information and referral.

**10:00 a.m.  Annual Elections -** Jane Rhys presiding

**Current Officers and Board -** 2017-2019  President – Sue Lewis (1st full term), 2015-2017  Vice President – Eric Harkness (1st term), 2017-2019  Secretary - Jane Rhys (1st term), 2015-2017  Treasurer – Andy Brown (1st term)

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| 2015-2018 | 2016-2019 | 2014-2017 |
| Andy Brown | Jane Adams | Glen Yancey |
| Susan Crain Lewis | Rick Cagan | Eric Harkness |
| Sky Westerlund | Walt Hill | Kyle Kessler |
| Carol Manning | Bill Persinger | Stephen Feinstein |
| Bob Chase | Jane Rhys |  |
|  | Patrick Yancey |  |

**Nominations for Board of Directors:** Eric Harkness, Kyle Kessler, Dana Schoffelman, Meghan Cizek

**Requested Nominations from the Floor, Nominations closed.**

Mike Burgess motion for approval, Bob Chase seconded.

**Nominations for Officers:** Vice President – Eric Harkness,  Treasurer - Andy Brown

**Requested Nominations from the Floor, Nominations closed.**

**Mike Burgess motion for approval, Bob Chase seconded.**

**Tha**nk you to Glen Yancey and Stephen Feinstein for their long service to the Coalition, as Board members and also as Past Presidents

**10:30 a.m.  Kansas Legislative Update -** Amy Campbell

KS Association of Risk and Quality Managers – Thursday, May 11 – Amy spoke to this group along with Deborah Stern, Kansas Hospital Association about current status of mental health programs and policy, work by various stakeholder groups including the GBHSPC and Adult Continuum of Care Report, and the state hospitals moratorium on admission and its impact on individuals in crisis and local emergency rooms.

IGI Live – Thursday, May 18 – Amy was a guest on IGI Live, a regional PBS issues program. The topic was mental health and the episode focused on the role of social workers. There was a portion about personal safety for social workers and their clients – social workers from Shunga Creek Behavioral Health are bringing together a group to create safety training along with local law enforcement and a personal safety trainer. It was pointed out that individuals with mental illness are more likely to be the victims of violence than the perpetrators – and educating social workers to be aware of signals

Veto Session – Taxes/ Revenue v. Budget Plans v. K-12 Budget – inertia is self-fulfilling.

Budget Bills – Legislature has passed Rescission Bill. Only Senate has passed Mega-Budget bill. House Appropriations passed their Mega-Budget bill

Guns - Concealed Carry in public health facilities – HB 2278 / SB 235 – Senate amended to allow concealed carry except by patients at

Foster Care Issues – Legislature working to establish a foster care task force – House has passed and the bill is in conference.

Adult Continuum of Care Committee – resuming work in June focused on substance use disorders.

**11:00 a.m.  KDADS Programs and Update** - Sheli Sweeney, Behavioral Health Director – now in her 8th week at KDADS.

Carrie Billbe, Consumer Liaison - SAMHSA Technical Grant - bringing recovery supports and technical assistance strategies to states. Will devise initiatives to build, strengthen, and sustain recovery oriented supports in Kansas. Kickoff meeting is June 7 – through September. Will have speakers and experts on demand for support and assistance. Will be seeking input. Will develop an action plan. Includes peer supports and recovery supports across the spectrum. Watch for information on KDADS. Can provide updates as they work.

**Osawatomie State Hospital**

CMS was at OSH last week for the first of the two recertification surveys. As far as we know, there weren’t any significant issue. Hoping the first survey went well and hope to have some idea when the second survey might occur that would trigger recertification.

Chase – does that mean we could open another wing?

No, it would just recertify the 60 beds in the Adair Acute Care Unit.

Chase – so we aren’t close to getting back to 206 beds?

No, we would probably want to spend the money on rehabbing the rest of the OSH units before adding beds, although the Secretary has said he would prefer to build new facilities. That would probably be part of the RFP privatization concept. The Legislature could always provide $100 million to build a new hospital.

Multiple questions about how and when capacity might be added to reduce the pressure on community hospital emergency rooms and local law enforcement.

The Secretary did indicate to legislators on the Kancare Oversight Committee that there are plans for capacity expansion through private and state hospital beds, getting over the certification issue is the priority.

**Kancare Listening Tour** – KanCare Renewal Public Meetings Scheduled in Topeka, Wichita, Olathe, Dodge City, Hays and Pittsburg

## ****For Immediate Release****

May 23, 2017

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TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has scheduled a series of public meetings for the discussion of the state’s proposed renewal of the KanCare program and to provide input and ideas for changes.Anyone may provide comment and input about the KanCare renewal at any time from **June 14, 2017 until October 15, 2017**. The state intends to submit the renewal request on November 1, 2017.  
There will be a second set of meetings in the fall of 2017 to collect formal comments about the waiver renewal application.

Information about KanCare is available for public review at the KanCare website: <http://www.kancare.ks.gov/about-kancare/kancare-renewal>.

Materials for these meetings will be made available at the above link as they are prepared. Individuals without access to the internet may obtain copies of these materials by calling 785-296-4753 or writing KanCare Renewal, c/o Becky Ross, KDHE–Division of Health Care Finance, 900 SW Jackson, LSOB – 9th Floor, Topeka, Kansas, 66612. Such requests must be made before October 15, 2017.

Written comments about KanCare renewal may be sent to this email address: [kdhe.kancarerenewal@ks.gov](mailto:kdhe.kancarerenewal@ks.gov); or may be mailed to: KanCare Renewal, c/o Becky Ross, KDHE-Division of Health Care Finance, 900 SW Jackson, LSOB – 9th Floor, Topeka, Kansas, 66612.

**Public Meetings – When and Where**

Public meetings about the KanCare renewal will be held as follows:

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| **Day/Date** | **Time** | **Location** |
| Wed., June 14 | 1:30-3:30 pm (providers)  6-8 pm (consumers) | Ramada Convention Center Downtown Topeka, Regency Ballroom 420 SE 6th St., Topeka, KS 66607 |
| Thurs., June 15 | 1:30-3:30 pm (providers) | Embassy Suites Olathe Salon DEF 10401 S. Ridgeview Rd., Olathe, KS 66062 |
| Sat., June 17 | 1:30-3:30 pm (consumers) | Embassy Suites Olathe Salon DEF 10401 S. Ridgeview Rd., Olathe, KS 66062 |
| Mon., June 19 | 1:30-3:30 pm (providers)  6-8 pm (consumers) | Dodge City Community College Little Theater 2501 N 14th Ave., Dodge City, KS |
| Tues., June 20 | 1:30-3:30 pm (providers) 6-8 pm (consumers) | Rose Garden Steak Haus Rose Ballroom 2350 East 8th St/Hwy 40, Hays, KS |
| Mon., June 26 | 6:00-7:30 pm (consumers) | Conference call Conference call: 1-877-678-8997 Conference ID: 292 200 74 |
| Wed., June 28 | 1:30-3:30 pm (providers) 6-8 pm (consumers) | DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport Emerald Ballroom 2098 Airport Road, Wichita, KS 67209 |
| Thurs., June 29 | 1:30-3:30 pm (providers) 6:00-8:00 pm (consumers) | Pittsburg State University Overman Student Center, Ballroom A 302 E Cleveland, Pittsburg, KS 66762 |

**Systems of Care for Children with SED - Grant and RFP**: There are still a few more listening tour locations left – June 20-21 in western Kansas.

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| **June 20** Noon–1:30 pm Compass 506 Avenue L Dodge City, KS |

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| **June 20** 3–4:30 pm Compass 1111 E Spruce Garden City, KS | **June 21** 11:30 am – 1 pm Compass 404 N Baughman Ulysses, KS | **June 21** 3–4:30 pm Compass 204 S College Scott City, KS |

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

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

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