**Kansas Mental Health Coalition**

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

**DRAFT MINUTES**

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**June 27, 2018   Monthly Meeting**

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

Teleconference access 1-515-739-1285, enter  567518

Meeting room wi-fi: Guest@ccess

**Introductions and sign-in sheet**           Mary Jones, Vice President

**Minutes of the previous meeting**.   [Read here](http://kansasmentalhealthcoalition.onefireplace.com/resources/Documents/Minutes%204-25-18%20x.pdf). Cagan motion, Dierksen second.

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

**Board of Directors –** Meet after today's KMHC meeting.

**Advocacy Committee –Grassroots Advocacy Network-**Heather Elliott – next meeting is August 22. Committee met to review the 2018 Advocacy Day event.

**Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council –**Wes Cole – Council has five new members and three positions open. Establishing a problem gambling subcommittee – there is a need to be looking at gaming issues especially with young people. The World Health Organization adopted cell phone addiction as a disorder (DSM V).

Looking at substance use treatment and mental health integration.

Had a site visit from SAMHSA – they evaluate the states for compliance. They take a hard look at the Council, which is established by federal statute. The meeting with the reviewer and the executive committee lasted all afternoon. They were very pleased with the information and the work from subcommittees. The reviewer spoke highly of the work of the Council. They also got information about how the Council works with the Coalition and other partners in the State – good feedback on that. Council had a technical grant for advocacy – each Council was asked to complete a project and Kansas was for “advocacy”. Important for the Council and subcommittee members because there are things we can do and things we can’t do. Jane Adams was very helpful. Had four meetings and were tied in with about six states. There is a paper and it will be integrated with the committees.

Next meeting is July 18 in basement of New England building.

Rick Cagan reported that Kansas now has an official CIT Organization that has been organized with KDADS representation on the board. They are meeting monthly.

**Big Tent Coalition**- Jane Rhys and Mike Burgess – Big Tent Coalition and KanCare Advocates Network delivered a letter to the Governor requesting improved stakeholder communication and engagement for agency progress.

Last summer, there was a retreat for leaders of advocacy organizations for training and some issues planning. This year, there will be a similar event with a greater focus on coordinated prioritization of common issues.

**KanCare Advocates Network**- KanCare contracts and Network actions. KAN communication – post on the website along with quality management comments for CMS.

Contract announcements

**Financial Report and 2018 Budget**- Treasurer – Cagan motion, Persinger second.

**10:00 a.m.  Mental Health Task Force and Hospital Regionalization Recommendations**

Had an extended discussion with input from Coalition members about how hospital regionalization might work, emphasizing the need for additional inpatient beds for involuntary and voluntary patients along with regionally based crisis services and addictions treatment (detox, sobering and treatment). There are concerns that plans for regionalizing inpatient treatment might not include the important improvements to Osawatomie State Hospital that are needed. With the privatization proposal still out there, what does that mean for efforts that might emerge to add hospital treatment in other areas such as Wichita? The Secretary has been clear that he believes they can’t properly staff the units that are currently at Larned State Hospital (psych, competency evaluation and treatment, forensic, sexual predator treatment program). Plans for the future may include reducing capacity at LSH and perhaps some at OSH. Members of the Coalition agreed that any regionalization proposals should include planning and improvements for the current facilities in addition to other investments across the State.

**10:30 a.m.  Lobbyist Report - Kansas Legislature**

See report. Additional discussion about the upcoming elections and how Coalition members can get involved.

**11:00 a.m.  KDADS Report –** Larned Educational Conference August 6-7

**11:25 a.m.  Announcements –** ACMHCK Conference Sept 11-14, Manhattan, KS

NAMI Conference October

Handout – Kansas Assisted Outpatient Treatment Symposium from May 18

**11:30 a.m.  Adjourn**

**2018 Schedule:**

**Mental Health Advocacy Day:** March 13, 2018

**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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