



KENTUCKY MENTAL HEALTH COALITION

KMHC General Membership Meeting

May 24, 2016

Kentucky Coalition against Domestic Violence – Frankfort, KY

Minutes – APPROVED 9/12/16

Present: Kathy Adams (Children’s Alliance), Chell Austin (BIAK), Mike Barry (PAR), Michelle Bowling (The Ridge), Allen Brenzel (DBHDID), Sarah Burress (KMHC), Dave Clapper (KAMFT), Karri Coburn (bluegrass.org), Deb Coleman (KPA), Karen Cook (KY Counseling Association), Nina Eisner (The Ridge), Cathy Epperson (NAMI Kentucky), Alisha Fuentes (MHA), Nancy Galvagni (KHA), Kelly Gunning, Phill Gunning & James Haggie (NAMI Lexington), Glenda Harned (Individual), Natalie Harris (Homeless Coalition), Vicki Hayes (Individual), Jean Henry (NAMI Louisville), Ella Hunter (NAMI Kentucky), Tammy Hurst (KCA), Ramona Johnson (Bridgehaven, KNA), Marc Kelly (Pathways), Natalie Kelly (DBHDID), Sarah Kidder (LRC)), Jill King (MHA-NKSWOH), Todd Lacksonen (Otsuka), Liz McKune (Passport Health), Cheri Miller-Tivitt (Communicare), Valerie Mudd (NAMI Lexington), Mary O’Doherty (KCADV), Sheila Schuster (KMHC), Bruce Scott (KY Psych Rehab Assoc.), Christy Shuffett (New Beginnings), Mike Stone (KYCPG), David Susman (Individual), Marcie Timmerman (Individual)

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION ITEMS
Call to Order – Ramona Johnson, Chair	Meeting called to order at 12:00pm by Ramona Johnson, Board Chair. A moment of silence was held in memory of Kim Reynolds, LCSW, one of KMHC’s founding members, who passed away last month.	
Thanks to our hosts for space and lunch	Thank you to KCADV for providing our meeting location and to The Ridge (Lexington) for providing lunch.	
Introductions	Introductions of those present.	
KMHC Business – Minutes of 12/9/15 Membership Meeting —Valerie Mudd Financial Report — Mike Barry; Membership Dues — Sarah Burress	Meeting minutes were reviewed. Nina Eisner made a motion to approve and Liz McKune seconded. Motion carried. Mike Barry gave the financial report. Kelly Gunning made a motion to approve, Mike Stone seconded. Motion carried. Sarah Burress gave the dues report, urging members to pay dues. The plan is to have dues notices sent to everyone by the end of the month if their organization hasn’t paid. Individual members will receive their dues notices in the next six weeks.	
Update from DBHDID – Acting Commissioner Wendy Morris	Wendy Morris, DBHDID Acting Commissioner, said the department was working hard to respond to the budget, which assessed a 9% cut. They did protect the CMHCs from cuts. Reductions should not affect patient care. Electronic medical record went live at Central State Hospital. WSH in Hopkinsville will be live in November. There is a System of Care event in June. The KY School	

	<p>for Alcohol and Other Drug Studies is in July. They hired a substance use director to work within communities and support advocacy groups. Regional prevention centers work better. They will be opening a database for peer support by mid-summer. They were awarded a grant to expand substance use treatment for youth. Allen Brenzel shared that 10% of deaths are from opioid overdoses. 1200 people per year die. That's 4 people per day. There has been a substance use benefit since 2014 in Medicaid. They are trying to get Suboxone more available. 25% of babies are born addicted in some areas of the state. 4500 correction beds are substance abuse beds. There are 2 substance use treatment facilities opening for pregnant women. Nina E. suggested that centralizing credentialing would be great. She hopes DBHDID can partner with others on some grants. Dr. Brenzel said that it was one-time money; he doesn't think there will be additional funds. We want to include IMDs so we can leverage Federal dollars. Narcan is available through pharmacists. Needle exchanges are working for harm reduction. Treatment is key in the battle against Substance Use Disorders!</p>	
<p>Summary of Advocacy Activities to Date — Those Present</p> <p>A. Results of KMHC Legislative Priorities for 2016 GA Session; KMHC Legislative Meeting;</p> <p>Advocacy Training; 874K Event Rally; NAMI Kentucky Advocacy Day</p> <p>B. Tim's Law –</p>	<p>A. Budget: Money was put in to help the CMHCs defray their pension costs; significant new funds were put into the pensions; there were 9% cuts in many areas. Funding for Medicaid Expansion was included in budget.</p> <p>SB 20: Sen Alvarado's bill establishing an appeals process in Medicaid for providers passed.</p> <p>SB18: Alvarado: Insurers must notify providers of significant changes, including new networks, passed.</p> <p>HB5 & HB 6: Extending KYNECT & Medicaid Expansion passed the House, not the Senate.</p> <p>HB12: Gambling treatment bill: stuck in House A&R.</p> <p>HB 70: Restoring felons' voting rights passed the House, not the Senate (as usual).</p> <p>HB 40: Criminal records expungement passed</p> <p>HB 188: Tucker Act passed House, not Senate.</p> <p>SB 188: Federal ABLE Act in KY passed.</p> <p>Senate: 309 bills; 66 became law.</p> <p>House: 632 bills; 66 bills became law.</p> <p>Our advocacy events – training to be more effective in Frankfort, the 874K Disabilities Coalition Rally, and the NAMI-KY Advocacy Day – were all very successful, in terms of turnout and enthusiasm!</p> <p>B. Thanks to all who helped in advocating for Tim's Law, particularly NAMI KY & NAMI Lexington. We were successful in convincing the Chair of House A&R to act</p>	

<p>Hearing on June 15th – Interim Joint Comm on Health & Welfare</p> <p>C. Results & Implications of May Primary Election</p> <p>D. BH Planning & Advisory Council – Cathy Epperson</p> <p>E. Loss of Federal Funds for Homeless & Housing – Natalie Harris</p> <p>F. KY P & A’s 2016 Advocacy Efforts in Jails & Prisons – Rebekah Cotton</p> <p>G. Cabinet for Health & Family Services Personnel</p>	<p>on the bill, making the program contingent on funding from every conceivable source. In discussion with Senate Leadership staff and with Ed Monahan, we offered to cap the number of persons served at 30 in the first year and 60 in the next year. But the bill was never heard in the Senate and failed once again to pass....a very frustrating battle. In 2017, it will be very difficult to pass if a cost is associated with it, because we are not in a budget session. Dr. Brenzel discussed that systems and community supports must be in place in order to make Tim’s law work. Sarah Kidder from LRC announced that on June 15th at 10am, at the first interim joint committee on H&W meeting, Tim’s law will be on the agenda. We are looking at having a companion bill filed on the Senate side in 2017. We ended up with only 1Republican co-sponsor in the House; we need bipartisan support.</p> <p>C. Sheila reviewed the results of the May primary. Every woman that ran in the primary in the House won! Attica Scott was elected; this is very exciting, as she is the first African American woman in 20 years.</p> <p>D. Discussion of the direction of BH Planning and Advisory Council. A few small changes were made to the priorities.</p> <p>E. Natalie Harris discussed handouts which outlined cuts made to transitional housing. The people in the rural areas are struggling to replace the grant money. 4 of 15 KCADV housing programs sustained cuts.</p> <p>F. Rebekah Cotton was unable to attend the meeting; Sheila noted her interest in the interface of behavioral health with corrections. Sheila suggests re-energizing the HB843 Commission to Acting Comm. Wendy Morris.</p> <p>G. Sheila distributed information about the newly-appointed cabinet personnel.</p>	<p>Cathy will share BH Council report when it is approved at their next meeting.</p> <p>We will plan to invite Medicaid Commissioner Miller to one of our next meetings.</p>
<p>Medicaid & ACA Updates and Discussion A. Keeping KY Covered – Enrollment in kynect and Benefind</p>	<p>A. The Comp Care and primary care centers were finding a lot of problems with Benefind when it was rolled out. The administration was not as open to the advocates as we had hoped. There are still people out there who are suffering. Many Medicaid members, including some on the waivers were getting erroneous letters, stating that they had lost their coverage or other benefits. Being told now that you should call the ombudsperson and tell them it is an emergency situation. If you know of someone, please contact Sheila and we will get them some assistance. June 1st is the cut off day to get rid of KYnect we are still waiting</p>	

<p>B. Medicaid Expansion – Waiver & Stakeholder Meeting 5/12/16</p> <p>C. Behavioral Health TAC Meetings – January, March, May, 2015</p> <p>D. DMS Responses from MAC Meeting on 3/18/16</p>	<p>to hear from HHS. The Governor hears us saying “keep KYnect” and what we are really saying is give us a system that is as good as kynect. KY is shifting enrollment to federal platform. Passport has been told that if members must recertify, they should contact DCBS.</p> <p>B. Waiver meeting was convened by the Foundation for a Healthy KY on May 12th and many BH advocates were present. Members of the cabinet have received information from the meeting. The waiver process requires that two public hearings must be held. The Foundation is finding out what the process will be for that. We will disseminate information about the public forums as soon as we have it. On June 1st- there will be a Task Force on Vulnerable KYians meeting at the TARC building in Louisville.</p> <p>C. Recommendations from the Behavioral Health Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) were distributed and discussed. All are invited to attend the TAC meetings, held every other month, the next on July 7th.</p> <p>D. The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) issued responses to the Behavioral Health TAC recommendations which were distributed and discussed.</p>	
<p>Calendar</p>	<p>Sheila distributed and reviewed the Calendar of Legislative/Advocacy Events for the upcoming months.</p>	
<p>Information Sharing: Coalition Members</p>	<p>Mike Stone- August 1-5th responsible gaming week. Not a fantasy; it’s gambling.</p> <p>Nina- The Ridge’s 4th annual conference on June 29th.</p> <p>Kelly Gunning received lifetime achievement award.</p> <p>Kentucky Counseling Association conference in November.</p> <p>CIT KY conference coming up; contact Marcie if interested.</p> <p>Mike Barry- National rally for recovery Oct 8th in Dallas. Statewide rally is Sept. 10th walk in the AM and then Rally at noon.</p> <p>NAMI-KY participating in KYgiveaday today.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>Next KMHC Meetings</p>	<p>Next meeting: Tentative for August 31st, location TBA. Tentative for December 7th in Louisville.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Mike B. made a motion to adjourn; Kelly G. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:17^{pm}.</p>	