



**March 25th, 2015
12:00 pm-1:00 pm
Lunch and Learn Call for HCBS Consumers
(35 Participants on the call)**

Facilitated by Kerrie Bacon

- **Introductions Kancare bi-weekly conference calls.**

Speaker and Topic: The Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, Inc. with Sheli Sweeney

- ❖ We have a broad spectrum of people on the call and many may not know about us, we are a safety net. We serve all 105 counties in Kansas. We may not have a center in every county.
- ❖ The Association represents the 26 licensed Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) in Kansas who provide home and community-based, as well as outpatient mental health services in all 105 counties in Kansas, 24hours a day, seven days a week. In Kansas, CMHCs are the local Mental Health Authorities coordinating the delivery of publicly funded community-based mental health services. The CMHC system is state and county funded and locally administered. Consequently, service delivery decisions are made at the community level, closest to the residents that require mental health treatment. Each CMHC has a defined and discrete geographical service area. With a collective staff of over 4,500 professionals, the CMHCs provide services to Kansans of all ages with a diverse range of presenting problems. The CMHCs provide assessment, diagnosis, treatment, case management, medication management, crisis services, attendant care and respite care as well as many other services to individuals and families dealing with mental illness. In addition, the CMHCs provide screening for individuals who may need inpatient hospitalization. Together, this system of 26 licensed CMHCs form an integral part of the total mental health system in Kansas. As part of licensing regulations, CMHCs are required to provide services to all Kansans needing them, regardless of their ability to pay. This makes the community mental health system the “safety net” for Kansans with mental health needs, collectively serving 130,000 Kansans with mental illness.



- ❖ Serve people whether they can pay or not. The most important criteria are that people get help.
- ❖ More and more people are coming for help.
- ❖ Sometimes people are better served in their own community that may have a MHC and access to an inpatient facility.
- ❖ Wyandotte center has Rainbow Services has a small acute care facility, great news.
- ❖ Sedgwick County has one as well too, Via Christy.
- ❖ If there are questions, and can't get ahold of me, you can send to Kerrie and she can get them to me.

Open for questions:

Q. How is the Wichita Unit working out?

A. It just opened. It is not quite a psychiatric hosp, it serves several beds that are "sobering beds" the need has been so great, Stabilization beds. They also have longer term beds.

Q. Is this the "Triage" unit that we hear about?

A. Yes.

Q. Will Sedgwick help with those on the I/DD waiver?

A. If they have a mental illness, it will depend on their diagnosis.

Q. What is the center in Wichita's name?

A. I don't know right now, but it is attached to Via Christy, I will find out and get it to Kerrie, and it will be posted on the Ombudsman's website.

- ❖ **Announcement:** There is a HCBS Summit on April 13th and 14th and the 14th is in Topeka at the Capital Hotel, but reservations are needed.

For more information go to the KDADS website. Under the **Media Center; Current News and Important Information.**

Next Lunch and Learn will be: Health Homes with Rick Hoffmeister