

**KanCare Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Curtis State Office Building, Topeka, KS
Minutes of February 27, 2019**

Council Members Present:

Larry Martin
Dr. Michael Kennedy
Mark Hinde
Beth Simpson
Jamie Price
Representative Susan Concannon

Council Members Absent:

Lora Key
Njeri Shomari
Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook

Council Members Attending Via Phone:

Senator Allen Schmidt
Walt Hill
Ed Nicholas

Other Participants:

Dr. Lee Norman, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Adam Proffitt, Director of Program Finance and Informatics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Chris Swartz, Deputy Medicaid Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Laura Howard, Secretary, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
Amy Penrod, Commissioner, Community Services and Programs Commission, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
Kerrie Bacon, Ombudsman, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Welcome – Chairman Larry Martin

Larry Martin opened the meeting. The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved by the Council as published. Mark Hinde made a motion to approve the meeting agenda and Jamie Price seconded the motion.

Introductions – State Secretaries

Dr. Lee Norman, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Laura Howard, Secretary, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services briefly introduced themselves and the meeting was called to order.

Review and Approval of Minutes from Council meeting, December 14, 2018

Chairman Larry Martin asked if there was any discussion on the previous meeting's minutes. Dr. Michael Kennedy moved the December 14, 2018 minutes be approved as written. Beth Simpson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by the Council.

KDHE Update – Adam Proffitt, Director of Program Finance and Informatics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Chris Swartz, Deputy Medicaid Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Chris Swartz provided an update on the 1115 waiver, transition of care, continuity of care and eligibility. Per Chris Swartz, the State received approval of the 1115 waiver on December 18, 2018 for a 5-year term. The waiver

expires December 31, 2023. Chris Swartz gave update on the readiness reviews, backlog, open enrollment and taking the training and quality of applications back in-house. The Advisory Council discussed contracting with Aetna, LTSS and network adequacy. Jamie Price raised the concern regarding member attendance and how to improve their involvement in public hearings.

Adam Proffitt highlighted the KanCare Executive Summary.

KDADS Update – Amy Penrod, Commissioner, Community Services and Programs Commission, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Amy Penrod provided update on the HCBS waiver enrollment and efforts to reduce waiver waiting lists. She added that the following four waivers will renew in 2019: I/DD, TBI, FE and PD. Per Amy, the renewals for I/DD and TBI drafts have been submitted and can be viewed on the KDADS website. They are currently seeking feedback from the public and stakeholders. KDADS is also in the process of reviewing tech proposals as they are in a current RFP bid with the ADRCs whose contract ends March 2019.

Update from KanCare Ombudsman – Kerrie Bacon

Kerrie Bacon provided a written KanCare Ombudsman Quarterly Report. Please review attached document.

Updates on KanCare with Q&A

Aetna – Scott Brunner

Scott Brunner provided a brief update on Aetna Better Health of Kansas.

Sunflower State Health Plan – Jonalan Smith

Jonalan Smith provided a brief update on Sunflower State Health.

United Healthcare Community Plan – Kevin Sparks

Kevin Sparks provided a brief update on United Healthcare.

Miscellaneous Agenda Items

IDD and TA waiver concerns: No update at this time.

One Care Kansas: Becky Ross, KDHE, gave a brief update on One Care Kansas. Per Becky, One Care is our reconstituted Health Homes program; it is a directive from legislature via proviso. We formed a planning council consisting of providers, associations, advocates, MCOs and State staff. We had our first monthly meeting in November and will meet again next Thursday. The program will have a narrower focus that will demonstrate savings better. Timeline for implementation is May 2019.

Nursing/skilled staffing: Amy Penrod stated KDADS will discuss with MCOs to increase network. Jeff Stafford, United Healthcare, the issue calls for more funds as well as additional resources and creativity. Larry Martin added that higher reimbursement rates would help as healthcare in general is an underpaid field. Ed Nicholas and James Bart spoke to the number of issues with receiving care for needy children and the extensive waiting list.

Addition of new KanCare Advisory Council members: The council has two potential members they would like to have serve on the Council. Jay Rowe will represent senior issues and Dr. Rebecca Reddy will represent pediatrics. Chris Swartz and Secretary Norman are reviewing credentials and applications and will provide next steps.

Larry Martin asked for a motion to adjourn. Jamie Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Michael Kennedy seconded the motion. Larry Martin thanked everyone for attending the meeting and adjourned.

Next Meeting of KanCare Advisory Council – May 6, 2019, 2:30-4:30pm, Curtis State Office Building, Room 530