

**KanCare Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
Curtis State Office Building, Topeka, KS  
Minutes of May 6, 2019**

**Council Members Present:**

Larry Martin  
Senator Allen Schmidt  
Walt Hill  
Ed Nicholas  
Lora Key  
Mark Hinde

**Council Members Absent:**

Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook  
Dr. Michael Kennedy  
Beth Simpson  
Representative Susan Concannon

**Council Members Attending Via Phone:**

Jamie Price  
Njeri Shomari

**Other Participants:**

Dr. Lee Norman, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Adam Proffitt, Medicaid Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Chris Swartz, Deputy Medicaid Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
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. Larry asked the Council if there were additional questions or items to add to the agenda. Lora Key added the number of hospitals who haven't received executed contracts for Kansas providers and electronic remittance from Aetna. Dr. Reddy added in the ongoing revision of KAN Be Healthy provider manual and the online provider lookup system. Lastly, Walt Hill requested an update on the credentialing process. Mark Hinde made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended and Lora Key seconded the motion.*

**Review and Approval of Minutes from Council meeting, February 27, 2019**

Chairman Larry Martin asked if there was any discussion on the previous meeting's minutes. Walt Hill moved the February 27, 2019 minutes be approved as written. Allen Schmidt seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by the Council.

**Old Business – KanCare Advisory Council**

**Amerigroup failing to comply with KanCare contractual obligations regarding pediatric reimbursement rates – Dr. Rebecca Reddy**

*Dr. Reddy confirmed that previous complaints were resolved as of April 1. She also added that the payment problems are legitimate, and her practice has received good feedback. Walt Hill added that this is an ongoing process as they look to switch EHRs and still need to close out old balances.*

**Update on the transition into KanCare by Aetna, particularly as it relates to provider support and contracts/Provider network – Senator Allen Schmidt/Jamie Price and Update on the I/DD waiting list numbers, new offers, and the 5-year proposal to eliminate the waiting list – Senator Allen Schmidt**  
*Senator Allen Schmidt expressed concern regarding the delay in process and matters surrounding contract extensions and inquired if there was a plan in place for the 5-year proposal to eliminate the waiting list. Amy Penrod stated that funding had been added for the PD and I/DD waivers. Per Amy, there was also a Provider rate increase and that KDADS is still waiting on a rundown from Budget.*

**Update on the TA waiver staffing issues – Ed Nicholas**

*Amy Penrod stated KDADS has been in talks with staff to look at ways that we can address from State level. The State is aware of the difference in number of hours approved vs what providers can provide. Per Amy, there have been numerous discussions with major providers and they all had great insight to share. Ed Nicholas expressed his willingness to work with State staff to come up with solutions and is hoping to come to a resolve.*

**Confirmation status of new Advisory Council members – Dr. Rebecca Reddy, Jay Rowh and James Bart**

*The Council discussed the formal process of approval by the Governor and the role of the Advisory Council.*

**KDHE Update – Adam Proffitt, Medicaid Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment**

Dr. Lee Norman, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment announced that effectively immediately Adam Proffitt is now the Medicaid Director for KDHE and Chris Swartz has been named the Director of Operations/COO of the Division.

Adam Proffitt highlighted the KanCare Executive Summary. Please review attached document.

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

Amy Penrod provided update on the efforts to reduce waiver waiting lists. She also stated that the I/DD and TBI (now Brain Injury) drafts have been submitted and the FE and PD drafts are due to CMS by July 1. Per Amy, the renewals for I/DD and TBI can be viewed on the KDADS website and are currently in the public comment stage which ends May 16. Amy also added that the receiverships were passed this year and that KDADS consolidated two of their commissions – Community Services and Programs and Aging and Disability. This change will allow for better coordination and synergy amongst the agency. Per Amy, they are to be fully staffed by May 20.

**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 – Keith Wisdom*

Keith Wisdom provided a brief update on Aetna Better Health of Kansas.

*Sunflower State Health Plan – Miranda Steele*

Miranda Steele provided a brief update on Sunflower State Health.

*United Healthcare Community Plan – Jeff Stafford*

Jeff Stafford provided a brief update on United Healthcare.

Larry Martin asked for a motion to adjourn. Walt Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ed Nicholas seconded the motion. Larry Martin thanked everyone for attending the meeting and adjourned.

**Next Meeting of KanCare Advisory Council – August 5, 2019, 3:00-4:30pm, Curtis State Office Building, Room 530**