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KanCare Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Curtis State Office Building, Topeka, KS Minutes of September 25, 2018

Council Members Present:

Larry Martin
Lora Key
Ed Nicholas

Council Members Absent:

Mark Hinde
Beth Simpson
Njeri Shomari
Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook
Representative Susan Concannon
Dr. Michael Kennedy

Council Members Attending Via Phone:

Senator Allen Schmidt
Walt Hill
Jamie Price

Other Participants:

Jon Hamdorf, Director and Medicaid Director, Division of Health Care Finance, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Tim Keck, Secretary, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
Kerrie Bacon, Ombudsman, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Welcome – Chairman Larry Martin

Review and Approval of Minutes from Council meeting, May 30, 2018

Larry Martin opened the meeting. Due to the Council not having a quorum for today's discussion, the Council will review and approve meeting minutes electronically.

KDHE Update – Jon Hamdorf, Director and Medicaid Director, Division of Health Care Finance, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Jon Hamdorf highlighted the KanCare Executive Summary dated 9.25.18.

The Advisory Council discussed how to restructure the Council going forward and Jamie Price raised the issue regarding open seats for the KanCare Advisory Council. Jonalan Smith of Sunflower State Health Plan confirmed that the guidelines around this group were laid out in the original 1115 waiver request to CMS.

Jon Hamdorf gave a brief update on Maximus. Per Jon Hamdorf, KDHE contracts with Maximus through June 2019. They will continue to provide processing of elderly and disabled, nursing facility and family medical applications. The State will come in and provide personnel to do quality reviews and training. We hope through that effort we can improve their ability to process in an accurate and timely fashion. Jon Hamdorf added that the State will evaluate next year alongside the newly appointed Governor the potential investments of larger aspects of application

processing by State employees. A transition document will be presented to the next administration that will include KDHE's recommendation and courses of action. One possible recommendation will be to have KDHE slowly take all the operations back in-house.

KDADS Update – Tim Keck, Secretary, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Tim Keck highlighted the KanCare Advisory Council KDADS Update dated 9.25.18.

Tim Keck provided update on the waiver renewals and efforts to reduce waiver waiting lists. The following four waivers will expire in 2019: I/DD, TBI, FE and PD. Per Secretary Keck, KDADS will amend the current TBI waiver to include acquired brain injury as part of the waiver renewal process in response to the 2018 Budget Proviso.

Secretary Keck also discussed behavioral health, receiverships and state hospitals. The Advisory Council also spoke to the implementation of criminal record checks. Secretary Keck stated that the KBI is working on this. Jamie Price asked for an update on the KDADS budget enhancements. Per Secretary Keck, KDADS has asked more funding in the areas of nursing facilities, behavioral health and HCBS and will continue to address the needs of the population. Director Hamdorf applauded Secretary Keck on KDADS efforts to increase waivers and juggle receiverships. Secretary Keck thanked the MCOs and stated he appreciated the work being done.

Update from KanCare Ombudsman – Kerrie Bacon

Kerrie Bacon provided a brief update on the KanCare Ombudsman Quarterly Report. Please review attached document.

Updates on KanCare with Q&A

Amerigroup Kansas – Keith Derks

Keith Derks provided a brief update on Amerigroup. Please review attached document.

Sunflower State Health Plan – Jonalan Smith

Jonalan Smith provided a brief update on Sunflower State Health. Please review attached document.

United Healthcare Community Plan – Kevin Sparks

Kevin Sparks provided a brief update on Sunflower State Health. Please review attached document.

Larry Martin asked if there were any questions or comments for the next meeting. Ed Nicholas asked for an update on nursing and skilled staffing and the KanCare Ombudsman. Per Jon Hamdorf, there has been communication with the Governor's office following the letter of recommendation sent by the Advisory Council. Regarding the decision to make the KanCare Ombudsman more independent, the Governor's office will not move forward with the recommendation at this time. Discussion was held regarding the need to grow the attendant care staff. Per Jon Hamdorf, Kevin Sparks from United Healthcare is leading the effort on this. Per Kevin, UHC had a meeting with Sunflower three weeks ago and they are working on infrastructure building. Stated there is no career path for personal care attendants at this time. Kevin Sparks added that they are looking into training opportunities and certifications; this group is to meet again in October 2018. They will look to bridge the gap between personal care attendants and the job responsibilities of a Community Health worker. Ed Nicholas asked to be placed on the email list for this group and requested that an update on nursing staff and the KanCare Ombudsman office being an independent be added to the next meeting's agenda.

Larry Martin thanked everyone for attending the meeting and adjourned.

Next Meeting of KanCare Advisory Council – December 14, 2018, 2:00-4:00pm, Curtis State Office Building, Room 530