

**KanCare Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Curtis State Office Building, Rm 530
Minutes of March 3, 2020**

Council Members Present:

Larry Martin, Chairman
Ed Nicholas
Lora Key
Beth Simpson
Mark Hinde

Council Members Absent:

Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook
Jerry Henry
Jamie Price
Njeri Shomari
Walt Hill
Michael Kennedy
Susan Concannon

Council Members Attending Via Phone:

Allen Schmidt

Council Member Candidates Present:

Dr. Rebecca Reddy
Jay Rowh

Council Member Candidates Attending Via Phone:

James Bart

Other Participants:

Dr. Lee Norman, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Adam Proffitt, Medicaid Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Chris Swartz, Director of Operations/COO, Deputy Medicaid Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Janis DeBoer, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
Kerrie Bacon, Ombudsman, KanCare Ombudsman Office
David Livingston, Aetna Better Health of Kansas
Lucia Jones Herrera, United Healthcare Community Plan
Miranda Steele, Sunflower State Health Plan

Welcome – Chairman Larry Martin

Review and Approval of Minutes from Council meeting December 11, 2019

Chairman Larry Martin asked if the Advisory Council had any changes to the proposed agenda and there were none. Chairman Larry Martin asked if there was any discussion on the previous meeting's minutes. Ed Nicholas moved the December 11, 2019 minutes be approved as written. Mark Hinde seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by the Council.

Old Business – KanCare Advisory Council

Current and projected shortage of direct care workers (Direct Support Professionals) in Kansas – Allen Schmidt

Allen Schmidt emphasized how there will be a projected 74,000 job openings for personal care aides, home health aides and nursing assistants. Two bills in the house addressing the DSP's and there shortages. Direct support workforce crisis puts people needing assistance at great risk of harm, denials of services, and longer waiting lists.

Define the capable person policy in regard to the care of our disabled kids and adults in need of care per their personal care plans – Ed Nicholas

Ed Nicholas expressed concern for families with the changes made in 2016 on the capable person policy. Janis DeBoer will set up a meeting between KDADS, Ed Nicholas and Dr. Rebecca Reddy prior to the next KanCare Advisory Meeting (Q3). Topic will remain on old business until comfortable with the resolution.

Update on staffing issues for those in need of Long-Term Care – Ed Nicholas

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Update on progress of the steps being done on the different agencies that can help waiver consumers obtain the hours of care that have been allotted via their personal centered care plans for Nursing and or Personal Care Attendants (Self-directed or agency directed) – Ed Nicholas

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New Business – KanCare Advisory Council

Review of a KMAP pharmacy guideline – Dr. Rebecca Reddy

Dr. Rebecca Reddy stated this bill will be addressed with the KDHE Mental Health Board.

Aetna Better Health still not paying anything that requires a CLIA# - Dr. Rebecca Reddy

Dr. Rebecca Reddy expressed concern on the reason Aetna is the only MCO having this issue. Topic will be placed on old business. David Livingston will address this issue.

HEDIS reports not fair on vaccine refusal/hesitancy (requested by Sue Ann Jantz, Cottonwood Pediatrics) – Chris Swartz

Adam Proffitt stated KDHE lacks the authority to change HEDIS measures. Jeff Stafford will look into the MCO incentive structure for vaccinations.

Medicaid Expansion status – Larry Martin

Adam Proffitt stated the legislators continued to work on the Medicaid Expansion bill.

KDHE Update – Adam Proffitt, Medicaid Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Chris Swartz, Director of Operations/COO, Deputy Medicaid Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Secretary Norman provided an update on the evolving pandemic, Kansas has had no positive COVID cases at this time. MCO's need to push out information from the KDHE website for crisis communication in a timely manner. Commercial testing is not available, they are receiving tests from CDC.

Adam Proffitt provided an update from the Bethell HCBS and KanCare Oversight Committee held February 28, 2020. Handout provided.

KDADS Update – Janis DeBoer, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services and Amy Penrod, Commissioner, Community Services and Programs Commission, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Janis DeBoer provided a brief update. Handout provided.

Update from KanCare Ombudsman – Kerrie Bacon, KanCare Ombudsman Office

Kerrie Bacon provided a brief update. Handout provided.

Updates on KanCare with Q&A

Aetna Better Health of Kansas – David Livingston

David Livingston 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. Handout provided.

United Healthcare Community Plan – Lucia Jones Herrera

Lucia Jones Herrera provided a brief update on United Healthcare. Handout provided.

Larry Martin asked for a motion to adjourn. Rebecca Reddy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mark Hinde seconded. Larry Martin thanked everyone for attending the meeting and adjourned.

Next Meeting: KanCare Advisory Council – June 9, 2020 Curtis State Office Building, Suite 530 2:00-4:00 p.m.