

March 18, 2026, Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting Minutes

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Date: March 18, 2026 Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Place: Zoom conference meeting	Meeting Attendees Bolded		
	<i>Committee</i>	<i>State & Gainwell</i>	<i>Additional Attendees</i>
	Saby Karuppiah, MD	Kali Steelsmith, RN, KDHE	
	Amanda Applegate, PharmD	Anh Rongish, PharmD KDHE	Heidi Hartner, Director, TMAH
	Mohamed Radhi, MD		Philip Galewitz, Reporter, KFF Health News
	Melissa Patrick, BAC	Alli Denning, KDHE	Stephanie Irvine, Insurance Specialist, Horizons Mental Health Center
	Leni Swails, PhD	Kourtney Bettinger, MD, KDHE	
	Laura Kozisek, BAC	Shalae Harris, BSN, RN, KDHE	
	Anne Stanton, APRN	Michael Skoch, MD, KDHE	
	Derreck Totton, MD	Emily Larrison, RN, Gainwell	
	Caitlyn Linscheid, MD	Ian Kinsey, KDADS	
	Julie Stewart, MD	Michelle Heydon, KDADS	
	William Warnes, MD	Seth Kilber, KDADS	
	David Nill, MD	Scott Anglemyer, KDADS	
	Alissa Stinnett, DNP	Lauren Evans, KDHE	
	Tracy Wagner, RN, BSN Gainwell		
Distribution List: MAC Committee, KDHE-DHCF and Gainwell Technologies			

Topic	DISCUSSION	DECISION AND/OR ACTION
Call to Order	Call to order 10:35am 03/18/2026	Dr. Leni Swails
Review of Minutes & Introductions	Roll Call/Introductions: Kali Steelsmith, RN Clinical Manager, KDHE David Nill, MD CMO for UHC	Dr. Leni Swails

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot region: 55 counties in southern Kansas, rural focus <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve maternal and child healthcare for Medicaid and CHIP • Reduce low-risk C-section rates • Severe maternal morbidity • Incident of low birth rate infants • Improve overall care experience for pregnant women <p>Three model pillars:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to Care, Infrastructure, and Workforce capacity 2. Quality improvement and safety 3. Whole person care delivery <p>Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital engagement; Birthing friendly designation • Working with Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative, KS Maternal Mortality Review Committee, and others • Creating data systems and collection • Screening and education • Perinatal mental health • Domestic violence support • Telehealth expansions such as access to specialists, reduce travel, telemonitoring for HTN and gestational diabetes • Collaborate through state planned amendments to expand covered services under Medicaid • Expand home visiting program models 	

