

Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council Subcommittee's 1-17-18 Prevention Sub-Committee

Liaison Mende Barnett

The subcommittee is comprised of eleven members from a variety of backgrounds including substance abuse prevention, mental health promotion, suicide prevention and problem gambling prevention. This newly established committee has been focused on establishing a comprehensive charter and assessment processes to identify prevention efforts.

The committee has made progress collaborating with the other committees and establishing how to integrate prevention efforts. The committee continues to review data points related to behavioral health prevention and identify potential data gaps. Continued work has been made on the statewide plan to address behavioral health prevention including the completion of guiding principles and values.

The Justice Involved Youth and Adults Subcommittee

Liaison Charley Bartlett

The subcommittee continues to review the progress on the implementation of SB 367, the Juvenile Justice reform law currently being implemented by KDOC/JJA. The Subcommittee is also keeping their attention on the Legislative Post Audit centered around behavioral health and jails, and how to bring those services into the jails, also how to divert and what is needed to provide post jail. They are looking for a report to be published.

The group continues to support suspension and reinstatement of Medicaid upon release from incarceration continues to be discussed, and a bill for pentation by three members is under review. The group continues to focus on behavioral health and jails – how to bring those services into the jails but also how to divert and then what is needed to provide services post jail. The subcommittee members agree that establishing a priority related to children/youth around the prevalence of Mental Health for justice involved youth and those in detention is a goal.

The group is also reviewing membership and how to proceed with workgroups and setting priorities for the year.

Housing & Homeless

Liaison Korrie Snell

On December 13th, 2017, the Housing and Homelessness Subcommittee presented their annual report and recommendation to Secretary Keck and BHS Commission leadership. The presenting subcommittee members were directed to create a workgroup to develop a supportive housing pilot project proposal, to serve homeless individuals in our state. Since then, they developed a charter, invited stakeholders to the workgroup, and held the first workgroup meeting on January 2nd, 2018. Following the first meeting, members researched current resources and resource gaps in the state as well as existing state housing projects to learn from their successes and challenges.

The group will reconvene on January 16th to discuss the research and write the first draft of the proposal.

On January 10th, Secretary Keck met with BHS Commission leadership and determined the subcommittee should grow the workgroup, and continue to meet after the completion of the pilot proposal to focus on housing. Additional workgroup members are being identified now and will be invited in the near future.

Rural & Frontier Subcommittee

Liaison Chris Bush

The subcommittee wrapped up 2017 continuing discussion around Bill 19-20 & HB 2206 Testimony. Some of the from the testimony highlighted was that that access to behavioral health services is not equal in rural and frontier areas. In addition, committee reviewed telehealth systems... Telehealth is an umbrella term and Telemedicine is about delivery of services. Furthermore, the committed discussed how Bill 19-20 seems to have more related factors to rural frontier. The subcommittee continue efforts to pursue to bridge the gap for services to promote accessibility and availability of mental health services in frontier and rural Kansas counties.

Kansas Citizens Council on Alcohol and Drugs (KCC)

Liaison Kimberly Reynolds

The KCC is working to increase their membership so that all the individual groups required by statute to be represented are included; at this past meeting, three new members were added. Also, given that the statute requires that the KCC examine both SUD prevention and treatment, they have been working with the Prevention Subcommittee to develop strategies for sharing information and identifying priorities without duplicating efforts; as part of that effort, both the KCC and Prevention Subcommittee Chairs have recently presented at each other's meetings. The KCC recently agreed to develop a workgroup to serve as the newly reconvened State Quality Committee (the SQC). The role of the SQC is to review data related to the use of Block Grant funds for SUD treatment and advise KDADS regarding the accessibility and quality of services provided. The SQC is an important component of KDADS' Block Grant monitoring plan.

Children's Subcommittee Report

Liaison Linda Blasi

The children's sub-committee is attending to adding a full array of representation from all aspects of children's treatment and resources to the subcommittee. Selected committee members have been appointed to bring forward progress of other sub-committees to provide overall integration for children's services. The subcommittee supports the children's continuum of care work group process co-chaired by Nancy Crago, chair of the Children's Subcommittee.

Focus and discussion is ongoing as to how to address the need for a statewide data system. They have begun with an examination of pilot's which have been constructed for KDHE. Discussion continues around transition issues, parent engagement, school mental health, early childhood mental health services, capacity, and integration.

Employment Subcommittee Report

Liaison Melissa Bogart-Starkey

The Employment subcommittee continues to look at expanding of current membership and ways to collaborate with the Governors Employment First workgroup, so we are working in tandem and not in isolation. The GBHSPC presented to Secretary Keck on July 25th, 2017. Members of the Governor's Behavioral Health subcommittee in partnership with the Governors Employment First workgroup also participated in a sit-down collaborative session with Lieutenant Governor Jeff Collier on August 31st and October 18th, to look at ways of expanding workforce programming for disabled persons who would like to join the workforce. Members of the Employment Sub-Committee also met with SAMHSA leadership Bill Hudock in September to hear a presentation on employment initiatives across the US and will continue to receive technical assistance from SAMHSA through 2019, on ways to integrate Individual Placement and Support as "the standard model of care" for persons with behavioral health diagnosis in Kansas. The Employment First sub-committee will meet again Jan. 31st, 2018 and the focus will be on current members and a letter will be drafted to invite new members to participate.

Veterans Subcommittee

Liaison Ron Jeanneret

This subcommittee reactivated in June of 2017. It is comprised of the Chair, Co-chair and currently 13 members from across the state. The state is divided into five regions with a designated mental health facility as the lead in that region. Subcommittee members received training from SAMSHA technical assistance program for strategic planning in September 2017. From that training the committee established goals to identify quality resources for veterans, their families and children across the state. The committee presented these goals to Secretary Keck in December 2017. Secretary Keck was very supportive of the subcommittee goals. Our first committee meeting will be late January or early February to begin work towards our goals.