Charter

Kansas Citizens Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

A subcommittee of the Governors Behavioral Health Services Planning Council

**Purpose:**  K.S.A. 75-5381 reads, "It shall be the duty of the Kansas Citizens' Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse to confer, advise, and consult with the Secretary of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Behavioral Health or their designee with respect to the powers, duties, and functions imposed upon the Secretary under K.S.A's 65-4006, 75-4007, and 75-5375." The purpose of this Committee is to be an advisory council for Substance Use Treatment, Prevention, Problem Gambling services, and Recovery Oriented Systems of Care in Kansas.

**Vision:** Kansas is a community where people are free from the adverse effects of substance use disorders, mental illness, and other behavioral health disorders.

**Mission:** To empower healthy change in people's lives by promoting quality services that address the treatment, prevention, and recovery from substance use disorders, problem gambling, mental illness, and other behavioral health disorders.

To accomplish the mission the Kansas Citizen's Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse shall:

* Participate in the annual plan development, recommend a plan of work, program direction, and establishment of new services
* Utilize a collaborative consumer and community centered philosophy.
* Advocate for financial and human resources to promote availability and accessibility of services for addiction prevention and treatment for all Kansans.

**Membership**: The KCC is made up of individual members from a variety of backgrounds including Substance Use Disorder treatment providers, Prevention Specialist, Higher Education, Department of Corrections, Mental Health providers, State agency staff, and consumers. Membership currently consists of up to 2 - three year terms. The KCC will retain By Laws that have been updated to reflect changes. Officers of the KCC consist of a chair, vice chair/chair-elect and secretary each serving a one year term. The Vice Chair/Chair-Elect will act as Chair in the Chair’s absence and will become Chair the following fiscal year.

**Goals for this sub-committee for Fiscal Year 2017:**

* Ensure that the Problem Gambling Alliance Fund is used in accordance with bylaws and statutes.
* Reinstate the 4% Medicaid cuts that were enacted in July 2016.
* Support Medicaid expansion to insure Kansans for substance use disorder and mental health services, who would otherwise utilize block grant funding and often face wait lists for services.
* Support a global payment model that would allow providers to define the appropriate care for each patient while managing per member per month funds and tracking quality outcomes.
* Ensure that behavioral health services (substance use disorder and mental health services) are covered by existing and future health plans
* Support workforce development by adequately funding agencies (specific recommendations provided in the previous section of this report).
* Support initiatives that reduce the costs of entering the field (e.g. tuition reimbursement similar to that available in similar fields).
* Support reimbursement for the flexible, responsible, supervised use of the **full contingent of addiction service providers**, including peer mentors, recovery coaches, and person centered case managers.
* Support initiatives that allow professionals with specialty training in addiction counseling to provide more integrative services to clients with co-occurring conditions.