

**Access to Services Working Group (WGB):
Senior Care Task Force**

Meeting #2 - Friday, January 21, 2022

Discussion: Provision of care for seniors in the state of Kansas who suffer from Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other age-related mental health conditions

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

AGENDA

9:00AM Welcome and Introductions

9:05AM Validate Vision Statement

9:10AM Subject Matter Expert Discussion

- *Jamie Gideon, Kansas Director of Public Policy, Alzheimer's Association*
- *Kim Reynolds, Assistant Regional Administrator, SAMHSA*

9:30AM Working Group Discussion

10:20AM Revisit SWOT Analysis and Preview Matrix

10:25AM Administrative Updates

10:30AM Adjourn

Link to Meeting Materials: <https://www.khi.org/pages/2022-SCTF>

Meeting Commitments

- *Come ready to discuss and compromise*
- *Keep remarks succinct and on topic*
- *Don't hesitate to ask clarifying questions*
- *Start and end on time*

Vision Statement:

"Establish and expand a clear path with public policy recommendations for Kansas older adults and caregivers to access services."

SWOT Analysis

Provision of care for seniors in the state of Kansas who suffer from Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other age-related mental health conditions

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have the Alzheimer's association to provide education, support, and other resources. National Task Group (NTG) - dementia specific training Senior Care Act serves age 60 and older- unique to Kansas Increased funding allocated to the senior care act program by legislators in the 2021 session Alzheimer's state task force 2020 Alzheimer's state plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No flexibility in services available Lack of caregiver knowledge for both Alzheimer's and mental health in older adults Decreased staffing resources Opportunities for them to be in their home Caregiver shortages for self-direct care services Workforce shortages Limited resources for in-home specialized services for individuals with dementia The workforce crisis creates a challenge for finding paid caregivers for those that can pay for it. Provision of care for older adults with dementia is available in facilities in some areas. Limited resources available for community-based care. Limited availability of mental health professionals with expertise in specialized needs of older adults Wage disparity between waivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working closer with community mental health centers Establishing a permanent dementia coordinator position Requiring dementia training in long-term care (LTC) Alzheimer's association in Kansas is visible and active in providing resource information and advocacy Transition planning from home to more intensive services when needed Home and community-based services (HCBS) program for age 65 and older Establish caregiver tax credits Mental health services not widely available for older adults in rural areas Require dementia training for caregivers in all settings where people with dementia are served Requiring dementia specific training for all caregivers; both initially and annually Lack of adequate training for professionals working with individuals with dementia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregiver burnout The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a great resource for this area. However- is more targeted to dual eligible and not more widely available to those only with Medicare coverage. Workforce shortage Lack of healthcare providers specializing in these diagnosis Funding challenges Increased numbers in the future, are we prepared to handle that with service availability?
<p style="text-align: center;">Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple resources for dementia and Alzheimer's specific training 	<p style="text-align: center;">Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce shortages Limited availability of mental health professionals Limited resources available for caregivers and seniors seeking services 	<p style="text-align: center;">Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide dementia coordinator (are there other states with similar role?) Caregiver tax credits Transition planning for rural services 	<p style="text-align: center;">Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce shortage Burnout - caregivers, provider staff Aging population - capacity to serve growing population of Kansans needing LTC Lack of healthcare provider specialization in diagnosis