

Medicaid 101: Training 1 – History of I/DD

December 6, 2019

AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m.** **Welcome and Introductions**
Robert F. St. Peter, M.D., President and CEO, Kansas Health Institute
- 8:35 a.m.** **Training: History of I/DD Institutions in Kansas**
Becky Ross, Initiatives Unit Coordinator, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- 10:00 a.m.** **Panel Discussion: Future Delivery of Services**
Becky Ross, Initiatives Unit Coordinator, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Amy Penrod, Commissioner of the Aging & Disability Community Services & Programs, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
Steve Gieber, Executive Director, Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities
Mike Burgess, Director of Policy and Outreach, Disability Rights Center of Kansas
Matt Fletcher, Executive Director, InterHab

Moderator: Kari Bruffett, Vice President for Policy, Kansas Health Institute
- 10:30 a.m.** **Adjourn**

SPEAKERS

Becky Ross

Becky Ross has worked for the State of Kansas for 41 years, beginning at Larned State Hospital. She taught psychology at Fort Hays State University, then worked at Norton State Hospital as a Unit Psychologist. She later worked at Winfield State Hospital as a Unit Psychologist and Qualified Mental Retardation Professional. She moved to the Mental Health and Retardation Services Commission in SRS in 1989, where she wrote the state's first stand-alone home and community based services (HCBS) waiver for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and brought to the state the I/DD HCBS waiver functional assessment still in use today. She has worked in Kansas Medicaid for seventeen years, doing policy work and leading new initiatives. Becky received a bachelor's degree in psychology at Baker University and a master's degree at Fort Hays State University.



Amy Penrod

Amy Penrod is the Commissioner of the Aging & Disability Community Services and Programs Commission at the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). She oversees a system of community-based supports and services for persons with disabilities, many of which are delivered through KanCare and the state's seven home and community based services waiver programs. Amy has worked for KDADS since 2012, first serving as the agency's Budget Director prior to assuming her current position in 2017. She received a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas.



Steve Gieber

Steve Gieber has worked to improve employment outcomes for people with disabilities throughout his career. He is the Executive Director of the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities (KCDD) and serves as the President of the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities. Councils serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) through advocacy, systems change and capacity building while developing and carrying out the five-year plan based on the needs of people with I/DD in their state. Steve served on the Local Area One Workforce Development Board since its inception and was appointed to the Kansas Employment First Commission. Steve is a lifelong Kansan who earned a bachelor's degree in industrial art, and a master's degree in organizational leadership from Fort Hays State University.



Mike Burgess

Mike Burgess is the Director of Policy and Outreach at the Disability Rights Center of Kansas (DRC). He brings a variety of policy and systems change experience to DRC Kansas. Mr. Burgess served 10 years as a member of the Kansas House of Representatives where he chaired committees including the House Government Efficiency Committee and the House Elections and Governmental Organization Committee. He also brings a background in information technology from both the private sector and state government. He serves as a member of the Kansas Partnership for Accessible Technology. Mike earned a bachelor's degree in journalism with a minor in economics from Kansas State University.



Matt Fletcher

Matt Fletcher is the Executive Director at InterHab, the state association for providers of community services to Kansans with developmental disabilities. He has dedicated his career to health and human services in Kansas, including nearly two decades in support of Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. That experience includes work within the I/DD service field where he was responsible for ensuring high-quality service delivery to more than 400 persons with I/DD. Matt previously worked for InterHab for 16 years. During that time, Matt led grassroots advocacy efforts to ensure the best possible outcomes for providing services to Kansans with I/DD.



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