

KanCare Meaningful Measures Collaborative (KMMC) Meeting

Friday, March 25, 2022, 1:00PM-2:30PM

Attendees: Aaron Dunkel, Kim Anderson, Melissa Warfield, Audrey Schremmer, Carrie Wendel-Hummell, Audrey Dunkel, Sarah Fertig, Nick Wood, Lynne Valdivia, Beth Nech, Tami Allen, Noelle Kurth, Kari Bruffett, Wen-Chieh Lin, Miranda Steele, Michele Sumpter

KanCare 3.0 Update:

Sarah Fertig gave an update on KanCare 3.0. The RFP is scheduled to be posted the end of October or early November. Sarah also described H Sub for Sub for SB 267, a bill that is designed to extend the current KanCare contracts and require the Medicaid program to have legislative approval for all changes to the Medical Assistance Program. The Attorney General's office released an opinion about the legislation, as requested by legislators, and it can be found [here](#). As of now, the state is proceeding with its current timeline with May for public and consumer engagement meetings.

Melissa Warfield let the group know Mercer has been charged with taking all the recommendations the state has received, including from KMMC, and developing a comprehensive report for Secretary Stanek, Sarah Fertig and Chris Swartz for review.

AmeriCorps VISTA / Partner Role

Kari Bruffett opened the discussion by explaining that during the Executive Committee meetings, the group has been discussing the potential for an AmeriCorps VISTA to work with the KMMC. The goal would be to recruit a current or past KanCare/Medicaid recipient, who would start around June for one year. This person would help to expand the work of the KMMC through helping design materials, disseminating content, and other related assignments. The KMMC will be responsible for helping recruit the individual and then KHI or other collaborative partners would assist with supervising and providing office accommodations for the individual. Kari asked the group for recommendations on potential organizations to reach out to or potential recruits.

KMMC Outreach Toolkit

The discussion moved to Miranda Steele to cover the Communication and Outreach Toolkit. The task team held its first meeting to discuss elements of the toolkit, which is being created as a resource for KMMC member organizations to readily access and present content that facilitates high-quality engagement with consumers and advocacy groups. This will aid in ongoing, multi-directional communication about KMMC's stakeholder engagement and the recommendations submitted to the State. Timing is aligned with the KanCare 3.0 engagement activities. The task team consists of representatives from Three Rivers/KACIL, KHA, K4AD and WSU-CEI. Other members of KMMC are welcome to join in on this work; let us know if you are interested. Miranda shared the concept PowerPoint with the group. The document will have a standard set of branded slides with some starter text around the seven measures. It is important to let consumers and other stakeholders know that their voices were heard during the



engagement sessions, that KMMC explored options to formally submit their input and that we follow up on the recommendations and processes. Clarifying question was asked if there will be a chance to address new priorities later?

Yes, there may be another round of stakeholder surveys/focus groups to formally collect input leading to other measures to be researched and recommended by KMMC. However, at this time we want to increase the understanding of the KanCare program and provide a follow-up on the previous rounds of input.

Comments: Nick Wood with Interhab LLC [shared documents](#) with the group. Audrey Schremmer recommended minimizing the use of the KMMC acronym. Some may have lost track or never knew what KMMC stood for, so the group was in agreement to utilize KanCare Meaningful Measures Collaborative consistently instead of the KMMC acronym. The Kansas Disability Caucus will be August 10th -12th, 2022, and could potentially be one avenue to show this work to that [group](#).

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