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**To:** Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight

**From:** KanCare Meaningful Measures Collaborative

**Date:** November 18, 2019

**Re:** Update on the KanCare Meaningful Measures Collaborative

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Chairman Suellentrop and Members of the Committee:

In August 2019, KanCare Meaningful Measures Collaborative (KMMC) leadership provided an update to the Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight. This included an update on the first annual report from the KMMC, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://bit.ly/33rvlkG>. In lieu of an oral presentation for its November meeting, the KMMC would like to provide a written update on its progress to the Bethell Committee.

The KMMC thanks you for your continued interest in this effort. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please email [KMMC@khi.org](mailto:KMMC@khi.org) or call 785-233-5443.

## **KanCare Meaningful Measures Collaborative**

The KMMC was created out of a desire to better understand how KanCare, the Kansas Medicaid program, is performing. The goal of the KMMC is not to evaluate the KanCare program, but instead to establish consensus around high priority, meaningful metrics by bringing together KanCare consumers, stakeholders, researchers and state agency staff.

For additional information on the KMMC, its members and past and present meetings, please visit [KMMCCdata.org](http://KMMCCdata.org).

## **Progress on Priority Topics**

During its September 2019 meeting, the KMMC Executive Committee prioritized three topic areas for immediate effort, which includes:

- Network adequacy: <https://bit.ly/33G2usU>
- Care coordination: <https://bit.ly/2qJ7kaa>
- Pregnancy outcomes: <https://bit.ly/33ErtwP>

For each of three prioritized topic areas, small task groups have been meeting to examine potential meaningful measures. This work has involved assessing what measures are currently available to address the topic areas, available data sources, limitations with existing data sources and measures, and gaps in existing data sources and measures.

Preliminary task group findings were presented to the full KMMC during its November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting (links to findings presented on November 1<sup>st</sup> included on page 1). The task groups are now refining the work presented on November 1<sup>st</sup> in light of feedback received from the full KMMC. It is anticipated that recommendations will emerge related to these topic areas in the coming months.

### **Consumer Engagement**

Part of the KMMC prioritization process has included working with organizations to solicit input from current KanCare consumers, often via in-person or phone interviews. In many cases, participating organizations have existing relationships with consumers.

The second round of KMMC consumer engagement was completed in October 2019 and included partnerships with six organizations and reached more than 135 consumers across the state. Participating consumers represented various populations, including mothers, mental health consumers, older adults, and people with disabilities. KMMC members will be working in the coming months to assess common themes among consumer responses to assist with prioritization of current and future KMMC work.