

**Access to Services Working Group (WGB)
Information Requested During Jan. 21, 2022, Meeting**

Question/Information Requested	Related Recommendation/Discussion	Information/Links
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there any funding specific for aging MH specialists? 	Fund/expand funding for aging mental health specialists at all CMHCs.	<p>KDADS: The funding is likely less of an issue than the workforce shortage as a barrier to hiring geriatric MH/SUD specialists at CMHCs. We're currently having trouble filling generalist positions. NASW offers credentials at both the advanced and clinical level. Similar credentials are available for other professions.</p> <p>Examples: Social Worker in Gerontology (socialworkers.org), The Advanced Social Worker in Gerontology (ASW-G) (socialworkers.org)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What training is provided to CMHC staff working with older adults? 	Require CMHCs to provide mental health and aging training for clinical staff who provide services to older adults.	See above
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify barriers to CMHCs providing services to NF residents 	Provide access for residents with a level II (mental health needs) to be provided in the nursing home by a CMHC.	KDADS: Right now, the main barrier to CMHCs providing services in NFs is the Specialized Services State Plan Amendment that the state is working on. Once that is in place CMHCs will be able to bill KanCare for Specialized Services to NF residents based on their PASRR Level II.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information about Hand in Hand training (CMS) Can senior centers be a site for training? 	Provide dementia training - Four hours of dementia training annually for direct care workers (e.g., nurse aide, medication aide), two hours of training for new employees within 90 days of employment.	<p>Linda Farrar: CMS produced & provided Hand in Hand Training to all facilities several years ago and the Kansas Partnership videoed those 6 modules and they are available on YouTube: Hand in Hand Training Videos - YouTube</p> <p>The mission of the Hand in Hand training is to provide nursing homes with a high-quality training program that emphasizes person-centered care in the care of persons with dementia and the prevention of abuse.</p> <p>The Dementia Capable Care training has also been made available, mostly through KHCA and KFMC (early on). The objectives of DCC are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify empowering paradigm shifts to create successful outcomes for those with dementia 2. Demonstrate an understanding of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias and their impact on cognitive function 3. Describe the best ability to function and key remaining abilities for each dementia stage, as defined by Allen Cognitive Levels 4. Identify key care approaches for each dementia stage to promote the highest possible level of function in ADL, mobility, and leisure activity 5. Understand strategies to enhance communication, minimize negative behaviors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the database for respite care providers? Other matching registries? What training is available for family caregivers and respite providers? 	Training for family caregivers and respite care (see language from state plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rewarding Work – database/matching services registry currently operating in Kansas, Connecticut, and Massachusetts; has been known as Kansas Personal Care Directory. There is a monthly fee for individual or agency employers, but KanCare members self-directing their care are eligible for free access. Matches direct-care workers with individual or agency employers. Focuses on those with Medicare or Medicaid. MCOs have covered in recent years. If external funding were available, could provide free access to older adults not enrolled in KanCare as well. (Could present to Workforce Subgroup.) Connect To Care Jobs – ADvancing States initiative to match workers to critical staffing needs in adult care homes and long-term acute care hospitals. At the beginning of COVID-19, several states said that their number one problem was connecting job seekers in health care to places that were hiring. ADvancing States approached Centene and asked if they would help support an effort to design and build a website to make the connections. ADvancing States is now working with a consulting firm/think tank on an expansion to include things like an online training platform, directory, etc. The formal arrangement has been finalized, and they are about to move forward to work with states on next steps. (Could present to Workforce Subgroup.) Free respite care training available to Kansans at: Kansas Online Respite Training (talentlms.com)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can we get information about best practices for pairing telehealth gero-psych with local resources? 	The State should identify gero-psych resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table 2, Best Practices for Telemedicine for Patients with Dementia-Related Psychosis or Parkinson Disease Psychosis in an LTC Setting, from Using Telemedicine to Assess and Manage Psychosis in Neurodegenerative Diseases in Long-Term Careⁱ Additional outreach to: National Council for Behavioral Health, American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry

ⁱ L. Shaughnessy, S. Brunton, C. Chepke, J.G. Farmer, A.S. Rosenzweig, G. Grossberg. (2022.) *Using Telemedicine to Assess and Manage Psychosis in Neurodegenerative Diseases in Long-Term Care*. Journal of the American Medical Directors Association. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jamda.2021.12.033>.