

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

Meeting #4 - Friday, February 11, 2022

Discussion:

*Rebalancing of home and community-based services (HCBS)*

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**AGENDA**

- 9:00AM**      **Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:10AM**      **Discussion with Content and Supplemental Experts**  
*Dan Goodman, Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services*  
*Shelly Mays, Johnson County Developmental Supports*
- 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.”

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing interest in home and community-based services during the time of the pandemic.</li> <li>More attention is now being given at federal level to funding needed</li> <li>Change in protected income level has increased access</li> <li>Increased awareness of the waiver program during pandemic</li> <li>Funding for services as the number of waiver participants continues to increase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of available home-based services and providers in rural areas.</li> <li>Workforce shortages are worsening</li> <li>Limited-service flexibility</li> <li>Individuals w/ i/dd are not included in some service delivery options</li> <li>Service gaps between living on their own and then transitioning to more intensive support as they age.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural PACE model</li> <li>Availability of PACE in areas of state currently unserved by pace providers.</li> <li>Access to the same services that non-HCBS people receive. Explore if there really is a need to separate these populations when we are talking about older adults</li> <li>Increase utilization during the pandemic</li> <li>Establish a statewide information and referral system through KDADS</li> <li>The change to the protected income level has resulted in more people being able to access HCBS waiver services</li> <li>The Agency for Community Living (ACL) ADRC transitions program has been successful in helping many on waiver services transition back home- opportunity to make this permanent</li> <li>Administrative case management (ACM) service to assist with the Medicaid application process for Frail Elderly, Physical Disability and Brain Injury waiver applicants</li> <li>Services that can be shared with HCBS and non-HCBS recipients. Is there really a need to separate these populations when we are talking about older adults</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growing waiting list numbers</li> <li>Staffing for expanded services could be problematic</li> <li>Final settings rule causing assisted living and home plus to leave the HCBS program as providers</li> <li>Provider rate imbalance between waivers</li> <li>Lack of standardized direct support professional as a recognized profession by the department of labor.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Themes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More attention to funding and interest in HCBS</li> </ul>	<p><b>Key Themes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HCBS lacking in rural communities</li> <li>Limited flexibility of existing services</li> </ul>	<p><b>Key Themes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PACE providers and model for rural communities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Key Themes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workforce shortage hindering expansion of HCBS</li> </ul>

Working Group B  
**Access to Services**

**Meeting #1, Dec. 17, 2021**, Introductory Meeting

**Meeting #2, Jan. 21, 2022**, Topic Discussion on the provision of care for seniors in the state of Kansas who suffer from Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other age-related mental health conditions

**Meeting #3, Jan. 28, 2022**, Recommendations on the provision of care for seniors in the state of Kansas who suffer from Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other age-related mental health conditions

**Meeting #4, Feb. 11, 2022**, Topic Discussion on rebalancing of home and community based services

**Meeting #5, Feb. 25, 2022**, Recommendations on home and community based services

**Meeting #6, March 11, 2022**, Topic Discussion on Senior day care resources

**Meeting #7, March 25, 2022**, Recommendations on Senior day care resources

**Meeting #9, April 15, 2022**, Recommendations on funding and implementation of the Kansas senior care act

**Meeting #10, April 29, 2021**, Refine and Characterize Recommendations (2 topics)

**Meeting #11, May 6, 2022**, Refine and Characterize Recommendations (2 topics)

**Meeting #12, May 20, 2022**, Finalize recommendation language

**Meeting #13, June 3, 2022**, Finalize recommendation list

**Meeting #14, June 17, 2022**, Ratify Report

