

**Special Committee on Mental Health Modernization**  
***Finance and Sustainability Working Group Meeting***  
Wednesday, October 28, 2020  
9:00-10:30AM

## Meeting Notes

### Meeting Materials:

<https://www.khi.org/pages/finance-sustainability-working-group-oct.-28-2020>

### Agenda:

- 9:00AM Introductions
- 9:10AM Wrap-up Funding & Accessibility Recommendation Discussion
- 9:30AM Consider Community Engagement Recommendations to remove
- 9:40AM Score Community Engagement Recommendations on Rubric
- 10:10AM Review Identified Barriers on Community Engagement
- 10:25AM Administrative Updates
- 10:30AM Adjourn

### 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

### Attendees

- Working group members: Larry Alley, Charley Bartlett; Andy Brown, Will Carpenter; Sarah Fertig, Greg Hennen, Don Jordan, Megan Lynn, Tyler Rose, and William Warnes.
- Staff: Carlie Houchen, KHI; Sydney McClendon, KHI; Peter Barstad, KHI; Scott Abbott, Office of Revisor of Statutes; Robin Crumpton, KLAS; and Jessa Farmer, KLRD.

### ***Decisions on Community Engagement Recommendations***

*Removed the following recommendations from the list:*

- **Recommendation:** *Tier Two Recommendation: Reintegration Support. The State of Kansas should provide consistent, individualized, evidence-based support throughout reintegration for children in need of care and caregivers, including, but not limited to, parents and foster parents.*
- **Recommendation:** *SPW Recommendations. Encourage the development of new local coalitions and enrichment of collaborating existing local coalitions each bringing unique perspectives and resources for effective suicide prevention initiatives. Support and increase availability of support groups for survivors of suicide loss.*
- **Recommendation:** *Prev4. Community Collaboration. Increase collaboration with community partners to enhance their capacity to develop and implement local-level prevention efforts for prescription drug, illicit opioid, methamphetamine, and other drug misuse and overdose.*
- **Recommendation:** *Tier Three Recommendation: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). The Legislature shall fund CASAs to ensure the availability of CASA*

- *volunteers in all jurisdictions, without disrupting the current funding CASAs receive from the State of Kansas.*
  - Defer to Foster Care Oversight Committee
- **Recommendation:** TR12. *Treatment Navigator. Develop a statewide treatment navigator.*
  - Tabled due to lack of knowledge on this topic.

### *Scored the following recommendations:*

- **Recommendation:** LE1. *Community-Based Liaison. Fund and improve resources for community based liaison to facilitate connection to treatment and support services (e.g., community mental health services) upon re-entry as a component of pre-release planning and services for those [justice involved individuals] with SUD and co-occurring conditions.*
  - Ease of implementation: 6
  - Potential for high impact: 7
- **Recommendation:** *Tier Two Recommendation: Foster Homes. The State of Kansas should invest in foster home recruitment and retention by increasing funding for supplemental training on behavioral health needs and providing additional financial incentives that support SED youth. ~~older youth, high-needs children, and birth families, as well as modifying licensing requirements.~~*
  - Ease of implementation: 8 (cost, legislation, regulatory process, and contracts)
  - Potential for high impact: 7
- **Recommendation:** *Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) Recommendation. Increase engagement of stakeholders, consumers, families, and employers through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) or KDADS by requiring agencies implementing IPS to create opportunities for assertive outreach and engagement for consumers and families.*
  - Ease of implementation: 5
  - Potential for high impact: 8
- **Recommendation:** *Justice Involved Youth and Adult Subcommittee (JIYAS) Recommendations. Engage community partners using three pilot communities that the workgroup identified, which would involve a coordinated effort between the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC), CMHCs, and SUD providers.*
  - Ease of implementation: 8
  - Potential for high impact: 8

### *New recommendations based on identified barriers:*

- County level pushback for local funding of mental health services - misunderstanding of what that funding and services are
  - Consumer knowledge gaps. Need education on navigating system and how the system is funded
  - Sheriff Easter's report – reference
- Importance of crisis centers
  - Support expansion of crisis centers in communities around the state, utilize state fund.
  - (lottery vending machine funds have been designated for this purpose, but will need additional state funding to ensure access to crisis centers in more rural areas. A funding mechanism for 988.
  - Lower level of care than in-patient treatment meds.

- Number of funding streams
- Loss of community hospital psych units for youth and adults
- Affordable and accessible funding.

### ***Follow up items***

- Telehealth subgroup – scheduling by end of day. Any additional volunteers need to email Carlie.
- Special Committee meeting on Friday (October 30).
- One pending Qualtrics survey – will review results ahead of next meeting.