



Kansas Maternal and Child Health Council (KMCHC) Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Member Attendees		Absent	Visitors
Rebecca Adamson, APRN Jennifer Adhima Kourtney Bettinger, MD, MPH Kayzy Bigler Heather Braum Mariah Chrans Stephen Fawcett, PhD Holly Frye Kari Harris, MD, FAAP Shalae Harris Stephanie Jerguson Jamie Kim, MPH Elizabeth Lewis, MPA, MSN, WHNP-BC00 Jeni McDonald Jennifer Miller Jill Nelson Katie Roggenbaum	Cari Schmidt, PhD Katie Schoenhoff Christy Schunn, LCSW Cassandra Sines Juliet Swedlund Lesley Thomas Kelsee Torrez Cora Ungerer Stephanie Wolf Cora Ungerer Donna Yadrich	Carrie Akin Lauren Alexander Antje Anji, MD Brenda Bandy, IBCLC Cristi Cain Lisa Chaney Stephanie Coleman Julia Connellis Amy Dean Campfire Mary Delgado, APRN Drew Duncan Geno Fernandez Kaylee Goss Sara Hortenstine Elaine Johannes, PhD Scott Latimer Steve Lauer, MD, FAAP Juliet Laverick Zac Leeker Celina Lopez Brandi Markert Patricia McNamar, DNP, ARNP, NP-C Suzy Moore Susan Pence, MD, FAAP Cherie Sage Connie Satzler Pam Shaw, MD, FAAP Sookyung Shin Alice Weingartner David Thomason Daina Zolck	Julia Baughman Ann Elifrits Derik Flerlage, RRT, MHA Kirstianna Guerrero Meg Hasselman Oluwakemi Onyengubo Jessie Piper, PhD Suzanne Richards-Eckart 3 nursing students
Staff			
Denae Hart Amy Trollinger			

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Items
Welcome & Introductions	Dr. Kari Harris welcomed the group and asked the newest members to introduce themselves.	
Block Grant Public Comment	Jennifer Miller, DrPH introduced herself as the new MCH Director and provided updates on the Block Grant	Action Item:
Legislative Update	<p>Heather Braum provided updates on the latest news from the state capitol.</p> <p>Of note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KanCare eligibility redeterminations and renewals. Find more information here • State developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2025 KanCare Managed Care Organizations' (MCOs) contracts. Members are encouraged to get involved by attending future meetings https://kancare.ks.gov/ • Updates on several concerning vaccine bills and transgender bills • Good news of note: tobacco limit to 21 years old was signed into law 	<p>Action Item: KMCHC members are encouraged to attend future meetings regarding KanCare MCO contracts https://kancare.ks.gov/</p>
Family Planning Needs Assessment	<p>Jeni McDonald gave an overview of the Title X federal program and the upcoming statewide Family Planning Needs Assessment.</p> <p>Of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program provides services such as STI testing, pregnancy testing, contraception, and screening for hypertension with the goal of helping families better plan and space out births. • Challenges include health equity, shortage of providers, lack of services for LARCs (Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive), rise in drug costs, should services include drug use screening, transportation for services • They are looking into a mobile command unit but need a champion to bring that forward. • It was suggested that PRAMS data be used to inform the assessment. • It was suggested that public libraries could be utilized to get information to the public. 	<p>Action Item: KMCHC members are encouraged to provide feedback regarding what the assessment should include.</p>

**Panel Discussion:
Mental Health in MCH
Populations in Kansas**

Kelsee Torrez led a discussion on how people can get trained to support mental health in MCH populations. Below please find highlights from each presenter.

Kari Harris, MD - [KSKidsMAP](#)

- KSKidsMAP focuses on training for physicians and clinicians and offers CE credits through ECHO training. Tools kits are also available online.

Kelsee Torrez - [Kansas Connecting Communities](#)

- Find [information on PRAMS \(Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System \) here](#)
- There are only seven women’s residential treatment centers in the state and only five provide childcare.
- A recent mandated reporter training had 450 participants. The state is planning to offer more.

Meg Hasselman – [Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ](#)

- Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ is the primary 988 hotline center for state (103 of 105 counties). One does not need to be suicidal to call a hotline and can also text to 988.
- Trainings are conducted in hospitals and other health centers but are also available to anyone.

Ann Elifrits– [Overdose Data to Action Grant](#)

- DCCCA is providing [free naloxone \(Narcan\) nasal spray and training to community organizations and any Kansas resident.](#)
- Screening for SUD in pregnancy needs to improve, but providers don’t know what do with that information once they screen.

**Small Group Discussion
by Domain & Focus Area**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the most impactful thing you heard during the panel presentations? Did you learn about new programs and resources that are available in Kansas for child mental health? • How do you think the KSDE and KS Kids Map programs could be more impactful in their work? • Payment is a major barrier to accessing mental health services, what are some ways KDHE can address this barrier? • Lack of mental health care providers is another barrier for accessing care. What are some ways KDHE can address this barrier? • Is there anything that you or your organization currently are doing in your work that KDHE should know about related to mental health? Do you know of other work in this area currently being done? 			Key takeaways for each group are listed below
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Women/Maternal	<p>Needs assessment for family planning is good; it needs to focus on qualitative data and how that can turn into impact.</p> <p>Many were not aware of the broad definition of provider for some of the KCC and KSKidsMap services.</p> <p>Improved communication is needed to get the information to people who can have an impact.</p> <p>Very difficult to get people to the resources that can help. How can counties rely on each other?</p> <p>Can we use libraries to reach people?</p> <p>Continued funding for mental health services and workforce are a major roadblock.</p>		
Perinatal/Infant	<p>More people should be aware of the broad definition of provider for some of these mental health resources.</p> <p>Peers Specialists should have been discussed.</p> <p>Screening is everyone's work.</p> <p>Long-term funding is a roadblock.</p> <p>How do we scale things when they work like community baby showers?</p>		
Child	<p>KDHE may be able to provide better navigation for parents and providers to deal with insurance especially regarding in-school services. Find ways to attract more medical students to work in mental health and remain in Kansas. This could include student loan forgiveness and more services to support the mental health of mental health providers.</p>		
Adolescent	<p>Resources need to go to more than just doctors.</p> <p>More mobile units are needed.</p> <p>Too much data siloing in communities.</p> <p>Incorporate more voices into planning.</p> <p>Funding continues to be a problem.</p> <p>We need to focus on building infrastructure. There is too much lack of providers.</p> <p>Better promotion of resources to more groups.</p>		

Member Announcements	
	There will be a special event on April 15 , 11 am – 1 pm in Kansas City, KS with for Black Maternal Health Details are here

	<p>On April 19, Community Health Worker coalition is offering “CHWs & Home Visitors: Key to Management of Diabetes and Hypertension in New & Expectant Mothers” https://kschw.org/announcements/</p> <p>KUMC is offering Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction in Kansas This series consists of 5 courses, Thursdays beginning May 4th through June 1st via Zoom from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. https://www.kumc.edu/community-engagement/our-divisions/project-echo/current-series/sud-2023-echo.html</p> <p>KAAP is offering “Disparities in Infant Mortality: Challenges and Potential Solutions for Kansas” Webinar on May 25 from 12 – 1. Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZl1cuqppjMuE9IRM-3BuUVGgg7L-CExnc6H#/registration</p>
<i>Future Meetings</i>	<p>2023 Meeting dates: July 12 (online), September 13 (in person)</p> <p><i>*Subject to change</i></p>