Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns

Draft Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2013

Commissioners Present: Wendy Pickell, Grady Landrum, Ed Mills, Bob Cantin, Steve Miller, Shanti Ramcharan, Sharon Spratt, George Beard, Pat Terick, Craig Kaberline, Tina De La Rosa, Ranita Wilks, Paul Meals, Heather Smith

Commissioners Present by Phone: Kathy Brennon, Anne Marie Hughey, Tessa Goupil, Rick Shellenbarger, Connie Wold

Commissioners Absent: Cathy Holthaus, Anthony Fadale, Susan Weidenbach, Brian Ellefson, Josh Powers, Susan Wagle, Ray Merrick

Staff: Martha Gabehart, Stephanie Saighman

Guests: James Bart, Tim Wood, Aquila ‘Q’ Jordan, Peg Spencer, Kari Bruffett, Rocky Nichols

**Welcome & introduction of new commission**

* Sharon Spratt- Continue to work Project Search and Job Link program to find job for disabled. Rec Small employment grant from United Health Care.
* George Beard – No report.
* Pat Terick- approved grant from United Heath to train business on KBPP and continuing the SSA benefit specialist.
* Craig Kaberline-will report later.
* Kathy Brennon-SE in Ft Scott and Humboldt KS DMD.
* Tessa Goupil-No report.
* Anne Marie Hughey-No report.
* Shanti Ramcharan- Helping residents with fire safety.
* Paul Meals- Continuing to work for Disability Mentoring Day Oct 21.
* Wendy Pickell-Report later.
* Tina De La Rosa- for Kyle Williams.
* Bob Cantin- Art Festival in Olathe.
* Ranita Wilks- Youth Employment Program (YEP) work trial program expanding to Eudora and Ottawa DMD.
* Martha Gabehart- will report later.
* Ed Mills-No report.
* Connie Wold- no report.
* Grady Landrum- Conference on including students with disabilities in gym classes and sporting programs.
* Steve Miller-Mid-American chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society expanded to all of Kansas and parts of Nebraska and Missouri.
* Rick Shellenbarger-No report.
* Heather Smith- Heather is now the official director of Special Health Services.

**Additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda** -

**Approval of last meeting’s minutes** – Anne Marie Hughey moved the minutes be approved. Ed Mills seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Comments** - None

**Introduction of business that will require a vote** - None

**KanCare Ombudsman** – James Bart gave an update on his office work. He handed out his new brochure.

**Special Education Exiters Survey Results** – Wendy Pickell went over her Indicator 14 report. (report attached)

**Update on the Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) pilot** – Aquila Jordan, Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Director reported on the pilot program.

**Department for Children and Families (DCF) Overview** – Peg Spencer went over the organization of DCF.

**KanCare Update** – Kari Bruffett, Director of Health Care Finance gave an update of the implementation of KanCare and the Section 1115 amendment.

**Lunch** - provided

**KCDC Update** – Martha Gabehart Executive Director shared her report. (report attached)

**Update on Employment First Oversight Commission** - Rocky Nichols shared information on the commission’s activities and the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) data on employment of people with disabilities nationally and statewide.

**Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Overview** – Craig Kaberline went over the organization of the Department for Aging and Disability Services. (report attached)

**Old Business –** None

**New Business** - None

**Adjourn** George Beard moved the meeting be adjourned. Bob Cantin seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting November 1, 2013; 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Orientation and Commission Meeting)

Indicator 14: Post-Secondary Outcomes Survey

State

June 2012 Interviews – 2010-11 Exiters

Indicator #14: Percent of youth who had IEPs, are no longer in secondary school and who have been competitively employed, enrolled in some type of postsecondary school, or both, within one year of leaving high school.

**Table 1: Response Rate**

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| --- | --- |
| Responses | |
| Total in Sample | 702 |
| Total Completed Interviews | 183 |
| Response Rate | 26.1% |

**Table 2: Who Completed**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Number | Percent |
| Q1. Who Completed the Survey Total | 183 |  |
| Former Student | 92 | 50.3% |
| Parent | 81 | 44.3% |
| Guardian | 8 | 4.4% |
| Other | 2 | 1.1% |

**Table 3: Indicator Results**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Target | Number | Percent | Met Target | Met Target w/Outright Significant Testing |
| Category – Interviewed Exiters |  | 183 |  |  |  |
| Measurement A: Percent of youth enrolled within one year of leaving high school | 50% | 57 | 31.1% | No | No |
| Measurement B: Measurement A plus percent of youth competitively employed within one year of leaving high school | 73.5% | 97 | 53.0% | No | No |
| Measurement C: Measurement B plus percent of youth enrolled in any other type of post-secondary education/training or employed in any other type of employment | 84.0% | 127 | 69.4% | No | No |

**Table 4: Number and Percent of Exiters Who have Engaged in Employment and/or Education**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Category | Number | Percent |
| Measure 1: Enrolled in higher education | 57 | 31.1% |
| Measure 2: Engaged in competitive employment (but not in Measure 1) | 40 | 21.9% |
| Measure 3: Enrolled in other postsecondary education or training (but not in Measure 1 or 2) | 6 | 3.3% |
| Measure 4: Engaged in some other employment (but not in Measure 1,2, or 3) | 24 | 13.1% |
| Not in any of the above four categories | 56 | 30.6% |
| Total | 183 | 100% |

**Table 5: Big Picture on Education**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Number | Percent |
| Q. There are different types of education that you may have participated in since leaving high school. For example, you may have attended college or you may have received job training or vocational training. Which of the following best describes your current educational status? | 180 |  |
| 1. I am or have participated full-time (12 or more credits) in an educational program or pursuing a degree | 52 | 29% |
| 1. I am or have participated part-time (less than 12 credits) in an educational program or pursuing a degree | 14 | 8% |
| 1. I am or have completed an educational program, training or degree | 17 | 9% |
| 1. I attended an education or training program within 12 months of leaving high school but discontinued before completing the program | 11 | 6% |
| 1. I have not attended any further educational or training program | 86 | 48% |

**Table 6: Reasons for Not Pursuing Education**

The question asked only of the respondents who said they discontinued their education or who said they didn’t attend any post-secondary education institution.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Discontinued | | Not Attended | |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Q 3./Q 12. What is the main reason you (Discontinued)/(Not attended) your postsecondary education or training program? | 10 |  | 81 |  |
| 1. Did not want to continue my education/training/Did not plan on going | 1 | 10% | 4 | 5% |
| 2. Can’t afford to continue my education/Not enough financial aid to continue | 1 | 10% | 12 | 15% |
| 3. Plan to go in the future/Plan to return after earning enough money to go/Working full-time/Doing something else first | 1 | 10% | 17 | 21% |
| 4. No postsecondary opportunities/None close to home | 0 | 0% | 2 | 2% |
| 5. Don’t have the necessary skills/qualifications to continue postsecondary education | 0 | 0% | 2 | 2% |
| 6. Unable to find transportation to school/No care/Can’t get to campus | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 7. Have not received necessary services from community agencies/on waiting list for services | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1% |
| 8. Homemaker/Family obligations | 1 | 10% | 0 | 0% |
| 9. Health or disability-related problems prevented me from continuing my education | 1 | 10% | 17 | 21% |
| 10. Other: What? | 5 | 50% | 26 | 32% |

**Table 7: Big Picture on Employment**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Number | Percent |
| Q 13. Which of these best describes your employment status in the 12 months after leaving high school? | 181 |  |
| 1. I have been employed for pay for 3 months (about 90 days total) at any time within the year since leaving high school. The days can be either in a row or added up, and can include paid leave, like sick days or vacation. | 99 | 55% |
| 2. I have worked within the year since leaving high school, but it has been for less than 90 days total | 28 | 15% |
| 3. I am not currently employed and I have not worked for pay since leaving high school | 54 | 30% |

**Table 8: Reasons for Not Working**

This question asked only of those respondents who said they worked fewer than 90 days or who said they hadn’t worked at all.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Worked < 90 Days | | Not Worked at All | |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Q14/Q19 What is the primary reason you have (Worked less than 90 days)/(Not Worked) within the year of leaving high school? | 25 |  | 53 |  |
| 1. Did not plan to work after high school/not looking/volunteering/don’t want to work at this time. | 0 | 0% | 2 | 4% |
| 2. Full-time student/Going to school | 3 | 12% | 7 | 13% |
| 3. Unable to find work/Lack of employment opportunities | 6 | 24% | 10 | 19% |
| 4. Don’t have the necessary skills or qualifications to work | 0 | 0% | 2 | 4% |
| 5. Unable to find transportation to work/No car/Can’t get to work | 2 | 8% | 0 | 0% |
| 6. Have not received necessary services from community agencies/On waiting list for services | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 7. Homemaker/Family obligations | 1 | 4% | 1 | 2% |
| 8. Health or disability-related problems prevent me from working more or working as much as I would like | 2 | 8% | 17 | 32% |
| 9. Would lose benefits SSI benefits if I worked more or as much as I would like | 0 | 0% | 2 | 4% |
| 10. Laid off/Recently dismissed/Fired | 0 | 0% | 1 | 2% |
| 11. Other. What: | 11 | 44% | 11 | 21% |

**Table 9: Details on Education**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Percent includes students who have and have not completed one semester | All Respondents | | Respondents Who Pursued Education | |
|  | Number | Yes | Number | Yes |
| Number of respondents in the denominator | 183 |  | 94 |  |
| Q4. Have you enrolled in a 2-year college or community college, for example a 2-year college like a Manhattan Community College, Highland Community College or Johnson County Community College, at any time within the year since leaving high school? | 51 | 27.9% | 51 | 54.3% |
| Q5. Have you enrolled in a 4-year college or university at any time within the year since leaving high school including (e.g. Kansas State University, University of Kansas, or other independent and private colleges or programs in Kansas or in other states? | 16 | 8.7% | 16 | 17.0% |
| Q6. Have you enrolled in a 2-year degree program at a Technical College, such as the Kansas Technical College System (e.g. Northwest Kansas Technical College, Northeast Kansas Technical Center, North Central Kansas Technical College) (two-year program) at any time within the year since leaving high school? | 16 | 8.7% | 16 | 17.0% |
| Q7. Have you enrolled in a program to earn your High School Completion document or certificate such as Adult Basic Education or General Education Development (GED/HSED or GEDO2) at any time within the year since leaving high school? | 18 | 9.8% | 18 | 19.1% |
| Q8. Have you attended a private Vocational School or short-term education program, (less than two years) at any time within the year since leaving high school (e.g. Kansas Vocational School, truck-driving school, barber, or cosmetology)? | 7 | 3.8% | 7 | 7.4% |
| Q9. Have you participated in any type of job training program or short-term job training or apprenticeship program like Job Corps Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Job Center, or Workforce development program at any time within the year since leaving high school? | 9 | 4.9% | 9 | 9.6% |
| Q10. Have you participated in a formal Humanitarian Program such as the Peace Corps, Vista, AmeriCorps or a Church Mission, at any time within the year since leaving high school? | 2 | 11.1% | 2 | 2.1% |
| Q11. Have you participated in any other type or postsecondary school or program at any time within the year since leaving high school (i.e. on-line courses or education) not associated with another type of program listed above? | 9 | 4.9% | 9 | 9.6% |

*The “****All****” column shows what percent of* ***all*** *interviewed respondents experienced a given educational-related activity; the “Pursued Education” column shows* ***of those who pursued education****, what percent experienced a given educational-related activity.*

**Table 10: Details on Employment**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Q15. Which of these describes your present or previous job setting or location? Is or was your employment : | All Respondents | | Respondents Who Were Employed | |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Number of respondents in the denominator: | 183 |  | 126 |  |
| 1. For a company, business or service in the community, like a department store or restaurant where there are employees with and without disabilities. | 93 | 50.8% | 93 | 73.8% |
| 2. In the Military/Service. | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 3. In a Supported Employment setting (paid work in the community, but can also include on-the-job training or assistance at work (e.g. a job coach, transportation, assistive technology, specialized job training or other individually tailored supervision) to help with your job) | 2 | 1.1% | 2 | 1.6% |
| 4. Self-employment or working in a Family Business. This includes being a homemaker or day care provider, or a business such as a farm, store, fishing, ranching or catering service. | 7 | 3.8% | 7 | 5.6% |
| 5. In an Institutional or Residential setting, such as a medical, correctional/jail, convalescent or mental health facility | 9 | 4.9% | 9 | 7.1% |
| 6. In a Sheltered Employment (a setting where most workers have disabilities) | 7 | 3.8% | 7 | 5.6% |
| 7. Other: What | 8 | 4.4% | 8 | 6.3% |

*The “****All****” column shows what percent of* ***all*** *interviewed respondents experienced a given employment-related activity; the “Employed” column shows* ***of those who are currently or had been employed*** *(including both competitive and non-competitive), what percent experienced a given employment-related activity.*

**Table 11: Additional Employment Details**

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| Q16. On an average, how many hours do you or did you work per work? | Number | Percent |
| Total | 122 |  |
| 1-9 hours | 10 | 8.2% |
| 10-19 hours | 10 | 8.2% |
| 20-29 hours | 22 | 18.0% |
| 30-39 hours | 27 | 22.1% |
| 40 hours | 38 | 31.2% |
| 40+ hours | 15 | 12.3% |
| Q17. Which of the following best describes your usual hourly wage, including tips? | Number | Percent |
| Total | 125 |  |
| 1. Less than the current minimum wage which is $7.25 per hour. What? | 13 | 10.4% |
| 2. Current minimum wage | 33 | 26.4% |
| 3. More than the current minimum wage but less than $10.00 | 46 | 36.8% |
| 4. Between $10.00 and $15.00 | 28 | 22.4% |
| 5. More than $15.00 | 5 | 4.0% |
| Q18. Do you or did you receive benefits from your employer such as sick leave, paid vacation, health insurance or retirement? | Number | Percent |
| Total | 121 |  |
| Yes | 31 | 25.6% |
| No | 90 | 74.4% |

**Table 12: High School Experiences**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Q20. Are you currently living where you planned to live after leaving high school? | Number | Percent |
| Total | 168 |  |
| Yes | 114 | 64.9% |
| No | 54 | 32.1% |
| Q21. Have you or are you participating in postsecondary education or training as you planned while you were in high school? | Number | Percent |
| Total | 167 |  |
| Yes | 74 | 44.3% |
| No | 93 | 55.7% |
| Q22. Are you Currently Working as you planned while you were in high school? | Number | Percent |
| Total | 173 |  |
| Yes | 77 | 44.5% |
| No | 96 | 55.5% |
| Q24. Which of these best describes the reason you did not graduate: (Asked only of exiters who dropped out) | Number | Percent |
| Total | 20 |  |
| 1. Lost interest/Did not want to continue | 5 | 25% |
| 2. Couldn’t meet the requirements/Not enough credits | 1 | 5% |
| 3. Started a job | 0 | 0% |
| 4. Personal or family reasons | 9 | 45% |
| 5. Other | 5 | 25% |

Note: All ”Don’t Know”/”Refused to Answer” responses have been eliminated from the analysis.

Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (KCDC)

Director’s Report

For August 9, 2013 Commission Meeting

1. Kerrie found employment at the Department for Aging and Disability Services (DADS). No new staff will be hired with the exception for temporary staff when needed. KCDC budget is close to the same as it was in fiscal year 2013.
2. The new brochure for the Kansas Bidders Preference Program is completed. The committee meeting to discuss advertising the program is waiting for Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation (CPRF) to complete its work to become a certified vendor before we meet again. CPRF has run into some problems with the original requirements to provide comparable health insurance to the State of Kansas and certification of the number of people with disabilities employed. We feel it will be easier to get other businesses to become certified if the requirements to be comparable and the system to identifying employees with disabilities are specific and wide enough to allow employees with disabilities who were not on the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers or waiting lists.
3. The employer incentive brochure is completed. It will be sent to the printers in the next couple of weeks.
4. The Assistive Technology for Kansans Expo is September 27-29 at the Wichita Hyatt-Century II.
5. The KCDC website is moving. The address will stay the same for now, but will eventually become kcdcinfo.ks.gov. It will have a similar look and much the same information, but will be “flatter” so there will be fewer pages to go through. The disability service maps are being updated.
6. The Sedgwick County Business Leadership Network is established. They are holding their kickoff meeting on August 29th from 11:00 am -1:00 pm at Abode Venue, 1330 Douglas Avenue in Wichita. Registration is $10.00. Contact Lorien at 316-660-1941 or [lshowalt@sedgwick.gov](mailto:lshowalt@sedgwick.gov) for more information.
7. Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) activities are starting. Brochures are printed and will be distributed in the next week. Most of the current committees are holding events again this year.
8. The Employment First Oversight Commission has been holding regular meetings. They have spoken with Serena Lowe with the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) about their Employment First State Mentoring Program. While the Kansas Commission has decided not to participate, Kansas does have the ability to log into the ePolicyWorks platform and read blogs and other information about what other states are doing.
9. The Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas (SILCK) is still hanging on. They have a new director, Kathy Cooper. Their offices have moved to the Ramada Inn Downtown hotel. I am an ex officio member and have participated in meetings and trainings throughout the year.
10. I’ve attended several Governor’s Commission on Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR) meetings. I was able to provide information on the Federal Emergency Management Administration’s (FEMA) Regional Disability Integration Specialists and their services to states requesting FEMA’s assistance when disasters strike. I’ve learned a lot about what is happening in Kansas with regard to safety and disaster preparation.
11. I am now the chair of the Kansas Relay Services, Inc. (KRSI) board. Since winning the election, I have chaired the committee to select the next relay service provider. That recommendation will be made to the board next week and then it will go to the Kansas Corporation Commission for final approval.
12. I am acting chair of the Kansas Partnership for Accessible Technology (KPAT). This is a group of agency representatives from information technology services as well as representatives from the Schools for the Blind and Deaf, Kansas Rehabilitation Services and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator. We brought the Accessibility Management Platform (AMP) to state agencies to use for free to check their website for accessibility. We are looking at how to provide a similar service for checking and correcting pdf files.
13. I am still on the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) advisory committee. We advise Kansas DADS (KDADS) about things we feel they could do to improve or provide better service. We also have reviewed their website and made some suggestions for modifications.
14. The Subcabinet on Disability has been meeting quarterly with disability leadership to update them on KanCare and what the agencies are doing with regard to employment initiatives.

**KDADS agency overview**

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) was established on July 1, 2013 by Governor Sam Brownback’s Executive Reorganization Order.

The Department, with approximately 2,500 employees, manages and administers the delivery of human, behavioral and medical services to the people of Kansas under the leadership of Secretary Shawn Sullivan.

The Department’s central office is located in the New England Office Building at 503 S. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, KS.

**Our work:**

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) is a cabinet-level agency that promotes the security, dignity and independence of Kansans by ensuring access to quality adult care homes and senior services, as well as person-centered mental health, addictions and disability services. The Department for Aging and Disability Services achieves this through licensing, certifying and evaluating adult care homes, and by overseeing community mental health programs and Home and Community Based Services for persons with disabilities.

KDADS provides services to Kansans guided by the following mission statement:

*The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services’ mission is to foster an environment that promotes security, dignity and independence, while providing the right care at the right time in a place called home.*

Our vision for the agency:

*The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services envisions a community that empowers older adults and persons with disabilities in Kansas to make choices about their lives.*

Who we are and what we do:

**Office of the Secretary:**

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Secretary Shawn Sullivan heads a $1.67 billion state agency. He was appointed Secretary of the Kansas Department on Aging by Governor Sam Brownback in January, 2011. In addition to administering one of the state’s largest agencies, he played an integral role in the development of KanCare, the state’s innovative program for administering Medicaid.

Prior to his appointment, Secretary Sullivan served Kansas in various roles related to aging and health-care delivery services. His experience spans two decades. He was the administrator and executive director of four different aging service providers in Atwood, Lyons, Newton and Wichita. The Secretary helped lead the way in transforming senior-living communities from traditional institutions to residential homes where elders make decisions about their own lives.

Secretary Sullivan holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Kansas State University and a master’s degree in gerontology from the University of North Texas. He has been an active member in advocacy groups and has served on various boards on both the state and national levels. He is a native of Rose Hill, Kansas.

Lea Stueve serves as the Department’s Legislative Policy Director; Angela de Rocha is Director of Communications.

**Commission on Aging:**

Craig Kaberline is the Commissioner for Aging. The Commission on Aging administers a variety of community-based programs for the aging population through contracts and grants of state and federal funds. The programs administered include Older Americans Act, congregate and home-delivered meals, caregiver programs, in-home services, Senior Care Act services and Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation (CARE) program.  It is also responsible for the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) and quality assurance programs for the Older Americans Act and Senior Care Act.

The Commission on Aging has responsibility for overseeing and implementing grants which assist who are aging or have a disability under Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK), Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), Lifespan Respite, and Community Transition Opportunities. The SHICK program assists individuals with questions related to Medicare. The SMP program educates the community about reporting Medicare/Medicaid and health-care fraud and abuse, on how to identify and report scams. The Commission’s Community Transitions Opportunities program works with nursing facilities to identify residents who wish return to living in a community setting.

**Community Services and Programs Commission**:

Gina Meier-Hummel is Commissioner for Community Services and Programs. The Commission provides care and services to 157,000 clients and patients across the state, administering the state’s mental health, physical disability and intellectual/developmental disability services. In addition, the Commission operates substance abuse, addiction and addiction prevent programs.

The Community Services and Programs Commission is responsible for coordinating intra-agency KDADS activity around KanCare. The commission works with each KDADS Commission to ensure that client services are monitored appropriately. The Division coordinates with all three KanCare Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) regarding KDADS-specific program areas (home and community-based service waivers and behavioral health).  The commission also participates in regular intra-agency managed-care monitoring meetings and has created an internal KanCare monitoring team, coordinating closely with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment’s Interagency KanCare contract monitoring team. KanCare education for members and providers is coordinated, as needed, both for specific issues and on KanCare in general.

**Survey, Certification and Credentialing Commission:**

Joe Ewert is the Commissioner of the Survey, Certification, and Credentialing Commission. The primary function of the Survey, Certification and Credentialing Commission is to protect public health through the licensure and inspections of adult care homes as defined by K.S.A. 39-923.  The commission develops and enforces state regulations related to adult care homes, as well as implements federal certification activities for Medicaid- or Medicare-certified nursing homes. Field staff working out of regional offices in Topeka, Salina, Chanute, Wichita and Hays conduct annual announced inspections, as well as unannounced inspections resulting from consumer or provider reported complaints received by the Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation hotline operated by the Commission.

In addition, the commission is responsible for the ongoing credentialing of various licensed, certified, and other health careers such as adult care home administrators, certified nurse aides, dieticians and other professions.

**Financial and Information Services Commission:**

Dave Halferty is the Financial Information Services Commissioner. This commission is responsible for various administrative functions that support other KDADS commissions.

The Accounting Division is responsible for processing all of the agency payments and monitoring expenditures. It also monitors KDADS’ grants to other organizations. The Budget Division prepares the KDADS budget, monitors legislative activity related to the budget and handles requests for budget information. The Information Services Division maintains the KDADS computer network and various databases.

The commission also provides technical support to agency staff and business partners. The Fiscal and Program Evaluation Division is KDADS’ auditing, reporting and data analysis group. It is responsible for managing nursing facility reimbursement programs. KDADS and Its Partners: The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services works closely with numerous stakeholder groups, advocacy groups and service providers, including the Area Agencies on Aging which now serve as the statewide Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). Here Kansans can receive information on and referrals for long-term care services. ADRC staff members also put residents in contact with local Options Counselors who assist them in determining what services would best serve their needs.

**Some of KDADS’ Programs and Services:**

Administration of the Senior Care Act in Kansas: The Act provides a coordinated system of in-home services for people age 60 or older who face difficulties with self-care and independent living. The objective is to prevent premature institutionalization of persons who have not yet exhausted their financial resources.

Services for Elderly Adults: KDADS is involved in a number of programs that serve elderly adults in Kansas. The department oversees long-term care facilities including nursing homes, assisted living facilities and in-home services. In addition to providing consumers with information about the various kinds of long-term care that are available to them, KDADs operates the CARE program to help seniors identify the best living arrangement for meeting their individual needs while preserving their independence. KDADS also license and surveys all long-term care facilities in the state and regulates costs.

Health Occupations Credentialing: Health Occupations Credentialing issues licenses to dieticians, speech-language pathologists, audiologists and adult care home administrators. Certification programs administered include nurse aids, home health aides and medication aides. Other related professions administered through KDADS include operators of residential care or assisted living facilities, activities directors and social workers in adult care homes in Kansas.

Home and Community-Based Services Waivers: KDADS oversees a number of waiver programs including the following: Autism, Intellectual/Developmental Disability, Frail Elderly, Physical Disability, Technology Assisted and Traumatic Brain Injury.

Community Services and Programs: Community Services and Programs (CSP) manages a system of community-based supports and services for persons with disabilities, which are delivered in partnership with organized networks and funded through a variety of sources. These services include programs for those with physical disabilities, intellectual/developmental disabilities, frail elderly and children with autism. These services are now part of the KanCare program. KDADS continues to provide oversight and serves as an advocate for these clients.

Mental Health Services: This program is outcome-driven, focusing on best practices and utilizing strategic partnerships and a new information technology system to address the problems of addition in Kansas and to prevent Kansans from becoming addicts. It includes targeted workforce development initiatives.

State Hospitals: KDADS is responsible for the administration of Larned State Hospital and Osawatomie State Hospital/Rainbow Mental Health Facility, hospitals for the mentally ill and for Parsons State Hospital and Training Center and the Kansas Neurological Institute for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities.