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Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (KCDC)
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2021

Present: Ranita Wilks, Dr. Steve Miller, Brian Ellefson, Joshanna Stone, Bob Cantin, Michele Heydon, Shanti Ramcharan, John Lair, Anthony Fadale, Marilyn Bittenbender, Rene Hart, Todd Thornburg, Anthony Fadale, Robyn Herzog, Kathy Keck, Heather Smith, Claire Reagan, Rob Egan, Wendy Coates, Don Woodard,

Guests: Craig Perbeck, Erin Sanders-Hahs, Nancy Scott, Shereen Ellis

Staff: Martha Gabehart

Welcome and Introductions – Chairperson Ranita Wilks introduced and welcomed Rob Egan and Claire Reagan as new commissioners. The commissioners were asked to introduce themselves and give any updates.

Introduction of business that will require a vote – None

Additions, deletions, and corrections to the agenda – None

Approval of February 5, 2021 meeting minutes – Brian moved approval of the minutes. Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments – None

Working Healthy/WORK/STEPS Program – Ranita introduced Nancy Scott, director of the Working Healthy program. Nancy gave an overview of the Working Healthy and WORK programs. Erin Sanders-Hahs gave an overview of the new STEPS program.

Aetna's Aunt Bertha Resource – Shanti introduced Shereen Ellis who went into some depth about how the Aunt Bertha Resource works.

Lunch – the meeting broke for 15 minutes for lunch

State Park Accessibility Update – Bob updated the group on the state lakes/parks systems and some background on how the amount of rain affects accessibility of fishing areas. Both the Army Corps of Engineers and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism are working to improve accessibility and reviewing other features Bob recommended changes be made.

[5-Year State Plan for Systems of Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs](#) – Heather Smith reviewed their updated 5-year state plan The PowerPoint she shared will be forwarded to the commissioners.

Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy (KYEA) – Director Julia Connellis gave the commissioners an update on the activities and new leadership program KYEA. The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) will be a virtual one this year, but they hope to return to an in-person event in 2022. Delegates selected for the 2020 YLF will be participating in the 2021 event.

Executive Director’s Report/Legislative Update – Martha reviewed her report that was distributed with the agenda.

Adjourn – Ranita called for a motion to adjourn. Anthony moved the meeting be adjourned. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Gabehart