

Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (KCDC)  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2024

Present: Commissioners: Don Woodard, Ranita Wilks, Emily Hamm, Steve Miller, Jenae Heller, Brian Ellefson, Robyn Herzog, Shanti Ramcharan, Anthony Fadale, Rob Egan, Bob Cantin, John Lair, Dan Decker, Sara Hart Weir, Rachel Mayberry, Leight Smith, Claire Reagan, Rene Hart, Amy Dean Campmire

Staff: Martha Gabehart

Guests: Jeannette Langston, Shannon Kennedy, Mitzie Tyree, Mark Dietzler, Meagan Black, Theresa Singh, Zachery Malloy, Chayanne Rooney, Missy Bogart-Starkey, Lane Williams

Call to Order – Ranita Wilks, Chair, called the meeting to order. It was established that there was a quorum.

Introductions – Ranita asked the commission to introduce themselves and update the commission on activities and issues in their area or with their constituents.

Introduction of Business that will Require a Vote – none

Additions, Deletions or Corrections to the Agenda – none. Ranita asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Brian moved approval of the agenda. Robyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of November 3, 2023, KCDC Meeting Minutes – Rob moved the minutes be approved. Brian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments – none

KCDC Legislative Agenda for 2024 – Martha reviewed the updated legislative agenda from the November 3<sup>rd</sup> KCDC meeting.

Review of Bylaws Amendments – Martha and Rob reviewed the bylaws changes the Bylaws Ad Hoc committee proposed. Brian moved to approve the bylaws

amendments proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee. Robyn seconded. Motion carried.

Ranita called for a motion to dissolve the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee. Brian moved the committee be dissolved. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

Ranita modified the agenda because the speakers for the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) report and for the update on the Nursing Facilities on Mental Health (NFMH) were not present moving the Executive Director's Report before the two other reports.

Executive Director's Report – Martha reviewed her executive director's report which was handed out virtually to all participants. Ranita called for a motion to approve the executive director's report. Steve moved to approve the report. Robyn seconded. Motion carried.

Home and Community Based Serviced (HCBS) Update – Leigh Smith, ex officio designee for Michele Heydon and director of HCBS services reported on the proposed policy changes that are out for public comment and the renewal of the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) waiver.

Nursing Facility Mental Health (NFMH) Settlement Implementation – Missy Bogart-Starkey gave an update on the progress being made moving people with behavioral health issues out of nursing facilities. Several community mental health centers (CMHC) are working on their certification as Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.

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