

## **South Central Regional Psychiatric Hospital Advisory Panel**

### **Agenda**

**June 21, 2024 1:00-3:00 PM**

**6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room,  
Sedgwick County Offices 100 N. Broadway, Suite 630**

<https://www.youtube.com/@ksdept.foragingdisabilitys6122/streams>

**I. Call to Order**

Scott Brunner, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

**II. Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2024**

Scott Brunner

**III. Project Updates**

Scott Brunner and Tania Cole, Assistant County Manager, Sedgwick County.

**IV. Privatization—Request for Information Development**

Scott Brunner

**V. Catchment Discussion—input from CMHCs/CCBHCs**

Joan Tammany, Executive Director, COMCARE

**VI. Final Panel Report—Discuss preliminary recommendations**

**VII. Adjourn**

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### **Minutes**

**May 17, 2024 1:00-3:00 PM**

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Sedgwick County Offices, 100 N. Broadway, Suite 630**

#### **Panel Members Attending:**

Scott Brunner, Deputy Secretary of Hospitals and Facilities, KDADS  
Sarah Lopez, Sedgwick County Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Claudio Ferraro, President, Ascension Via Christi St. Joseph  
Joan Tammany, Director, COMCARE  
Mary Jones, President/CEO, Mental Health America of South Central Kansas  
Marc Bennett, District Attorney, Sedgwick County  
Senator Usha Reddi, 22<sup>nd</sup> District  
Representative KC Ohaebosim, 89<sup>th</sup> District  
Representative Will Carpenter, 75<sup>th</sup> District

#### **Not in attendance:**

Jason Gregory, Insitere  
Jeff Easter, Sheriff, Sedgwick County  
LaTasha St. Arnault, President and CEO, Humankind Ministries  
Representative Henry Helgersen, 83<sup>rd</sup> District  
Tom Stolz, County Manager, Sedgwick County

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Brunner called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### **II. Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2024**

The minutes of March 22, 2024 were reviewed.

Jones requested a correction to the agency name she is associated with from Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas to Mental Health America of South Central Kansas. Ferraro moved to approve the minutes with the requested correction, and Jones seconded. The motion carried.

### **III. Project Updates**

Tania Cole, Assistant County Manager, Sedgwick County, provided a zoning change update for the South Central Regional Psychiatric Hospital project. The project has passed through all phases of zoning approval. An environmental survey will be conducted on the property in the next few weeks. The purchase agreement between the land owner, Lange Real Estate, and the County is under review and will be on the Board of County Commissioners' agenda in the near future. Project remains on schedule.

Basil Sherman, Principal, Pulse Design Group, provided a design update for this project, estimated to be 50% complete in the design development phase. The current [Floor Plan](#) and [Site Plan](#) are attached to the minutes. The forensic and acute patient rooms will need to be licensed and certified separately, but the project is designed the same to potentially certify the whole building.

The gymnasium will be reinforced as a traditional storm shelter, but it will not be a FEMA-approved tornado shelter. There is a loop drive for fire access and secure fencing surrounding the hospital but not the entire site. Special design is in place to ensure patient and employee safety. There will also be a masonry wall constructed on the west side of the facility per zoning requirement. All staff and visitors will enter at the main entrance with specially designed patient entrances. An exterior rendering should be available within the month.

Chairperson Brunner gave an update on the cost estimate for the building. In the final appropriation bill, \$26.5 million has been added to the project and approved to include 104 beds.

Executive Order 23-05 was amended and modified with the final report to the Governor and the Legislature due September 30, 2024. The modification is in Executive Order 24-04.

The final KDADS budget includes funding for the Center of Excellence, a multi-agency effort designed to build capacity for workforce development in behavioral health.

Representative Ohaebosim asked if recommendations for the Panel's report can be made at any Panel meeting. The answer was that recommendations can be made at all meetings and that some opportunities to discuss recommendations will be included in future agendas.

#### **IV. Presentations on Subpanel Recommendations**

Monica Murnan, Learning Tree Institute (LTI), reviewed the [Workforce](#) and [Law Enforcement](#) subpanel recommendations. These documents are attached to these minutes.

Murnan reported an informational email was sent to 202 email addresses. This provided an update on the project and a survey to inquire about behavioral health services. The [report](#) is attached to the minutes.

Vice Chair Lopez recommended having a Town Hall to give an update on this project. LTI will work with KDADS to set up a date in June 2024.

#### **V. Catchment Area Discussion**

Chairperson Brunner provided information regarding current usage by county of the two existing state hospitals. Catchment areas apply to the involuntary treatment side of this facility. Forensic beds will be managed centrally across the system. The catchment area for the South Central Psychiatric Hospital Region under the Care and Treatment Act may include Reno, Harvey, Butler, Sumner, Cowley, and Kingman, as discussed by the Law Enforcement Subpanel. What the [catchment area might look like](#) is attached to the minutes. Ferraro asked if the catchment area could be flexible, have some agility to it. Additional discussion will be held as the opening of the facility gets closer.

## **VI. Adjourn**

The next meeting will possibly be the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June. Agenda may include privatization and staffing numbers.

Representative Ohaebosim moved to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, at 2:36 PM