

South Central Regional Psychiatric Hospital Advisory Panel

Agenda

October 18, 2024 1:00-2:00 PM

Remote

<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 September 20, 2024

Scott Brunner

III. Request for Bids release information

Tania Cole, Assistant County Manager, Sedgwick County

Link to the bid documents

<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/finance/purchasing/current-bids-and-proposals/>

IV. Project Updates

Scott Brunner, KDADS

Basil Sherman, Pulse Design Group

V. Adjourn

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Minutes
September 20, 2024, 1:00-3:00 PM
6th Floor
Ruffin Building

Panel Members Attending

Scott Brunner, Chairperson and Deputy Secretary of Hospitals and Facilities, KDADS
Claudio Ferraro, President, Ascension Via Christi St. Joseph
Jason Gregory, Agent, InSite Real Estate Group
Mary Jones, President and CEO, Mental Health America of South Central Kansas
Tom Stolz, County Manager, Sedgwick County
Senator Usha Reddi, 22nd District
Representative Henry Helgerson, 83rd District

Panel Member(s) not in attendance:

Jeffrey Easter, Sheriff, Sedgwick County
Joan Tammany, Director, COMCARE
Sarah Lopez, Sedgwick County Commissioner, 2nd District
Representative KC Ohaebosim, 89th District
LaTasha St. Arnault, President and CEO, HumanKind Ministries
Marc Bennett, District Attorney, Sedgwick County
Representative Will Carpenter, 75th District

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2024

Helgerson made the motion to adopt the minutes of the August meeting and Stoltz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. Project Updates

Tania Cole, Assistant County Manager, provided an email update on the county processes, indicating that the property acquisition is complete. The County has hired outside Legal counsel to help with general construction contractor bid package. Timelines for construction are being met. The bidding package for the general contractor will happen in the fall.

Brunner reported that KDADS continues to work through the details of construction documents. The floor plan is near completion and includes important components of security. Pulse is working on construction documents and was unable to provide an update for this meeting.

Acting Superintendent Iryna Yeromenko reported the facility design planning is on track and is focused on details and processes. She will provide updates as a regular part of each future meeting.

Additional public town halls may be scheduled after the first of the year. This timing will allow the bidding process to take place and information from that process will be shared.

Creating a Citizen's Advisory Council was of interest to the Panel in a previous meeting and will likely be formed in 2025. KDADS is looking at existing Councils at the other State Hospitals as models and is also reviewing the list of Town Hall and survey respondents that indicated an interest in opportunities in providing input.

IV. Physician and Psychiatrist Coverage Sedgwick County

Ferraro, President of Ascension Via Christi-St. Joseph, provided a snapshot of psychiatry services in the Ascension medical system. Due to staffing changes, significant shifts are occurring in the makeup of appropriate coverage for Ascension, other behavioral health providers, and KU Medical School/Wichita. Ferraro outlined specific changes in psychiatrist coverage at Ascension Via Christi as well as difficulty recruiting creating gaps in service. There is some progress being made on longer term workforce development, including with the work of the Kansas Behavioral Health Center of Excellence and looking at spreading the workload with community partners. Ferraro wanted the Panel to be aware and to bring these local concerns to the Panel's attention because it could impact the new hospital.

The Panel discussed the information provided and offered perspectives and connections to address the immediate and future issue of accessing care by a psychiatrist. Ferraro noted that the talent pipeline needs to run parallel to construction of the new state hospital.

V. Regional Hospital Operating Budget

Brunner shared that the hospital's \$80 million operating and capital construction budget for FY 2025 and FY 2026 has been submitted to Governor Kelly's office as part of the regular state budgeting cycle. The next step will be for the Governor to share the budget with the Legislature in January. Brunner's team is now focused on developing policies and procedures to ensure accreditation.

A facilities project manager position will be hired in December to focus on the construction process. KDADS will fill the Chief Clinical Officer and Information/Technology Director positions in 2025. For FY 2026, Chief psychiatrist, Director of Nursing, Procurement manager, and HR support will be hired. Staff who come on before opening will be remote. There may also be space in KDADS office located in Wichita. Funds for these positions have already been appropriated.

VI. Final Report

The Panel completed a final review of the required report for the Governor. Adjustments made during discussion will be updated in the report and sent to the Panel for approval. As the Executive Order outlines, the report will be submitted to the Governor by September 30.

VII. Announcement Regarding Future Meetings

The need for an October meeting will be determined and announced. There will be no November meeting while the bid process takes place. A December meeting date will be announced.

Future topics will include the report on youth requested by the Law Enforcement Subpanel, project/construction updates, and Kansas Behavioral Health Center of Excellence updates.

VIII. Adjourn

Helgerson moved and Gregory seconded for adjournment at 2:07 PM.