

Kansas School Mental Health Advisory Council

July 24, 2018
9:00 – 12:30 p.m.
Meeting:
**Hyatt Regency
Redbud
Wichita**

Call to Order

Kathy Busch called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Notebook organization and reimbursement instructions were provided by Pat Bone.

Lunch with the SEAC and ESEA councils to allow for you interact with these other advisory groups.

Special Education Advisory Council – formed as result of IDEA. Membership is set by congress. Kansas has added some ex-officio members.

ESEA Advisory Council is not required but we wanted to have a council to represent Kansas Stakeholders to receive feedback on the requirements of the ESEA law.

Members Present

Amy Wells	Bert Moore	Bobby Eklofe
Cherie Blanchat	John Heim	Ken Hughey
Holly Yager	Jane Groff	Judi Rodman
Kathy Busch	Kathy Mosher	Kimber Kasitz
Lara Bors	Leia Holley	Pam Noble
Pam Weigand	Ronnie Lieurance	Sharon Frankenbery

Members Absent

Annie Diederich	Annie McKay	Christie Appelhanz
Susan Leonard	Kelly Robbins	LeEtta Felter
Representative Trimmer	Representative Jennings	Senator Pettey
Senator Baumgardner		

KSDE Staff

Laura Jurgensen	Myron Melton	Colleen Riley
Kerry Haag	Pat Bone	Jordan Christian
Kent Reed		

Guests

Elise Heger	Kasey Monroe
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Approval of Minutes

Representative Trimmer moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ronnie Lieurance.

Motion passed

Membership Discussion Items

Nominations of Vice-Chair

- Cherie Blanchat nominated Jane Groff to serve as vice-chair.
- No other nominations were received.
- Jane has agreed to serve as vice-chair.
- The council voted to accept the nomination.
- Jane will serve as vice-chair.

Rotation of terms on the council

This will be an ongoing council and we need to think about how we want to create terms so that we have some new members every year but a nice balance of returning members for consistency.

Discussion:

- There are representatives on the council from various organizations as well as across the state for representation.
- Further discussion will be held at a future council meeting. As people on the council change positions there will be some fluctuation of representation.

Representation

Are we missing any group, category, or organizations that is not represented?

- Teachers
- Foster Care
- Professional Organizations, school psychologists, social workers, and counselors. These are necessary to spread the word within the professional organizations.

Effective communication plan with legislators

This council was formed to respond to mental health issues that were brought to the legislature and be able to respond to the needs.

Ideas for communication

- Audience with committees during the first 4 weeks of the session. Lay out what is occurring in education during this time.
- Other committees – budget committee, leadership majority and minority leaders, Senate Ways and Means Committee, Senate Public Health and Welfare.
- Advisory role – mission and vision revised, we are no longer a short term council meeting for a short term. We need to clarify who we are advising.

KSDE Training Update

Myron Melton

Last year this Council reviewed the list of required trainings and discussed the effectiveness of the trainings. We began to discuss how we address trainings in a more effective manner than a checklist of trainings to be completed. We at KSDE began to develop a list of the trainings required and links to effective and appropriate resources to be used for the trainings. It is also differentiated by the roles of district staff. Some trainings are required and others are recommended as best practices.

Myron reviewed the website and demonstrated how it works. These resources are available to be used at any time throughout the year so staff can get training at any time they need it. Areas have a specific contact person for more information. This is a resource that will continue to evolve and resources will be added.

Discussion/Suggestions

- Under mandated reporting it has already been suggested to add information on FERPA.
- Testing is only required on the child sexual abuse and awareness. Most of the information on this site are just resources but do not have an evaluation component.
- Districts are responsible to establish a system of monitoring how they have met required training for their staff.

Social Emotional Character Development Standards – Kent Reed

PowerPoint

- Model standards were approved by the State Board in July 2018. Kansas was one of the first states to adopt Social Emotional standards in conjunction with character development. These are student standards. They need to be both aware and responsive to the content of these standards.
- Crisis Plan and Recovery plan are requirements of the Jason Flatt Act.

Questions/Comments

- Cherie Blanchat provided a brief TASN Overview and website walkthrough
- Jane Groff provided handouts on:
 - Social, Emotional & Character Development (SECD) Standards – What Families Need to Know
 - Youth Suicide Awareness

Suicide Prevention - Monica Kurz

PowerPoint

Monica reviewed suicide data specific to Kansas communities and resources in use in Kansas communities and schools.

- <http://kctcdata.org/> data link, Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC)
- Kansas Prevention Collaborative – crosses multiple risk categories, alcohol abuse, suicide, sexual abuse.
- ASIST - two day workshop which teaches professionals to complete a suicide intervention with a person at risk.

Questions/Comments

- Many of the resources Monica discussed in this presentation are on the training resources site Myron shared.
- Please review the training site, the suicide prevention site, and the child sexual abuse training to see what resources are provided and think about where we need to add to the site.
- Look at the data and look for the causes underlying the issues.
- Suicide prevention programs must address the larger community that do not have identified mental health issues.
- Prevention must address at risk students.
- Concern was expressed that many districts are not participating in the KCTC survey and how that affects a community's ability to reflect on what is needed locally.
- Kansas must find a way to help peers identify and address what they know about their friends who are talking to them about struggling with suicide.

Public Comment

None received

Wrap-up

- The Kansas State Board of Education would like feedback from this group on what needs to be put in place in regard to child sexual abuse. This will be a topic for discussion at the next meeting in September. What do you recommend that the State Board pursue? Are we looking only adult training or students also? Do we need to write regulations, request legislation, or tie to components in Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) process or other ideas?
- Lunch in Cypress A/B with other advisory councils.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.