CAC Conference Call Minutes
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) Minutes
June 6, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.
2300 Main Street, Suite 304
Kansas City, Missouri 64108

Attendance
CAC Members in Attendance: Terry Trafton (Chair) (in person), Damon Daniel, Niki Lee Donawa, Alan Flory, Brian Geary, Aaron Link, Siobhan McLaughlin-Lesley, Susan Mills-Gray (left call at 11:55 a.m.), Mary Jo Moore (in person), Lisa Peek, Lana McKinney (in person), Thuylinh Pham, and Twintenia Strother.

CAC Members Unable to Attend: Nozella Brown, Art Chaudry, Mike Enos, Glenna Garcia, Carey Spain, and Yulonda Swanson-Moten.

Health Forward Associates in Attendance: Karen Dehais, Tania Hewett-Mader, Bridget McCandless, Susan Richardson, and Karol Shadle.

Guests in Attendance: None

Call to Order
Terry Trafton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Susan Mills-Gray made a motion to approve the minutes of the following meetings. Lana McKinney seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

- March 7, 2019 CAC Committee
- March 7, 2019 CAC Review Committee
- April 11, 2019 CAC Review Committee
- May 23, 2019 CAC Input Committee Teleconference
Report of the Chair

Annual CAC Contribution Reminder
Terry Trafton, Chair, reported that to date, the Foundation has raised $7,500 in CAC contributions, which exceeds the annual goal of $6,000. He stated 100% of the Board has donated, but only approximately 58% of the CAC. He would like to see 100% participation from the CAC as well. Donations can be made by check or online through the link at the bottom of every page on the website.

Leadership Interests for 2020
At the end of this year, Mike Enos and Mary Jo Moore will be completing their second term on the CAC. He also stated that per the CAC Bylaws, individuals may only serve two years as an Officer of the CAC or as Chair of a Committee, which means that for 2020, the CAC will need a new Secretary to replace Lisa Peek and a chair for the Input Committee to replace Mike Enos. Susan Mills Gray has agreed to serve as chair of the Review Committee for a second year and Thuylinh Pham has agreed to take from Mike Enos as chair of the Input Committee. Anyone interested in either of those positions or if anyone has a request to serve on a specific committee, please contact Terry Trafton.

Board Retreat Update
The scheduled August Board Retreat has been postponed until the new CEO is on board. It will probably be rescheduled in first quarter of 2020.

Board of Directors Resignation
Julia Simmons announced her resignation from the Board of Directors effective August 2019. The CAC is charged with making a recommendation to the Board on how to fill that position and there are three options.

1. Fill that position through the regular election process; present a larger slate to accommodate this additional open position.
2. Run an independent election for that one spot now.
3. Go back to the slate from last year and take the top candidates that were not elected and use their videos and interviews from last year to select one to fill the spot now.

Bridget McCandless, President and CEO, stated that historically when we receive resignations later in the year, it has made sense to fill that position through the regular election process. When a member resigns in the first quarter, it might make sense to replace before that process.
It was also noted that the Board of Directors is considering the size of the Board for 2019 as required by the Health Forward Bylaws and if they recommend a reduction in board size for this year, then eliminating the position vacated by Julia Simmons would be one way to reduce the board size. The Board of Directors has not yet made a recommendation to the CAC on Board size for 2020.

**Niki Donawa made a motion that should we receive an official resignation in the next couple of months, the CAC recommends filling that position through this year's election process. Siobhan Leslie McLaughlin seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

**Review of CAC Bylaws**
Mr. Trafton noted that the CAC Bylaws have not been reviewed for a number of years and there are changes that need to be made due to the Health Forward name change and to ensure consistency with the Health Forward Bylaws. Siobhan Leslie McKinney has agreed to chair a Bylaws Review Subcommittee, and Lana McKinney and Alan Flory have offered to serve on the committee. Meetings should begin with Mark Flaherty, Legal Counsel, soon with reporting of any changes to presented at the November CAC meeting.

**Committee Reports**
**Input Committee Update**
Karen Dehais, Evaluation and Learning Officer gave the Input Committee update in the absence of Mike Enos, Input Committee Chair. She reported that the Input Committee and CAC had agreed to the concept of datawalks for the input sessions this year and originally planned to hold them this summer or early fall of this year. She said it's important to determine what data points will be used in the sessions, as the data needs to be tailored to the specific public health trends of each community. Given the amount of time it takes to gather and develop the tailored data points and also given that we are in the middle of the search for a new CEO, it is suggested that the input sessions be postponed until the first quarter of 2020. This will allow the CEO time to have input into the design of the sessions. Once the revised dates have been scheduled, it will take staff approximately 90 days to ramp up logistics for the sessions. The committee unanimously agreed to postpone the input sessions until the first quarter of 2020.
Review Committee Update
Susan Mills-Gray, Chair of the CAC Review Committee, presented the 2018 CAC Review Committee Report. She thanked the committee members Art Chaudry, Damon Daniels, Mary Jo Moore, Lisa Peek, Carey Spain and Thuylinh Pham, as well as staff and the new report writer, Natasha Sims, for their work.

The is focused on the following areas:
• New name and logo
• New grants management system
• Permanent Home (decision to build a new home)
• Program and Grantmaking (type of grants and total funding)
• Policy and Advocacy (Missouri Medicaid Expansion Initiative, the Tides Foundation grant, Tobacco Prevention Project, and Tobacco 21)
• Communications and Evaluation (Regional Health Reporting Collaborative and Bi-State Consumer Health Survey Results)
• Finance and Investment Performance

Chair Mills-Gray thanked the committee members for the diligence in reviewing all of the minutes.

Mary Jo Moore made a motion to approve the 2018 CAC Review Committee Report as presented. Damon Daniels seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Nominating Committee Update
Chair Niki Lee Donawa reviewed the CAC Nomination and Board Election timeline for 2019.
• July 1: Board applications are available on the Health Forward website.
• August 31, 2019: Board application deadline
• First/second week of September: CAC Nominating Committee members receive binders with applicant’s written materials.
• October 1 and 2: CAC Nominating Committee conducts recorded interviews of all board applicants.
• November 7: CAC Nominating Committee presents slate of candidates to CAC for approval.
• November: CAC presents slate of candidates to Health Forward Board of Directors including electronic binder of candidate info, written responses to questions, and recorded interviews.
• December 11: Final candidate interviews and election at Board meeting.
• December 12: CAC teleconference to approve Board selections.
This year the Board will be looking to fill nine board positions, five incumbents who are eligible for re-election, three who term out, and one resignation, Julia Simmons. When considering residency requirements, of the incumbents eligible for re-election, two are from Kansas and three are from Missouri; from those that term out, one if from Kansas and one is from Missouri; and the resignation is from Kansas. It was also noted that of the current Missouri Board members, most are from Eastern Jackson County. There is also no representation from Cass County. When deciding on the slate to present, it will be important to look at the diversity of the current Board including skills sets, race, ethnicity, etc.

The Board incumbents who have agreed to run for another term are:
- Mary Ann Arnott (KS)
- Irene Caudillo (KS)
- Pat Contreras (MO)
- Jim Pryde (MO)
- Stephenie Smith (MO)

The Board members who will term out at the end of the year are:
- Tom Cranshaw (KS)
- Ann Mesle (MO)
- Wayne Powell (MO)

**CEO Search Committee Update**
Terry Trafton gave on update on the CEO search. The Search Committee has selected Witt Kieffer (WK) out of Boston, to conduct the search. WK is in the process of completing a search for a new conversion foundation in North Carolina, so they are very familiar with how a conversation foundation works. The WK representatives will be meeting with the Search Committee next week to develop the CEO profile. They will be meeting with search committee members and community members either in person or by phone to get input in the profile.

**Report of the President**
Bridget McCandless, President and CEO, stated that she will probably not be at the next CAC meeting, so she wanted the thank the committee for all that they do. She has watched the CAC evolve over the years and appreciates that the CAC keeps reminding the Board to keep true to its mission. She thanked the CAC in advance for dedicating two full days of their time in October for the Board candidate interviews and reminded them that who they choose to bring forward will be critical to moving the Foundation forward in the coming years.
Policy Update
Tania Hewett-Mader, Policy Associate, reported that the Board of Directors approved to extend the policy agenda with the current priorities through 2020 with minor changes to the language to reflect what has happened over the last two years, but there will be no substantive changes.

2018-2019 Tier One Priorities
• **Maintain and advance access to health coverage for low-income, vulnerable and uninsured residents of Kansas and Missouri**
  o In Missouri, Tania noted there are 83 health related bills that did not make it through the legislature last year that have been reintroduced this session. She also stated that as expected, Medicaid expansion bills have not been put on the calendar for discussion. SB4, which adds work requirements to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is on the agenda, as is SB 76, which adds work requirements for MO HealthNet. Health Forward has submitted written testimony. Another bill of interest is SB 77, which requires the Department of Social Services to apply for a global waiver for MO HealthNet (same as a block grant). A hearing is scheduled with the Senate Committee on Seniors, Families and Children on March 13th.
  o In Kansas, Governor Laura Kelly has made the expansion of KanCare one of her priorities, but the Kansas House leadership is not in support of expansion. Over the past week there have been roundtable discussions on the costs and benefits. It is to be determined if she will be able to move her proposed legislation.
• **Encourage Cass and Lafayette counties to opt into the regional Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)**
  o Missouri remains the only state without a statewide PDMP. Tania did note that 84% of the state’s population does fall within counties that participate with the St. Louis County PDMP, including our entire service area. This session there will be two similar bills making their way through the legislature: SB 155 (Luetkemeyer), which establishes the Narcotics Control Act. A House version of this bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Seniors, Families and Children, but does not yet have a hearing scheduled. Ms Hewitt-Mader noted that generally, the state leadership remains supportive of the PDMP, which will be important as it faces opposition when it comes up for debate on the Senate floor.
• **Ensure adequate reimbursement for school-based health services**
  o In Missouri, there was some great progress last year with the administrative changes that took effect to maximize MOHealthNet reimbursement for school-based mental health services. These changes have moved into a programmatic phase. Health Forward will continue to support the work in this area and will support grantees as they adjust to the changes that occurred last year.
2018-2019 Tier Two Priorities

- **Support funding for a new state infrastructure for MOHealthNet**
  - The Governor’s budget proposal included funding for an improved MMIS system requesting $1.9m ($398k GR) and eight full-time employees.

- **Explore the connection between health and housing by learning about policies that enhance access to safe, affordable and healthy housing**
  - There is a new tenant rights organization emerging in Kansas City and increased conversations around this issue as we move into the mayoral and council elections. Tania stated Health Forward has been very careful about our positions as we are still exploring/learning this area. At the state level, the Missouri Housing Development Commission voted to withhold state tax credits in 2018. SB 28 (Hegeman) has been perfected and caps the states low income housing tax credits at 72.5% of the federal credits.

- **Work with partners to develop a coalition for local public health funding**
  - Missouri is 50th in the nation in the amount of per capita general revenue support for local public health.
  - We just moved into Phase II of the Missouri Public Health Transformation Project “Healthier MO,” which Health Forward is co-funding with Missouri Foundation for Health, with the goal of moving toward a sustainable and responsive public health system in Missouri.

**Community Updates**

**Brian Geary – Johnson County, Kansas**

- The summer lunch program is in full gear at Olathe Public Schools.
- Olathe Public Schools Mental Therapy Services are offering free mental health therapy services to all Olathe Public School students, staff and their families during the summer months. Sessions are 50 minutes and are conducted by Marriage and Family interns from Friends University in partnership with the Olathe Public Schools. All sessions are free; minors must attend with a parent/guardian at the first session. Location is Prairie Learning Center.
- Olathe Health Systems broke ground on the new surgicenter on their campus.

**Aaron Link – Johnson County, Kansas**

Lenexa published Vision 2040, a community-driven vision that provides the framework for achieving what the community wants Lenexa to become. There are five major themes, with accompanying strategies and tactics:

- Healthy People
- Inviting Places
- Vibrant Neighborhoods
- Integrated Infrastructure and Transportation
• Thriving Economy
More information can be found on the Lenexa Government website.

Thuylinh Pham – Independence, Missouri
• The move to the new urgent care building at Children's Mercy East has been moved to the second week of July, with the grand opening later that week.
• Children's Mercy Primary Care facility on Broadway has partnered with LYFT to provide an on-demand transportation program, similar to Truman's program with Circulation. In the past, only one parent and the patient would be covered by Medicaid's transportation program, but this program allows multiple members of a family to ride to appointments, etc. This will help families who have multiple children and who can't provide childcare during these hospital visits.
• Children's Mercy is also doing a summer food program at the main site cafeteria, with bags of food at Children's Mercy East, West and the Northland.

Susan Mills-Gray – Harrisonville, Missouri
No report; left call at 11:55.

Damon Daniel – Kansas City, Missouri
No report.

Lana McKinney – Kansas City, Missouri
Cultivate KC partners with the White Family Fund via the Menorah Heritage Foundation to provide matching dollars to seniors who utilize the USDA's Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. Seniors are provided with coupons that can be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at the certain Kansas farmers markets. Missouri is one of only seven states that do not participate in the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Mary Jo Moore – Independence, Missouri
The City of Independence City Council is taking a lot heat because they have tough decisions to make to find ways to make up for a $3.5 million deficit, without further cutting city jobs and services, so they are looking at restructuring the health insurance plans for city employees, as well as the Stay Well plan for retirees. The current plans pay 80% for retirees, employees, and spouses.

Niki Lee Donawa – Kansas City, Missouri
Truman Medical Center’s Behavioral Health is part of a program called 500 in 5 that provides housing solutions to socially and medically disadvantaged people. It is the third largest housing provide in Kansas City, Missouri. The initial goal was to develop 500 units of permanent housing in Jackson County, Missouri for persons served by the Truman Behavioral Health who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and/or frequent utilizers of...
emergency systems. The program repurposes outdated buildings into 1, 2- and 3-bedroom units and group homes. There are currently 43 units in service and 54 units under development. The program has had a very successful year.

**Siobhan McLaughlin-Lesley – City of Kansas City, Missouri**
Gilda's Club and Cancer Support Community have formed a partnership with Airbnb for to provide free housing for cancer patients and caregivers provided they meet certain geographic and income criteria. Patients and caregivers must have to travel at least 50 miles or more for treatments, scans, clinical trials, and other medically necessary care to quality.

**Lisa Peek – Belton, Missouri**
Pathways in Raymore, Missouri, is now called Compass Health Network. The facility provides behavioral health counseling, psychiatry and psychological assessment/testing for children and adults, and Substance Abuse adolescent and adult outpatient treatment services.
- The Benton House Senior Living Community in Raymore is expanding to include an Alzheimer’s unit.
- Raymore Parks and Recreation is building two new custom-designed inclusive playgrounds. These playgrounds promote healthy play for all children, including children with disabilities and critical illnesses.

**Alan Flory – Lee’s Summit, Missouri**
Jackson County is showing a strong interest in developing a suicide prevention program similar to the Johnson County program. Discussions are in the beginning stages with meetings held in the southern Jackson County area with the Lee’s Summit School District and several surrounding school districts. The Lee’s Summit School Board and Superintendent are in the process of implementing diversity training for staff.

**Twintenia Strother – Jackson County, Missouri**
June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, an international observance day each year to raise awareness about the growing problem of physical, emotional and financial abuse of older adults and promote an understanding of what we can do about it. Area cities are joining the cause by issuing proclamations declaring support for the day and offering activities to educate residents and can be found on the MARC website. Abuses can be reported on the abuse hotline, (888) 382-0210.
Terry Trafton – City of Independence, Missouri
There are ongoing conversations on the need for a behavioral health urgent care center in Independence/eastern Jackson County.

CommCARE has launched the EPICC (Engaging Patients in Care Coordination) treatment program to fight the opioid crisis in the Kansas City region. The program brings together community health organizations (Truman Medical Center Behavioral Health, Tri-County Mental Health Services, Comprehensive Mental Health Services and ReDiscover Mental Health Services/Kansas City Assessment and Triage Center) and hospitals to provide services to opioid overdose patients. In the first month, 14 patients worked with CommCARE to connect with ongoing treatment and are projecting to serve around 160 patients in the first year.

Adjournment
Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Karol Shadle, Governance Coordinator
Reviewed and approved by BMc; TT