

**REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Zoom Meeting  
March 10, 2022 ~11:30am

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1. **Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Tom Brown, Chair  
REAP Chair, Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.
  
  2. **Approval of Minutes**  
Approval of Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting from February 17, 2022.  
  
***ACTION TAKEN: Pat Stivers made a motion to approve the February 17, 2022 REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Chip Westfall Seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***
  
  3. **Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition- Dawn Shelper, Executive Director, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition**
    - Executive Director
      - Dawn was hired on as the Executive Director of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition in January 2022.
    - About the Coalition
      - The Mental Health and Substance Abuse (MHSA) Coalition was formed in 2018
      - The MHSAC Coalition developed a strategic plan in 2019
        - The primary goal is to develop a “one-stop shop” for mental health and substance abuse needs.
      - In 2020 the Public Policy and Management Center at Wichita State University was hired on to assist in the work of the Coalition
      - Mission
        - “develop a sustainable, accessible and integrated system of care that serves people with mental health and substance abuse disorders who are in crisis, in order to efficiently and effectively deliver services that create positive outcomes. “
      - Vission
        - Create a community where people in crisis find a place of hope and a path to health. “
      - The Board
        - A mix of private sector, government, and nonprofit organizations
      - Members
        - There are more than 50 partner organizations that participate in various projects and committee meetings
    - The Work
      - Crisis Care
        - Housing and Shelter
        - Observation, Stabilization, ad Detox
        - Face-to-face Crisis Intervention
        - Support Resources

- Case management, training, food, hygiene, and transportation
- Strategic Plan
  - Coordination, Communication, and Collaboration
    - To create a system of care that relies on improved communication, coordination, and collaboration among service providers
  - Access to Care
    - To reduce barriers so patients can get to services they need when they need them
  - Workforce
    - To have enough employees to meet demand in mental health, substance abuse, social work, and other behavioral health professions
- Accomplishments to Date
  - Technology
    - A database to improve continuum of care
  - Strategic Initiatives
    - Policy and Legislative Action
    - Housing
    - Transportation
    - Workforce
    - Community Partners
- Future Plans
  - “Front Door” Point of Contact for all clients
  - Eliminate Barriers to Comprehensive Care
  - Shared Physical Campus for Service Providers
    - Centralized Location
    - Share Resources
    - Eliminate Barriers to Comprehensive Care
- Physical Campus: Access to Care
  - COMCARE Crisis Center Anchor
    - Behavioral Health
    - Addiction Treatment
  - Access Center with other wrap-around services
- High Utilizer Study
  - Population
    - Majority: White males between the ages of 35-54
  - \$56 million in patient care delivered between 2015-2018
    - \$17 million in patient care funded by public assistance or uncompensated care
    - \$108,527 over 3 years, \$36,175 in 1 year, \$99 per day (Just for 1 patient)
- Crisis Care- Workforce
  - COMCARE is only 54% staffed and the Jail is only 74% staffed

**4. 2022 Legislative Update: Kimberly and Josh Svaty**

- At a Glance
  - Budget, Redistricting, Rural Housing, Partisan Elections?
  - SPARK & Base Grant Funding
  - Water bill gutted, two new Senate bills introduced & CCR hearing Thursday
- Looking Ahead
  - 10 March- SB 417, Coal-Combustion Rule Hearing in House Energy
  - 18 March- Final day for non-exempt committees to meet
  - 1 April- Projected First Adjournment
- Week 10
  - \*Pull from report\*

**5. Wichita Airport Advisory Board Appointment: Laura Rainwater**

***ACTION TAKEN: Lucas Neece (Lindsborg) moved to reappoint Randy Frazer to the Airport Advisory Board. Pat Stivers seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**6. Transit Advisory Committee: Troy Tabor (Andover)**

- No report: The Transit Advisory Committee has not met since last REAP Executive Committee Meeting

**7. Community Updates**

- Jade Piros de Carvalho- Wildfires have affected Reno County
  - The wildfires were massively destructive, but there are opportunities to rebuild

**8. Meeting adjourned at 12: 27 p.m.**

***ACTION TAKEN: Chip Westfall motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Pete Meitzner seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

Attendees:

Tom Brown, McPherson  
Dawn Shepler, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Coalition  
Chip Westfall, Harvey County  
Toyia Bulla, Bentley  
Keith Lawing, WA  
Pat Stivers, Maize  
Mike Hoheisel, Wichita  
Lucas Neece, Lindsborg  
Don Koci, Burns McDonald  
Anthony Swartzendruber, Harvey County  
Kelly McElroy- Newton

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Submitted by Laura Rainwater

Item #2

Tim Boese- GMD2  
Lauren Clary, Kansas Gas Service  
Gary Schmidt, Pratt  
Murray McGee, Moundridge  
Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick County  
Kyle Fiedler, North Newton  
Jade Piros de Carvalho, Hutchinson  
Kimberly Svaty  
Laura Rainwater, REAP  
Zoe Sisco, REAP