

South Central Regional Psychiatric Hospital Advisory Panel

Minutes

December 18, 2023, 1:00-1:45 PM

Via Zoom

Panel Members Attending

Scott Brunner, Deputy Secretary of Hospitals and Facilities, KDADS

Sarah Lopez, Sedgwick County Commissioner, 2nd District

Claudio Ferraro, Ascension Via Christi St. Joseph - on Zoom

Jason Gregory, Downtown Wichita

Jeff Easter, Sheriff, Sedgwick County

Joan Tammany, Director, COMCARE

LaTasha St. Arnault, President and CEO, HumanKind Ministries

Marc Bennett, District Attorney, Sedgwick County

Mary Jones, Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas

Tom Stolz, County Manager, Sedgwick County

Representative Will Carpenter, 75th District

Panel Member(s) not in attendance:

Representative Henry Helgeson, 83rd District

Representative KC Ohaebosim, 89th District

Senator Usha Reddi, 22nd District

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Brunner called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

II. Presentation of Town Hall meeting survey and follow-up survey results on short-listed properties

Bonnie Houk from The Learning Tree Institute at Greenbush gave a report on public input during the Town Hall meeting. Approximately 75 people were in attendance in person, with 23 attendees online. Survey results for preferred locations are as follows: 32 responses- MacArthur and Meridian, 20 responses- West Central, 13 responses- 85th and I-135, and eight responses - 53rd and Greenwich.

The extended public input survey was open from December 13th to December 15th and had 245 responses.

Vice Chair Lopez asked for the preferred location breakdown from the extended survey. Dawn Flores from The Learning Tree Institute at Greenbush shared preliminary data. This data is uncleaned and may change slightly. Survey results for preferred locations are as follows: 109 responses - 2622 West Central, 68 responses - MacArthur and Meridian, 66 responses- 85th and I-135, and 44 responses- 53rd and

Greenwich. Updated data from the extended survey will be provided in the interim report.

III. Presentation and Discussion of Real Property Proposals for the Regional Psychiatric Hospital (proposed executive session)

The South Central Regional Psychiatric Hospital Advisory Panel met in a closed executive session for a preliminary discussion of acquiring real property pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (6).

Vice Chair Lopez moved, and Representative Carpenter seconded:

“I move that the open meeting of the South Central Regional Psychiatric Hospital Advisory Panel, hereinafter referred to as the Advisory Panel, be recessed for a closed, executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(a), for follow up discussion of the acquisition of real property for the location of a proposed regional psychiatric hospital pursuant to the justification listed in K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (6); that the Advisory Panel resume the open meeting at 1:45 PM on Zoom; and that this motion, if adopted, be recorded in the minutes and be maintained as a part of the permanent records of the Advisory Panel. The Advisory Panel will meet via Zoom for the executive session. Tania Cole, Assistant County Manager for Sedgwick County and Andrew Dilts, Sedgwick County Facilities Manager, are invited to attend the executive session to provide information relevant to the discussion of real property.”

The motion was approved without objection.

Adopted at 1:12 PM December 18, 2023

Executive Session for 30 minutes

Back in the general session at 1:45 PM

The Advisory Panel came out of the Executive Session at 1:47 PM, and Chairperson Brunner called the regular session back to order.

IV. Future Meeting Date

January 8th, 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Chairperson Brunner informed the panel that the time for the next meeting was changed slightly due to the legislative session. Based on previous panel feedback, he proposed the next session will start at 12:30 PM and be an hour long.

V. Adjourn

Chairperson Brunner called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Tammany made a motion to adjourn, and Vice Chair Lopez seconded at 1:49 PM. Motion adopted.