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Planning Council Update

In April, members of the OneCare Kansas Planning Council participated in a virtual meeting. Planning Council members continue to communicate with their respective networks and KDHE staff reported progress on updating the OCK website, development of communication tools for providers and members, as well as progress on updates to the upcoming program manual.

Based on conversations that took place at the Provider Learning Forum in March, the group discussed any potential concerns related to provider network adequacy. Partners who attended the Forum also requested additional consideration be made regarding the types of data that is collected and measured to assure individual level progress is being measured and communicated. The Planning Council discussed the types of assessments currently being used in their respective networks and identified other possible opportunities to better communicate program success at the individual and system levels. For more information, visit <https://www.kancare.ks.gov/providers/onecare-ks-providers/onecare-kansas-planning-council> to view a full report from the Planning Council each month.

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OneCare Kansas Communication Updates

The State team will be delivering the second installment of our webinar series on May 24th. This webinar will be devoted to explaining the Core Services. We will be providing examples to illustrate who among the required professionals may deliver each service as well as offering helpful insight into some of the more creative activities that our providers can pursue as a part of the OneCare Kansas package of services.

Event: OneCare Kansas Provider Webinar - The Six Core Services

When: Friday 24 May 2019, 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

Time Zone: (GMT-06:00) Central Time (US and Canada) (Please note that Daylight Saving Time (+01:00 hr) is in effect during this time)

Audio Conference Details:

All audio is presented through your computer speakers.

If you are unable to join online, you may listen in via telephone.

Dial 1-877-400-9499 and enter conference code 658 421 2274#

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 95 PARTICIPANTS! REGISTER SOON!

To register now, please visit the following link:

https://wchitaccsr.adobeconnect.com/ock_6_core_services/event/registration.html

To know more about the event, please visit our website:

https://wchitaccsr.adobeconnect.com/ock_6_core_services/event/event_info.html

If you have ideas or suggestions about our communication strategy or additional documents we should develop, please let us know!



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Tobacco Guidelines for Behavioral Health

Studies have shown that people with mental illness die up to 25 years before the general population, in many cases due to tobacco use. Given this, the OneCare Kansas State Team is committed to helping our providers understand how they can assist members who want to quit. As a part of this commitment we have worked with the Behavioral Health Tobacco Project to include the endorsement of the Guidelines as a formal part of the OneCare Kansas Application.

If you are interested in learning more about these guidelines or endorsement, you can visit this website: <https://namikansas.org/resources/smoking-cessation-information/>

OneCare Kansas Application Deadline Extension

In light of the delays surrounding our identification of a formal target population the State Team has decided to extend the OneCare Kansas Provider Application deadline. In keeping with this extension of the timeline, the State Team has decided to delay evaluation of applicants until the target population is identified. This will ensure that all applicants receive a rigorous and fair assessment.

We truly apologize for this change in the project timeline as well as any uncertainty it may cause. We remain committed to the project as well as the providers who have already expressed an interest in serving our members. We will strive to ensure that those of you who have already submitted your Applications will in no way be negatively impacted by this delay.

The State Team will announce the new Application deadline in the coming weeks as details emerge. If providers who have already submitted their Applications desire to amend or withdraw their submission we will work with you to accomplish this.

If you have questions or would like to make changes to your Application either now or in the future please contact Samantha Ferencik.

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Progress on Target Population

The State Team is happy to announce that our contract with The University of Kansas has been finalized, allowing the KU Research Team to begin their evaluation of our data! This evaluation will aid us by providing the analysis necessary to help us select the best target population for our state. We will keep you updated on this exciting development.



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If you have questions, or would like more information about OneCare Kansas, please contact us.

Our page on the KanCare website also contains information about our work to develop the project and documents are being updated regularly.

If you would like to receive this newsletter please send us an email.

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Prevent Lyme Disease

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reminds us that Spring weather brings the risk of Lyme disease. Though people living in or visiting New England, the mid-Atlantic states, and the upper Midwest are at greatest risk, Lyme disease has been documented in Kansas as well. Knowing how to protect yourself from tick bites is essential.

Repel ticks

Use insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has an [online tool](#) to help you select the repellent that is best for you and your family .

Avoid areas where ticks are likely to live.

Blacklegged ticks (the ticks that cause Lyme disease) live in moist and humid environments, particularly in and near wooded or grassy areas. You may get a tick on you during outdoor activities around your home or when walking through leaves and bushes. To avoid ticks, walk in the center of trails and avoid walking through tall bushes or other vegetation.

Perform daily tick checks

Check your body for ticks after being outdoors, even in your own yard. Remove an attached tick with fine-tipped tweezers as soon as you notice it. Check your clothing and pets for ticks because they may carry ticks into the house. Check clothes and pets carefully and remove any ticks that are found. Place clothes into a dryer on high heat to kill ticks.

Be alert for fever or rash

Even if you don't remember being bitten by a tick, an unexpected summer fever or odd rash may be the first signs of Lyme disease, particularly if you've been in tick habitat. See your healthcare provider if you have symptoms.

For more information, see <https://www.cdc.gov/features/lymedisease/index.html> on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website.