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Kansas System of Care Advisory Council Charter

Mission & Vision: The Kansas System of Care (SOC) Advisory Council seeks to expand the delivery of youth-guided and family-driven supports and resources across child-serving organizations and systems across the state. The Council envisions a sustainable, community-based services and support system that is trauma-informed, culturally competent and evidence-based.

Purpose: The SOC Advisory Council serves in an advisory role under the auspices of the Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council (GBHSPC), in consultation with the GBHSPC Children's Subcommittee. The Council will provide recommendations to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and its partners that reflect core SOC principles. The Council will also ensure the availability of an effective, sustainable service array that promotes youth and family voice and choice.

The Council also exists to support the achievement of the specific goals outlined in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Cooperative Agreement for the Expansion and Sustainability of Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (#1H79SM063401) with KDADS. The Council is distinct from the GBHSPC, its Subcommittees, workgroups, and task forces in its emphasis on youth and family leadership.

Goal: The SOC Advisory Council will assist in guiding the implementation of evidence-based services and the development or enhancement of statewide policies and practices that impact the well-being of youth and young adults with behavioral health challenges and their parents/caregivers.

Tasks:

- Elevate the voices of youth/young adults with behavioral health challenges and their parents/caregivers
- Advise KDADS and its partners on the development and implementation of SAMHSA required planning
- Draw upon the experiences of youth and families to recommend new or enhanced practices that will strengthen consumer-provider partnerships and cross-system collaboration

Timeline: The SOC Advisory Council will meet at least four times per year. Additional Council workgroups may be formed with the assent of Council members. Workgroups will meet as needed to ensure the completion of SAMHSA requirements and other Council tasks.

Membership: The membership of the Council will consist of a diverse group including the SOC Principle Investigator, SOC Project Director, current SOC providers, youth, young adults, family members, and community partners. A majority of members will be youth/young adults with lived experience of emotional disturbance and/or out-of-home placement and parents/caregivers/family members.