

**Lifespan Respite  
Follow-up Meeting  
October 15, 2007**

Overview: Participants of the Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition met on October 15 at the Self-Help Network.

Attendees:

Scott Wituk WSU Center for Community Support & Research	Vern Norwood KDOA
Colin McKenney Sedgwick County CDDO	Colleen Parker United Way
Adena McCowan Rainbows United	Caren Rugg ECKAAA
Joan Flynn CPAAA	Katie Glendening KDOA Aging & Disability Resource Center
Gina Ervay Respite Outreach Care for Kansans, Inc.	Judy Weigel Independent Living Resource Center
Gloria Markuly SRS	Angelic Vasquez AAA Wyandotte/Leavenworth
Delores Cooper Senior Services	

Participants:

- (1) Developed a vision and mission of the Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition,
- (2) Updated on activities from the previous Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition meeting,
- (3) Created next steps for the Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition

The initial purposes of the Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition include:

- Educate those who need respite services
- Connect existing resources that provide respite services
- Identify gaps in respite services and develop strategies to address those gaps
- Locate training options for those interested in providing respite in Kansas
- Explore and obtain funding to provide respite services

For each of these purposes, participants updated and identified next steps.

**See below in notes for names and actions to be taken prior to next meeting- November 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00.**

The Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition will meet again **Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 am at the Center for Community Support & Research (formerly Self-Help Network). If unable to attend, please contact (877) 278-8686, code 570683 to conference call for the meeting.**

The Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will focus on developing structure for the Coalition to better to implement the purposes of the Coalition.

1. The Coalition discussed and adopted the Vision and Mission of the Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition as stated below.

**Vision**

To ensure all Kansas caregivers will have the respite services they need in order to have the strength to care for their loved ones.

**Mission**

The mission of the Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition is to promote access to and use of respite for all Kansas caregivers, through community awareness, advocacy, education, and collaboration by providing a statewide respite care system.

2. The Coalition revisited their initial purposes/strategies, updating each, and creating next steps.

Purposes & Initial Steps of the Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition:

**Purpose: Educate those who need respite services**

Progress From Previous Meeting.

- Follow-up on the Walgreens ads...internet...they deliver medications. Not an option.
- We have an option presented at the national conference...person from New Jersey is producing a commercial (\$5,000) – national spokesperson (Gayle – writes Passages books?). Tailoring it at the end “tagline” to tailor it to state. Depending on the number of states that would impact the costs...depending on the number of states who provide...also some discussions about if other spokespersons...Keep in mind, we are interested in getting more information (have not heard back yet). When production – when states need to come forward. No idea of the content. You would want to invest without some prior knowledge of what will be included in the ad. Note: Like to see someone with greater name recognition.

<b><u>AGREEMENTS FROM CURRENT MEETING</u></b>		
<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>BY WHEN</b>
Gina	Follow-up with opportunity presented at national conference to determine the status of it.	
Gina	E-mail ARCH definition of respite to see if it “works” for this group	ASAP

**Purpose: Connect existing resources that provide respite services**

<u>AGREEMENTS FROM CURRENT MEETING</u>		
WHO	WHAT	BY WHEN
Cindy/Adena	Develop sub-committee to make progress on the training/education strategy.	

**Purpose: Explore and obtain funding to provide respite services.**

What Progress Made:

- Spoke M. Zillinger who mentioned she would contact Health Policy Authority would target to attend next meeting...would be interested in attending
- Gina – meet w/ Frank Stahl to catch up on what is happening w/ system transformation and these are the purposes of coalition (providing information) Nov. 1
- Sen. Byers (NB), Neufeld (speaker of house), Colin, Gina – meet (best if done solo)
- Jerry Williams has indicated interest in presenting legislation – after meeting w/ Neufeld and make sure have a concept for him – ask him what he is carrying.
- Legislation from other states has been found/located

<u>AGREEMENTS FROM CURRENT MEETING</u>		
WHO	WHAT	BY WHEN
Gina	Meet W/ Frank Stahl to catch up on system transformation.	
	Follow-up with M. Zillinger regarding interests for Health Policy Authority	
Colin, Gina	Meet w/ Byers, Neufeld to discuss legislative options	

**Purpose: Identify gaps in respite services and develop strategies to address those gaps**

Notes:

- The other “purposes” are some of the gaps, but additional discussion is needed to address this potential purpose of the coalition.