

Past President's Report
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This is the survey that was conducted at our convention last March. Look it over, as we will be discussing how we can best use this information to the advantage of our organization.

Kansas Counseling Association Survey
March, 2007

1. Are you a member of KCA? Yes = 70 No = 7 N/A= 10
2. If not, are you considering joining? Yes = 7
3. If you are a member, please circle the items below with which you are involved:

<u>Regions</u>	<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Committees</u>	
Northeast=16	KACES=6	Awards=5	Advocacy/Legislation=3
Southeast=8	KASGW=2	By-Laws=	Division/Region Support=2
N. Central=16	KSCA=50	Grad. Student=	Strategic Planning=
S. Central=15	KCDA= 1	Human Rights=	History & Traditions=
Northwest=13	KMHCA=11	Leadership=2	ACT Representative=
Southwest=4	KAADA=1	Media=1	
	KAMFC=1	Membership=2	
	KCCA=3	Prof. Pre/Standards=	

4. KCA is meeting my needs.

			Needs	
Excellent =20	Very Good=51	Good=12	Improvement=3	Poor =1
5. KCA provides a wide variety of member services.

			Needs	
Excellent =28	Very Good=43	Good=10	Improvement=5	Poor =N/A
6. Convention provides me with multiple opportunities to grow professionally.

			Needs	
Excellent =39	Very Good=36	Good=9	Improvement=2	Poor =1
7. KCA leadership is working hard to meet the needs of the members.

Yes = 77	No = N/A	Maybe=8
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8. Would you like to be involved in the mentorship program?

Yes =	Phoebe Janzen 620-382-2168
	Michelle Cooper – 316-755-7155
	Cathie Kunstel 620-638-4797
	Angie Gerdes 913-390-8937

Sally Maack 785-798-2386
Kathy Spicer – 623-2600
Rhonda Wright – 785-309-3905
Deb Woodard – 913-621-3628
Carol Dillinger 620-792-5090
Peggy Craig- 785-863-3237
Marilea Rittenhouse – 620-357-6166 Day / 620-623-2038 evening
Vicki Chance- 785-626-0080 Cell
Andi Shipman – 316-259-9353
Betsy Terrierc – 316-973-7800
Jeanine Long – 316-259-7018
Cheryl Bowen – 620-421-3033 – currently mentor – would like to continue
Brenda Linin – 785-899-2517
Elaine Werner – 785-456-2187
Terri DeGeer – 620-473-3348
Karen Knorp-Brown

9. What mental health issues would you like to see KCA address?

1. More sessions on self-injury/depression/suicide/teen addictions, eating disorders. There are such good sessions, but they are only offered once – you can't attend them all. I wish they could be offered more than once.
2. More information re: mean girls and that culture.
3. Domestic violence, teen pregnancy and prevention.
4. Childhood mental disorders.
5. Reactive attachment disorder – OCD tips, children who won't comply with adults – No to everything. Prevention programs.
6. Doing great.
7. Bi-polar.
8. Family Systems and Development
9. Issues related to school aged children.
10. Address more college mental health issues.
11. Anxiety in kids, stress in colleagues/students.
12. Positive therapy, emotional intelligence, techniques – something more for college counselors.
13. Suicide, depression, self-injury, crisis response.
14. Insurance reimbursement – bipolar and addictions.
15. Effective collaboration with other counseling associations in Kansas.
16. Sexual abuse – grade school/MS – how to help – how to identify.
17. OCD – Oppositional Defiant Disorder/ Conduct Disorder.
18. School counseling issues, school management, new Federal changes with NCLB.
19. Anger, truancy.
20. DSM IV issues during convention.
21. I like having more mental health issues at convention.
22. Keep providing info on current issues. Bully prevention, character ed, family issues.
23. Keep being the good support system you are and offer a variety of topics.

24. Depression
25. Insurance payment to all providers equally with merit.
26. Burnout – Licensure
27. More on specifics of licensure in Kansas. More on specific schools of therapy and their applications.
28. S/B, marriage, depression, suicide, family, anxiety, new approaches and the changes.
29. Counseling gay and lesbian youth.
30. Depression.
31. What we are addressing!
32. Bi-polar, eating disorders.
33. Aging issues.
34. Burnout.
35. How to help teachers with their own issues – resources for help. Encouragers.
36. Please try to emphasize elementary school counselors – make it mandatory.
37. Help us know more about how to help families deal with substance in teens – also, help us with all the scary computer issues.
38. This isn't mental health but I would like more help with organizing group counseling sessions.
39. Anything – especially issues affecting HS students.

10. How can smaller divisions/regions serve you and thereby keep and grow their membership?
 1. Consider reducing the size of regions.
 2. Keep offering educational programs through the year.
 3. Maybe..it would be on a more grassroots level.
 4. I am concerned about convention being held during Kansas State Assessment test time. Increasingly hard to get away from school.
 5. Contact/communication.
 6. Drive-in conferences are too far away from my hometown.
 7. Techniques exchange, resources, DVD for college counselors.
 8. If there was one activity per month offered on at a regional location, it would help. Activities need to be education/information and social. Panel discussions, idea swap; not outside agencies. Presenters from within the organization itself. I know everyone is busy, but we need support/resources/various theories/approaches to the same problems. I was a member last year and did not renew because there was so little offered – all scheduled when I could not attend – Also – the “rules” to join are cost prohibitive: i.e. you must join 2-3 add ons to fully benefit from the group.
 9. SEKCA serves me well.
 10. Not being so K-State faculty driven.
 11. More camaraderie – get to know more in regions.
 12. Keep fees reasonable, e-mail more, do swap/share events.
 13. It would be nice to have a list serve maybe for each group (division) to be able to ask questions and get ideas or discuss issues with others. This is coming from a school counselor but it would be nice to have this resource like the administrators have.
 14. Doing a great job – good communication.
 15. Make sure meetings take place in a variety of areas.

16. Pulled in so many directions. Meetings are had to attend. Web, printed info, informal ties.
17. Offer meetings in conjunction with other events to make more convenient.
18. More mentoring – I signed up for program but never was “motivated”.
19. I tend to get legislative/advocacy info. more quickly from the peer professionals than from KMHCA, or SCKCA.
20. Speakers, training.
21. How about a division “fair” so people know what each division does.
22. Love the “special” meetings.
23. I’m not sure they would!
24. In rural areas, perhaps a “moveable” meeting location rather than the same location each meeting.
25. Personal contacts.
26. Individual attention.
27. Have meetings at reasonable times and places (4 p.m. is not reasonable for the whole region).
28. Send notices to USD’s or schools about events.
29. My schedule is very busy with school activities and to drive an hour for a meeting is difficult.

11. What additional benefits would you like to see KCA offer?

1. More mini workshops – a ½ day session. More hand-on training for new counselors: i.e. “How do I do this job and still remain sane?”
2. Job opportunities – on the website it just links to careerbuilder, would like to see mental health professionals list their jobs on a separate KCA board that only members have access to. Thank you for all your hard work.
3. Continue focus on mental health.
4. Keep up the good work!
5. Journal.
6. Affordable/liability insurance.
7. Additional legislative advocacy.
8. Hooking up members with each other to help mentor new counselors.
9. I think you are doing great!
10. More school counselor sessions.
11. Continued professional development activities. Thanks for all your work, your vision, your leadership, your enthusiasm...☺ I could go on.
12. The leadership training that is being planned will be great. Leadership opportunities have really helped me grow personally and professionally.
13. Great job already. I wish the swap/sharing sessions were not up against sessions. I get so much from them and am really torn. I know it is complicated. Has been tried many ways. What about at the pre-convention night? Too many good things to do.
14. Keep offering opportunities to get ethics and diagnosis and treatment requirements met each year. School counselor topics. Such as offer diagnosis and treatment at pre conference. WS and ethics at drive in conference (or vice versa) each year.
15. Sessions for the beginning counselor.
16. Workshops specific to professional MS counseling in private/agencies.

17. More training; more network beyond just a list.
 18. Credit cars. Job advocacy not just legislation advocacy.
 19. Resource guide for each region/city – list of SRS #'s for us to contact when a child moves from one district to another.
 20. A membership card.
 21. You guys do a great job.
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12. If you are a prospective member, what benefit(s) would it take to get you to join KCA?
 1. We joined today because one of the presenters gave us info about the conference. CGC – they are an excellent resource.
 2. Less cost, more benefits (training, better network)
 3. New grad student – will join when extra funds are available.
 4. I want to be a member! I just need to pay my dues at the beginning of the school year!
 5. Definitely need to connect with students as they leave university.
 6. Time.
 7. Greater and broader collaboration.