

## **MHA Holds Annual Meeting**

Wichita, KS – Jan 24, 2018: MHA (Mental Health Association) of South Central Kansas held their annual meeting yesterday in their main office at 555 N. Woodlawn, at the corner of Central and Woodlawn. The meeting was open to the public, and the agenda addressed a range of initiatives that the CEO, Mary Jones, is excited to address during her first full year in office. Though she has been with MHA for over 23 years, Mrs. Jones only took over the reins as Chief Executive last June.

It was the first formal Board meeting for several individuals who were recruited during the fall of 2017 to bring their expertise to this large non-profit which has been in service to Wichita and surrounding communities for over 60 years. New members include Laura Rainwater with the City of Wichita, Heather Egan with Visit Wichita, and Dr. Jennifer Jay with Friends University. These new directors join a strong group of individuals who have been overseeing the governance of MHA, and who give of their time, talent and treasure to ensure that residents of south central Kansas have access to top-quality mental health care.

Several officer changes were formalized during the meeting. Brendon O'Bryhim, a well-known local financial advisor with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, takes over as Board Chair from Fritz Robinson, though Robinson remains on the Board. In addition, Marilyn Whipple was replaced as Secretary by attorney Charles McClellan. Whipple was given a gift, as she will be leaving the Board entirely, though with an open invitation to return after a year of absence.

Board Treasurer Arnold Hudspeth remains as Interim Treasurer for now until he can be replaced, allowing him to join Whipple and begin his year of absence in accordance with the MHA By-laws. During the meeting, he addressed the gathered Board members, inviting them to join him in including MHA in their estate plans by any number of means offered by Director of Development Eric Litwiller, who was also present.

MHA offers over 30 programs dedicated to public education and treatment about issues related to mental health throughout south central Kansas. Call their Development office today at 316.651.1241 with questions, or to be included in the Bell Society. Visit [MHASCK.org](http://MHASCK.org) for more information.

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