

February 2018 MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

SCDDO

- February 2018:
 - 2,514 individuals were eligible for services
 - 916 individuals are waiting for services
 - 70 options counseling transactions
 - 135 annual comprehensive options counseling
 - 9 intakes completed
 - 135 BASIS assessments completed

- During the month of February, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO) Quality Assurance Staff completed 11 day and 13 residential program visits.

- The County Commission gave final approval for the 2018-2020 state aid grants at the February 7th meeting. A total of four proposals were received and three were selected for funding. Rainbows United, Inc. was the only affiliated agency to submit proposals. Grants will fund Rainbows' therapeutic child care for children age zero to five (\$26,983) and school-aged youth (\$106,153), and infant/toddler services (\$304,120). An additional request for proposal for state aid grants will be issued to ensure services are also funded for individuals with disabilities over the age of 21.

- In February SCDDO Director Dee Nighswonger participated in a facilitated conversation on the transit needs of people with disabilities hosted by Advocates in Communities Team (ACT) of South Central Kansas. Elected officials and others with specialized knowledge on transit and the needs of individuals with disabilities shared stories and information to define the human and economic consequences of the growing transit crisis in our community.

- SCDDO management team members met with the affiliated agencies that participate in the Sedgwick County crisis plan. The crisis plan is designed to ensure adequate capacity for individuals in crisis to access services more expeditiously. For the last several years, four agencies have participated as providers in the crisis plan— Starkey, KETCH, Arrowhead and ResCare. ResCare is no longer a crisis provider. Participants discussed the current crisis plan operations and how best to approach the issue to meet the desired outcomes. Future meetings with additional stakeholders may be required to fully explore the issues and determine the best course of action related to the Sedgwick County crisis plan.

- The Sedgwick County Business Leadership Network (BLN) hosted its first Lunch with Purpose February 27th. This invitation only event brings together industry leaders to learn about and anticipate leading trends around disability employment. The February Lunch with Purpose focused on the concept of job carving. Participants engaged in thought provoking conversation that included how unconscious bias can affect a workplace, as well as creating an environment where employees feel comfortable disclosing if they have a disability. In March the BLN is hosting a breakfast mixer event focused on accommodations.