

October 2021 MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

SCDDO

Total Individuals Eligible	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2021	2595	2602	2613	2616	2625	2628	2635	2638	2650	2657			2626
2020	2598	2593	2598	2600	2599	2605	2611	2606	2606	2599	2605	2604	2602
2019	2534	2530	2540	2549	2543	2547	2554	2562	2564	2573	2571	2588	2558
Individuals Waiting for Services	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2021	1003	1005	1018	1017	983	983	947	948	954	966			982
2020	994	989	983	985	985	991	1001	994	991	993	996	1001	992
2019	935	932	946	955	946	952	954	958	955	967	968	978	954
Options Counseling Transactions	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2021	48	39	57	34	30	56	68	54	36	94			52
2020	181	93	235	68	44	54	55	71	43	43	31	34	79
2019	36	83	66	74	60	52	68	60	66	74	58	85	65
Intakes Completed	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2021	5	5	5	3	11	19	3	10	6	12			8
2020	8	10	11	2	2	2	1	4	3	6	1	5	5
2019	11	7	11	9	15	4	4	8	8	11	10	3	8
Functional Assessments Completed	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2021	147	147	154	147	179	203	174	146	160	178			164
2020	168	167	138	151	144	170	146	168	152	177	148	148	156
2019	164	138	155	148	136	162	169	162	174	162	160	156	157

- During the month of October, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO) Quality Assurance Staff completed 7 day and 14 residential program visits.
- The SCDDO received notice in October that KETCH was going to discontinue providing targeted case management (TCM) services by the end of the year (later revised to end of January, 2022). KETCH is one of the largest providers of TCM in our service system. Immediately, SCDDO staff became concerned about the system capacity to serve the nearly 200 persons receiving TCM at KETCH and began strategizing about how to accomplish the required options counseling. A meeting with agencies that provide TCM services was held on October 20th to discuss each agency's capacity to accept new referrals and whether capacity could be stretched to meet this challenge. The Sedgwick County provider network understood the issue and agreed to work with the SCDDO to ensure individuals continue to receive TCM services. Heather Pace, SCDDO Service Access Manager is providing regular reports on what agencies are being chosen to allow SCDDO management and TCM agencies to monitor and adjust to meet the capacity demands. Heather and her staff are also providing assertive outreach to individuals impacted by KETCH's decision, including going out to day programs to offer onsite options counseling.
- October was the kick off for SCDDO planning efforts for its next strategic plan (2022 through 2025). On October 5th the SCDDO management team met at the zoo for a retreat. This meeting focused primarily on clarifying our current reality and looking for gaps and opportunities. No decisions were made at this meeting, it just served to start the strategic thinking process. All SCDDO staff convened October 11th to participate in strategic planning. At least one additional meeting with SCDDO staff is planned and a survey has been widely distributed to gather stakeholder input.

- In October the Project SEARCH interns participated in mock interviews and resume reviews. Human Resource professionals volunteered to conduct these mock interview and provide feedback to build the interns' interviewing skills. Interns from all the Project SEARCH sites in Sedgwick County participated, including Wichita Public Schools (Sedgwick County and Via Christi sites), Derby Public Schools, Maize Public Schools and the adult Project SEARCH program through Goodwill.
- The Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Community Council met October 29th. LaTonia Wright with the Kansas Department on Aging & Disability Services gave a presentation on Kansas' efforts to come into compliance with the federal Centers for Medicaid/Medicare Services' Settings Final Rule. The intent of the Settings Final Rule is to ensure individuals receiving services through Medicaid's Home and Community Based Services (i.e. waiver services) have full access to the benefits of community living and are able to receive services in the most integrated setting. While no one would argue against the intent of the Settings Final Rule, it does mean providers will have to be very thorough and document when an individual in services requires a restriction on their rights in order to be safe in the community.