

## March 2018 MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

### SCDDO

- March 2018:
  - 2,517 individuals were eligible for services
  - 919 individuals are waiting for services
  - 65 options counseling transactions
  - 154 annual comprehensive options counseling
  - 10 intakes completed
  - 154 BASIS assessments completed
  
- During the month of March, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO) Quality Assurance Staff completed 10 day and 17 residential program visits.
  
- In March SCDDO Director Dee Nighswonger facilitated an introductory conversation on a new peer group coaching initiative for affiliated agencies. Peer coaching capitalizes on the collective wisdom of participants and has proven positive outcomes. The goal is to start the initiative with at least five participating agencies to provide affiliates with another tool for effective problem solving.
  
- SCDDO hosted a networking event for affiliated agencies March 29<sup>th</sup>. The goal was to allow a space for the personal connections that have been missed since we've moved to a virtual meeting format at our affiliate directors meetings. SCDDO management team members and representatives from several affiliated agencies met, discussing both business and other issues affecting our industry. Response from the event was positive and plans are being made to host more in the future.
  
- A conversation was initiated with Wichita State University (WSU) South Campus on developing programs and courses to foster a workforce development project related to intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) and behavioral health. The goal is to create a certificate or badge program targeting existing professionals looking to expand their knowledge to more effectively serve individuals with co-occurring IDD and behavioral health diagnoses. A practicum opportunity could also be part of the programming, offering current students exposure working this this population. Courses would include the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) trainings that the SCDDO has been providing.
  
- The Business Leadership Network of Sedgwick County (SCBLN) hosted a breakfast mixer March 27<sup>th</sup>. In addition to enjoying a gourmet breakfast prepared by Moxie Junction, participants experienced a hands-on training on disability accommodations. Gaye Calhoun with South Central Kansas Assistive Technology demonstrated the types of assistive technology readily available to support individuals with disabilities in the workplace.
  
- Mark your calendars now; the first annual SCBLN 2018 Forum is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>. This half-day conference will feature experts on best practices and strategies to capitalize on the benefits of an inclusive workforce. There are opportunities for sponsorships and limited booth space. For more information you can go to the [www.blmsg.org](http://www.blmsg.org) or e-mail Peter Daniels at [Peter.Daniels@sedgwick.gov](mailto:Peter.Daniels@sedgwick.gov)