



**SEDGWICK COUNTY
INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

SCDDO, 615 N. Main, Wichita, KS and Virtual via Zoom

PRESENT

Grace Kneil
Dee Nighswonger
Shelley Herrington

Al Besser, Jr.
Jeannette Livingston
Karie Hughes

Leah Gagne
Sherry Arbuckle

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Grace Kneil opened the meeting. Al Besser moved to accept the minutes from the July 14, 2021 meeting, Leah Gagne seconded. The July 14, 2021 minutes were approved. Al Besser moved to accept the minutes from the October 13, 2021 meeting, Leah Gagne seconded the motion. The minutes from the October 13, 2021 meeting were approved.

MANGERS REPORTS

Dee Nighswonger – Director

November and December Happenings for 2021 were shared and Dee asked if anyone had any questions.

Sequential Intercept Model Report

- Dee shared the draft with InterHab to look at sections specific to the waiver and some national policies indicated in the report and with Heather Pace who manages service access for Sedgwick County and is on our CIT Council with the State and locally to get her perspective
- The final revisions have not yet been submitted to the Policy Research Associates to finalize the report

Registered Apprenticeship Grant

- InterHab did receive the Registered Apprenticeship Grant
- InterHab will be managing a \$500,000 grant over the next four years to implement a Registered Apprenticeship Program for direct support professionals
- Matt Fletcher is finishing the negotiations for the final contract on InterHab's behalf and then we will be looking at how to engage providers locally to participate in the Registered Apprenticeship Program
- This is the first one in the State and are hopeful this will attract new workers into the field
- Hopefully participants will be able to enter the pipeline in 2022 it will depend on providers engaging with InterHab to set up a Registered Apprenticeship for their organizations. We will also explore SCDDO being an agent for the Registered Apprenticeship Program for the Sedgwick County area and doing administrative functions for the affiliate network. This is a possibility depending on our capacity but a decision has not been made. This will provide funding for training and administration for the affiliates. Dee hopes to start planning in February.

InterHab and Legislative Issues

- Dee was elected to the InterHab Board and was voted in as Treasurer for the InterHab Association and InterHab Innovation Foundation.
- Dee sent out information on the public policy platform for the County and shared finished County document.
- Dee shared the document with details on critical issues that we feel need to be addressed by the legislative session. This is in alignment with InterHab and ACT.
 - Develop a comprehensive plan for the elimination of the HCBS IDD Waiver Waiting List.

- A workgroup consisting of legislators and stakeholders was developed after a hearing over the summer to create a comprehensive plan to eliminate the waiting list
- Information about eliminating the waiting list in this document came from that workgroup
- Assertively address the long standing Direct Support Professional (DSP) Workforce Crisis
 - Registered Apprenticeship Program
 - Certification programs with WSU
 - Working with high schools
- Stabilize the Current IDD Service System & Reinforce Support for Local Expertise
 - InterHab is working on the details of their public policy plan and funding request
 - We need to fully fund the system so we can adequately meet the needs of the people in services and on the waiting list
 - Dee will share more information at the next full board meeting

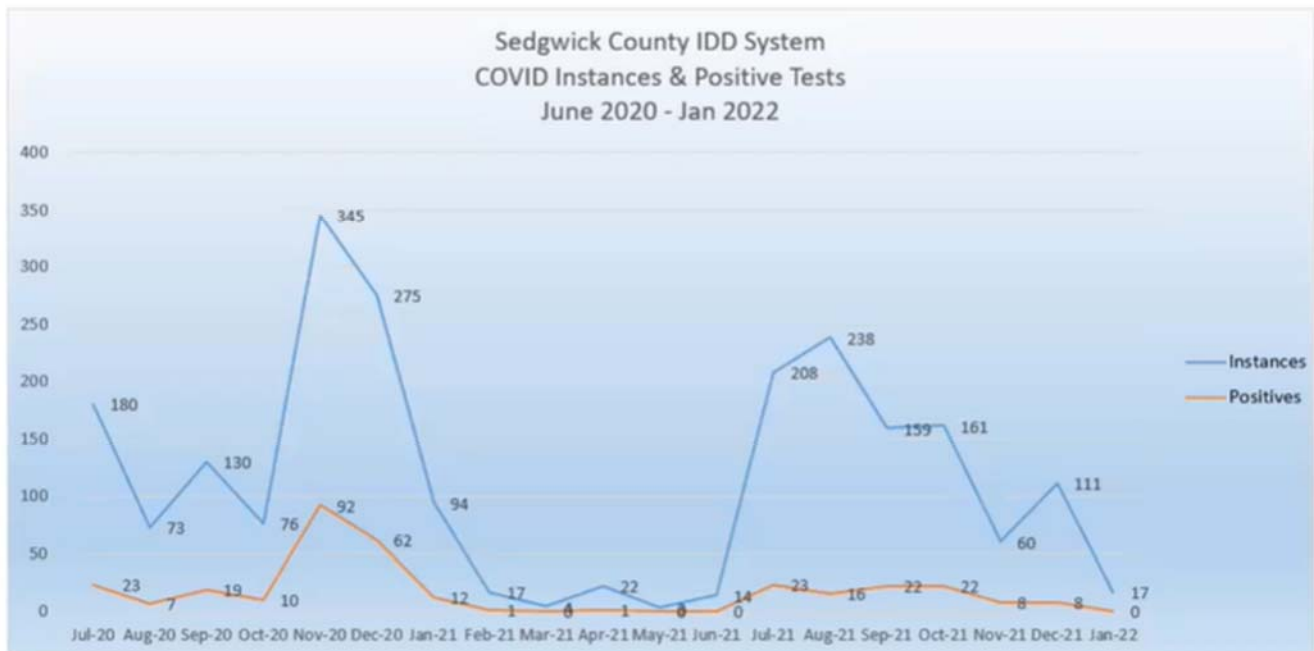
Strategic Planning

- A couple meetings have been facilitated by WSU
- A survey went out to get feedback from stakeholders
- In the final stages of the process and management team will be meeting with WSU CEI wrapping up the Strategic Plan
- Emerging themes
 - Staff support and culture
 - Improving processes
 - Enhancing communication
- Focusing on CDDO Core Functions for this next Strategic Plan

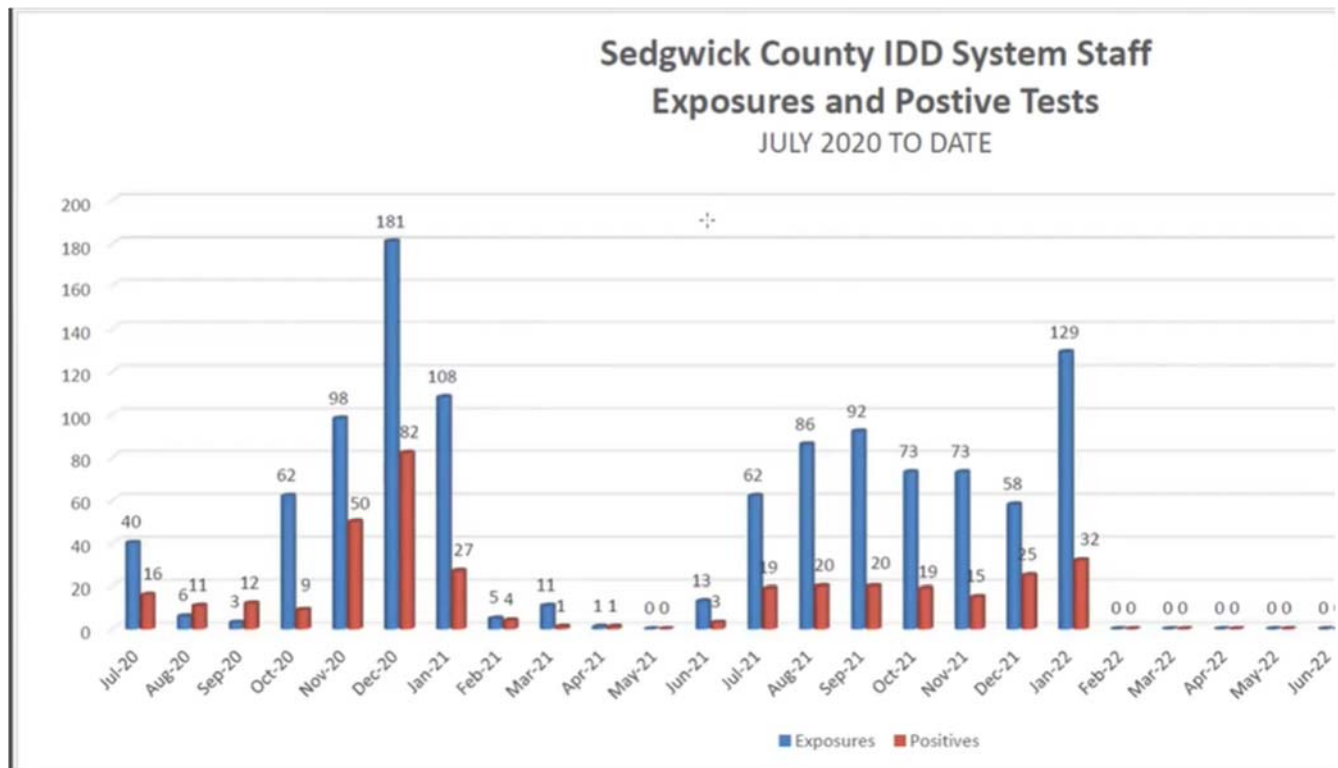
COVID- 19 Agency Exposure Updates

COVID-19 Persons Served Exposures & Positives – Shelley Herrington

- QA has over 300 emails that have not been processed related to exposures so the numbers in the following chart is not up to date



- December had 111 instances of exposures and 8 positives
- COVID has hit the big providers the most over the last 4 to 5 months but now has touched almost every provider
- QA continues to go out in the field and have screening questions before they visit at the time of the visit before they enter there is an additional set of screening questions they ask at the door. If QA team members have concerns they can cancel the visit to avoid COVID exposure



- High COVID exposures has affected agencies and five have already closed day programs
- Agencies have reported that they see a big difference in severity between those who are vaccinated and boosted

Jeannette Livingston – Assistant Director

New Affiliates

- There will be two new applicants for the next full board meeting
- St. Margaret's Mission – limited license
- Jondoh House – full license

Community Council

- The next meeting is January 28
- Raven Alexander will talk about the mobile app for the Wichita Transit System
- Jeannette will present on SCDDO funding resources

Sherry Arbuckle – Service Access and Outreach Director

KETCH

- KETCH will no longer be providing case management
- SCDDO is working to transition 200 individuals to other providers as of yesterday there are still 34 individuals who need to transition

Waiting List

- 958 are currently on the waiting list
- Becky has been confirming that all the people on the waiting list still want to wait for services and 15 requested to be removed
- 4,622 people on the statewide waiting for HCBS services

Record Retention Project

- Karie has been working on moving the paper out of the building

- We got approval to hire a temp to help with the project

OTHER BUSINESS

At the next full meeting we need to put together the nominating committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next IDDAB Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2022.

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