



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

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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

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

PRESENT

Kara Sumner
Dee Nighswonger
Jessica Christian
Al Besser, Jr.

Grace Kneil
Jeannette Livingston
Karie Hughes

Leah Gagne
Sherry Arbuckle
Rebecca Shell

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dee recognized Jessica Christian who was filling in for Shelley today, and Rebecca Shell who is taking over the Administrative Specialist position for Karie. Karie will now be able to transition to her new position Operations Analyst.

Grace Kneil opened the meeting. Grace moved to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2022 meeting, Kara Sumner seconded. The January 12, 2022 minutes were approved.

MEETING FORMAT DISCUSSION

Full Board May meeting will be in person and lunch will be provided. IDDAB Executive meeting will also be in person. Both of these meetings will take place at 615 N. Main, Wichita, KS 67203. Leah made motion to move all meetings to in person and Kara second. All approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE/SPRING ELECTIONS

Executive committee members are elected/re-elected in May

Kara Sumner, Leah Gagne, Al Besser and Greg Sullivan – Nominating committee

Need to come up with a list of officers for the Executive Committee then communicate to Dee to be ready for the May board meeting.

Rebecca will send list of members to Kara Sumner

Kara and Leah will be co-chair(s)

Positions needed are IDDAB Advisory board chair, vice chair, treasure, and 2 at large member positions

MANGERS REPORTS

Dee Nighswonger – Director

Budget sessions for 2023 –

- Next week starts the department head budget presentations.
Dee will be presenting CDDO budget to County manager's budget team Monday 04/18/2022. Then the budget information will be presented to the Board of County Commission. Subsequent to the presentations to the Commission the County Manager will develop and present his recommended budget. Open meetings for public input will be scheduled with budget adoption to occur sometime in August.

Legislative session for IDD system –

- House and Senate passed budget bill and it is currently sitting on Governor's desk
- 25% rate increase for IDD waiver. There will be a legislative post audit to evaluate where the rate increases will be spent. Expectation is to get the DSP's wages to increase. The goal is to increase DSP wages to an average of \$15.00/hr.

- \$2.5 million all funds were also included for CDDO administration.
- Deadline for Governor to sign the bill is April 17
- Governor has the option to sign the bill as is, line item veto, or not sign at all and within 10 days it becomes law. No reason to believe any line item veto of increases.

Leah asked if any money was budgeted to move people off the waiting list. No funding was included specifically for waiting list reductions.

Dee stated – There is a recommendation that a special committee be put together this summer to study the waiting list and to make a plan about how to address the waiting list. KDADS has funding from FMAP increase to study the waiting list. We anticipate some requirement to update assessments for those on waiting list to get a better understanding of the services they are in need of.

The SCDDO has received approval to participate in the AmeriCorps/ VISTA program - 3 full time VISTA volunteers – Community Liaison, Adult Workforce Development, and Youth Workforce Development. The description of each position is listed below and can also be found on the department website: click [here](#)

Community Liaison VISTA: Ensure that individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities have access to the Home and Community Based Services needed to live their preferred lifestyle by helping with a variety of community education and outreach tasks.

Workforce Development VISTA Adult: Support the implementation of a new, innovative registered apprenticeship program for Kansas. This new program will help ensure that Sedgwick County has a robust, highly qualified workforce to support the needs of people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Workforce Development VISTA Youth: Serve with members of SCDDO to create employment opportunities for eligible Project Search special education students and High School students interested in a career in IDD services. Develop and create plans for two innovative program with our team.

Strategic plan – The primary focus for the 2022-2025 plan is on CDDO core functions. Click [here](#) for a link to the final report and the summary.

Jeannette Livingston – Deputy Director

Jeannette and an intern from the Derby Project SEARCH program did an interview on KWCH news talk on the Project SEARCH Virtual Reverse Job Fair. The job fair is still ongoing until May 15. Thirty-six employers have signed up. This is about 16 more than last year.

Angel Wings – IDDAB previously authorized approval of this new affiliate contingent upon receipt of all required documents for contracting purposes. The provider moved to Wichita in August but has not provided required information. United Healthcare is moving to terminate their agreement with this provider due to lack of responsiveness to their requirements.

Johdoh House – will be starting business once they complete registration with KMAP for their Medicaid number and go through credentialing with MCO's

Project SEARCH – Project SEARCH graduates will be recognized at the April 20, 2022 Board of County Commission meeting. They will receive a certificate and a reception will follow. Ceremony will take place at the Sedgwick County Courthouse on the 3rd floor, April 20, 2022 at 9:00am.

Health department – Met 04/12/2022 for a community wide stakeholder event debriefing the response to the pandemic. The goal is to come up with ways to be ready and more prepared for when there is another pandemic.

Sherry Arbuckle – Service Access and Outreach Director

- Filled 2 positions – Rebecca Shell – Administrative Specialist, Karma Heckard – Operations Specialist.

Waiting List

- Sedgwick County was able to offer 20 individuals access to the waiver.
- Once the list was received by CDDO we reached out to families in advance to make sure they were looking for the letter from the state and to make sure they understood the letter and what was being offered and that we were available to assist with any questions.
- 17 accepted, 2 did not respond by deadline, 1 was not a citizen when offer came up.
- June 1st, 2012 was the last date hit on the waiting list.
- Money for the waitlist offers came from individuals over the last year who were no longer receiving benefits for various reasons (i.e. no new dollars).
- The offers not accepted go back to the state to be dispersed back to the waiting list individuals.
- Current waiting list statistics
 - 4642 – on state waiting list
 - 968 – on Sedgwick County waiting list - 20% of statewide waiting list
 - 9031 – Kansas on waiver currently
 - 1461 – in Sedgwick County on waiver

Jessica Christian - TCM Coordinator

Jamie Kite – took job with Sheriff Department, Dee will be assisting with initial interviews beginning 4/15.
Shelley, Jessica and Andrea are covering this position until it is filled.

Quality Assurance Committee 2021 4th Quarter Network Outcomes



*Scoring Key: 0 = Not Met, 1 = Partially Met, 2 = Met

- Number of reviews: TCM Services =35, Day Services =18, Residential Services =15, Personal Care Services Agency Directed =1, Personal Care Services Self-Directed =16
 - ✓ 20/35 individuals reviewed needed service modification plans (SMPs) – 57%
 - ✓ 12/20 providers reviewed were assigned SMPs – 60%
 - ✓ 28 SMPs were assigned out of a possible 609 – 4.6%

- Notable areas: Residential services received the lowest score of 1.80 in the area of “Nutrition” (30-63-25). The staff with deficiencies, on average, have worked with the individuals for 3 years, 3 months and with the agency for 3 years, 9 months. Day services received the next lowest score of 1.83 also in the area of “Nutrition” (30-63-25).
 - Discussion took place around nutritional supports. It was suggested that if staff report most of the nutritional supports but miss reporting the need to cut up food that it should be taken into consideration because that staff being interviewed may not be responsible for that task (e.g. residential staff prepare the individual’s lunch that is brought to day services). Agencies felt the interview questions were worded adequately but mentioned an additional question around whether the staff assist with food supports could be helpful. One agency brought forward that due to staff shortages, they are having to interview more supervisors instead of direct staff and that they might not know that specifics of everyone’s needs.
- Experiments: Discussion continued around the current experiment that AbilityPoint and CPRF are participating in that is aimed at raising self-directed PCS service scores. Additional data around who was sent the letter, whether the letter was received and shared with the PCS worker and if it was shared, did the PCS worker find that having the interview questions beforehand was helpful was shared. There were 8 individuals in 3rd quarter that were eligible for the experiment, however 2 reviews did not contain information about whether letters were mailed or not. Data shows that of the number of individuals that were sent letters, 34% of the reviews resulted in at least one deficiency and of those that received a deficiency, 100% of the individuals had received the letter and had shared the interview tool with the PCS worker who indicated they had found it helpful in preparing for the interview. The experiment will continue into 1st quarter 2022 with additional agencies agreeing to participate. No other experiments are being implemented at this time.

There was one agency found to have ongoing trends related to quality based on 3rd and 4th quarter 2021 findings. Scores totaled 1.5 or below in the following areas: nutritional services provided according to support plan within residential services. SCDDO QA has engaged with the agency to examine these ongoing quality areas.

OTHER BUSINESS

Grace thanked everyone for their service.

NEXT MEETING

The next IDDAB Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2022 and will be held in person at 615 N. Main, Wichita, KS 67203

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