



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

Tuesday, February 8, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
SCDDO, 615 N. Main, Wichita, KS 67203
OR
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

PRESENT

Leah Gagne
Al Besser, Jr.
Greg Sullivan
Carolyn Walters
Sherry Arbuckle

Dave Jones
Vanessa Lohf
Peggy O'Donnell
Dee Nighswonger
Karie Hughes

Cassandra Sines
Deidre Manis
Grace Kneil
Jeannette Livingston

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Grace Kneil started the meeting.

REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Dave Jones made a motion to approve the minutes and Vanessa Lohf seconded the motion. The minutes from the November 9, 2021 meeting were approved.

IDDAB NOMINATING COMMITTEE & SPRING OFFICER ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee members

- Kara Sumner - Chair
- Leah Gagne
- Al Besser, Jr.
- Greg Sullivan

Kara was not present at the meeting. SCDDO will reach out to Kara and share the IDDAB contact list with the Nominating Committee.

NEW AFFILIATIONS – JEANNETTE LIVINGSTON

St. Margaret's Mission

- limited license for day and residential services
- Providing services for her sister
- Already licensed
- Dave Jones motioned to approve affiliation and Greg Sullivan seconded the motion. The Board approved affiliation with St. Margaret's Mission.

Jondoh House

- Kossi Jondoh is a direct support worker and currently the Residential Manager at Paradigm
- Partnered on the business plan with Keena Charles was co-owner of Wichita Trans4mation and owner of Winning Out Loud and a manager with Transitions Adult Home
- Keena helped Kossi with policies and procedures
- The financials are slightly confusing, but it is difficult to do financial plans
- They copied Jeannette on the information they sent for licensing and Mr. Jonhoh does have significant financial balance and talked about securing a line of credit
- They potentially have three people lined up to choose them for residential services

- Keena's previous business affiliations, Wichita Trans4mations and Transitions Adult Home, both had tax problems, but Winning Out Loud that she was the owner of did not. Keena told Jeannette that Kossi said he was going to set up a savings account just for taxes. She is not an owner of this business she will be an employee.
- Per regulations, there are only three reasons a CDDO can refuse to affiliate. The reasons are:
 - 1) If the provider refuses to accept a reimbursement rate for services provided that is at least equal to that established by the secretary;
 - 2) If the provider has established a pattern of failing or refusing to abide by the service area procedures, or failing to comply with its affiliation agreement;
 - 3) If the CDDO can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the secretary that being required to enter into the affiliating agreement would seriously jeopardize the CDDO's ability to fulfill its contract responsibilities.
- They are not licensed yet and the affiliation cannot be completed until they are licensed
- The document from the Secretary of State only lists Kossi Jondoh as the owner
- Cassandra Sines made a motion to approve contingent on licensure and with submission of financials after three months of getting their first client and again at six months. Peggy O'Donnell seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion.

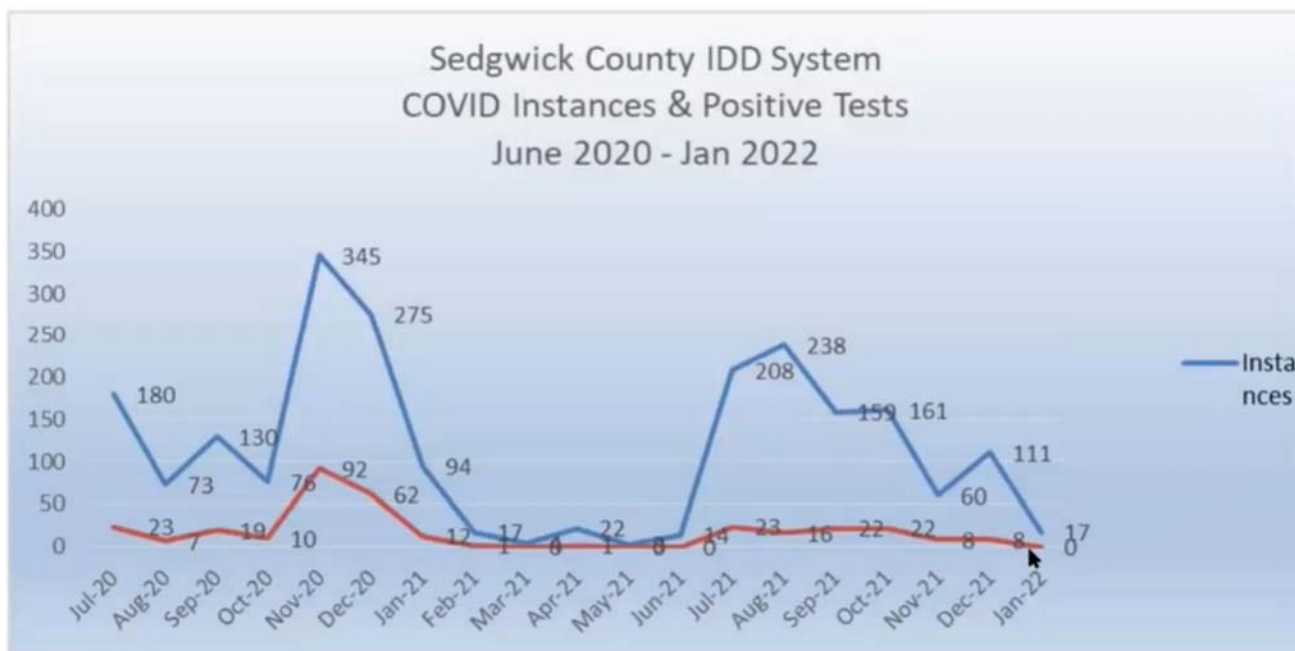
QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE 2021 FOURTH QUARTER NETWORK OUTCOMES – DEE NIGHSWONGER

Shelley is not present. This has been deferred to the next meeting.

COVID UPDATES

Persons Served

- There were 595 incident report submitted for January that have not been entered yet
- There are around 6 COVID related deaths since the beginning of the pandemic

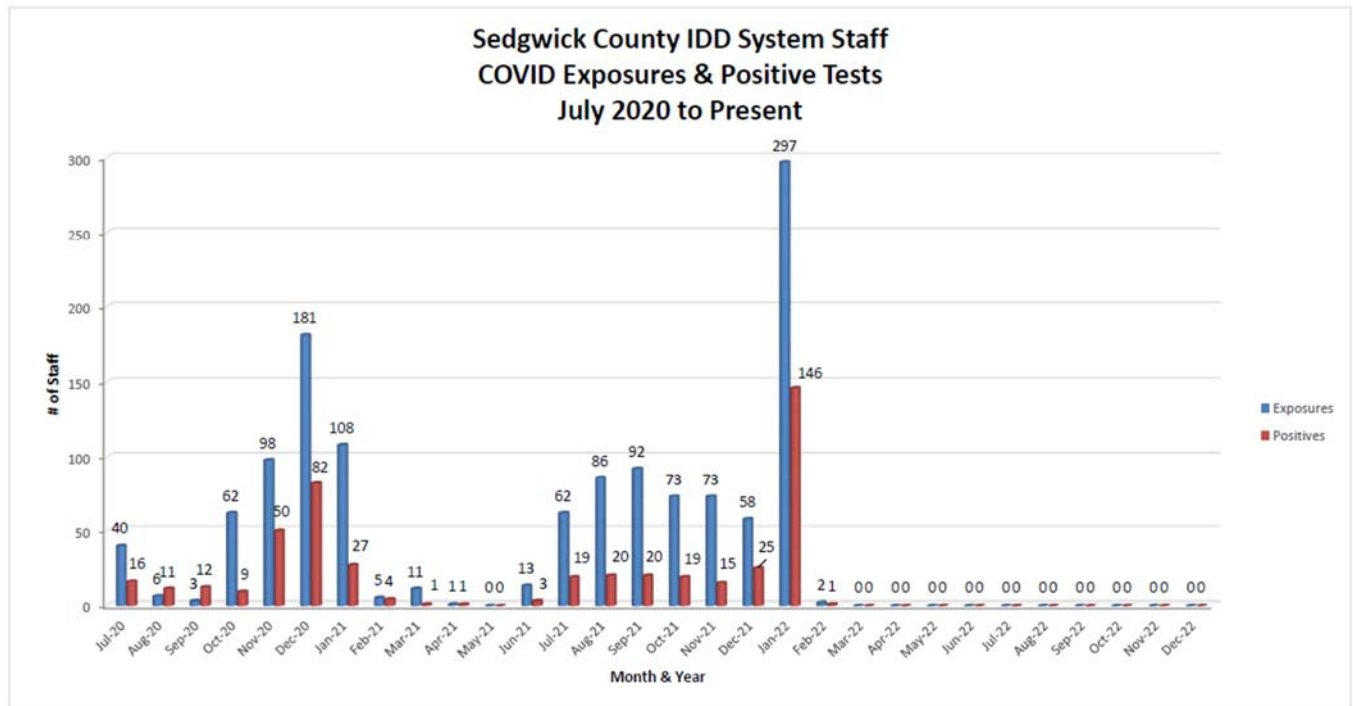


Agency Staff

- January 2022 is the worst since we began collecting data
- January was a difficult month for providers and staffing
- A number of programs were closed due to staffing shortages

Providers have been managing services differently due to the pandemic. Some people have voiced concerns about how some providers are managing services and people wanting to be out in the community more which has caused some conflict within the affiliate network. SCDDO wants to keep the affiliate network strong and make sure people can live their

preferred lifestyle. SCDDO planned a meeting with providers on how to continue to manage the pandemic but had to cancel due to COVID and will reschedule at a later date.



SCDDO MANAGERS REPORTS

Jeannette Livingston – Assistant Director

Capacity Survey

- The Capacity Survey was cancelled the past couple years due to COVID
- We are doing it this year so we have the data and can use it for advocacy
- Responses are due by February 17

Meeting with Area CDDOs

- Some people receive services in counties they don't live in
- This can cause issues with coordinating services
- A meeting is scheduled with other CDDOs next week to talk about the issue

Sherry Arbuckle – Service Access and Operations

Waiting List

- 956 Sedgwick County
 - 453 under 18
 - 503 over 18
- 4640 Statewide
- Last date funded was April 10, 2012
- 9,061 HCBS funded statewide
- 1,468 HCBS funded in Sedgwick County

KETCH Targeted Case Management (TCM) Closing

- KETCH is no longer providing TCM Services
- 200 people had to be transitioned to other providers
- 6 individuals closed services

- 187 have chosen a new provider
- 7 individuals who have not responded, 2 go to day programs and 5 on the waiting list
 - The day programs for the 2 individuals will be responsible for their support plan
 - Certified letters will be sent out to individuals letting them know their case management services have been closed
- Heather Pace and her team did a good job getting this process done

Operations Position Vacancies

- Operations Specialist
- Administrative Specialist

Building Transition

- Karie has been working on freeing up space for other departments to utilize it

Dee Nighswonger – Director

Monthly Happenings

- Dee sent out the Monthly Happenings from October, November, and December and offered to answer any questions about them

Legislative Updates

- Kansas Legislature Interim Committee
 - The Committee met October 21 and 22
 - Look at HCBS IDD Waiver review needs and concerns including the waiting list
 - The first week of the legislative session this information was briefed to all the budget committees
 - Conclusions and Recommendations:

The Special Committee on Home and Community Based Services Intellectual and Developmental Disability Waiver generally agreed that the State should explore how to move individuals from the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Intellectual and Developmental Disability (I/DD) waiver waitlist on to the HCBS I/DD waiver. Therefore, the Committee recommends:

- The Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) consider approving a task force or committee, with a similar structure to the 2020 and 2021 Special Committees on Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform, to study modernization of the HCBS I/DD waiver;
- The Legislature approve funding for HCBS I/DD waiver providers to give direct care support workers pay raises as an incentive to retain more long-term employees;
- The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) provide recommendations to the House Committee on Social Services Budget and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services for increases to the personal care attendant and supportive employment reimbursement rates;
- KDADS conduct an analysis of the targeted case management rates of the HCBS I/DD waiver and compare them to those of the Supports and Training for Employing People Successfully (STEPS) Program and report its findings to the House Committee on Social Services Budget and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services;
- The Legislature identify areas in the budget to reduce expenditures in order to provide increased funding for HCBS I/DD waiver expenditures;
- The Legislature study how other states have addressed HCBS waitlists through restructuring those programs under different waiver authorities, and the State's options for its HCBS I/DD waiver;
- KDADS, with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, collect and provide information on the actual services individuals on the HCBS I/DD waitlist currently need, and separately collect and provide information on the actual services individuals on the HCBS I/DD waiver currently use;
- The Legislature consider providing individual budget authority to HCBS I/DD waiver participants who self-direct their services;

- KDADS evaluate whether projects, particularly state infrastructure and consultant services, identified in its HCBS temporary 10.0 percent federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) plan may be funded with pandemic-related American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. If projects may be funded with ARPA funding, then the Committee recommends the agency submit its plans to the Health and Education Advisory Committee of the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Task Force for consideration; and
- The Legislature explore potential legislation to provide automatic annual adjustments for the HCBS I/DD waiver reimbursement rates. Should the LCC approve an I/DD waiver task force or committee, such committee should explore potential legislation.

Proposed Legislation: None

- Governor's Recommended Budget
 - CDDO Admin funding was in the Secretary's Recommended Budget but didn't make it into the Governor's Recommended Budget
 - SCDDO continues to try and decrease expenses as a department and how to leverage other resources including an application to the WSU Vista Program
 - There was an increase to reimbursement for FMS providers to be more comparable to other waivers so people changing waivers are able to keep their providers
 - Increased the lifetime cap for assistive services
 - Planned for additional increases for mental health services
- HB2373
 - Our systems bill for crisis services to include mobile crisis services for the IDD population
 - It is likely this will still be worked this legislative session
- Other topics
 - Workforce Shortage continues to be part of the conversation at the statehouse
 - Raising rates for providers to raise rates for direct support professionals

Registered Apprenticeship Grant

- InterHab received a 4 year \$500,000 grant to establish new registered apprenticeships for direct support professionals across the state

High School to Workforce Pipeline

- Dee will do two presentations at the Family and Consumer Science Conference
 - Family and Consumer Science teachers from across the state will attend
 - DSP Badge Certifications workshop through WSU who is still committed to providing scholarships to any student that wants to enroll in those badge courses
 - Competency framework, skill based hiring and student preparation

InterHab Advocacy Day

- Scheduled for March 9

Bills to Reduce Group Homes

- SB316 introduced by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau to change zoning to disallow group homes within a certain proximity of each other
 - Hearing last Tuesday there was some proponent testimony but there was a lot of opponent testimony
- HB2549 similar bill introduced by Representative Henry Helgerson
 - Was set to have a hearing but it was called off
- Dee is going to reach out to Senator Faust-Goudeau, City Councilman Brandon Johnson and the home owners association from the area with complaints to do outreach and education and let them know about SCDDO and what we do and to contact us with concerns.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next IDDAB Full Board meeting is May 10, 2022.

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