



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

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ronald Regan Building, 271 W 3rd St N, Wichita, KS 67202, 3rd Floor Conference Room

OR

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

PRESENT

Grace Kneil
Vanessa Lohf
Dave Jones
Joanna Kilgore
Sherry Arbuckle

Leah Gagne
Jody Fiorini
Deidre Manis
Dee Nighswonger
Shelley Herrington

Carolyn Walters
Cassandra Sines
Greg Sullivan
Jeannette Livingston
Karie Hughes

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Grace Kneil started the meeting.

REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Dave Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting and Leah Gagne seconded the motion. The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

QAC OUTCOMES - SHELLEY HERRINGTON

Handout: Quality Assurance Committee 2021 2nd Quarter Network Outcomes

Shelley reviewed the QAC 2nd quarter outcomes

- More information about QAC is available on our website
- 39 reviews were completed
- To be reviewed they must have case management service plus one additional service
- 71 modifications were requested out of 707 which was 10%
- Agency directed in-home supports got the lowest score
- Two providers are doing experiments to determine why the scores are low
 - They are sending out letters to people with the service
 - The letters let them know what will be done during the review and gives them a copy of the questions for the review
 - Three additional question are added to the review to gather more data
- Five agencies were placed on intervention plans which means they had deficiencies in the same scoring area for two consecutive quarters and they have to create a plan on how they will address the issues
- Dee asked if board members would be interested in more detailed information about the QAC process. Many are interested so Shelley will schedule a presentation.

SCDDO MANAGERS REPORTS

Dee Nighswonger – Director

Meetings

- We now have to offer in-person and virtual meeting options to stay in compliance with open meetings
- Members can join either way they choose

Monthly Happenings

- These are no longer being posted on the website, so Dee will try and remember to send these out in advance of these meetings

Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Week

- If you see a DSP express your appreciation

State Aid Grant Funds

- In June grant funds were awarded to The Arc and Rainbows
- The Arc was awarded \$67,000 for Adult Socialization Activities and Summer Employment Programs
- Rainbows was awarded \$450,920 for Attendant Care Services and Specialized Child Care

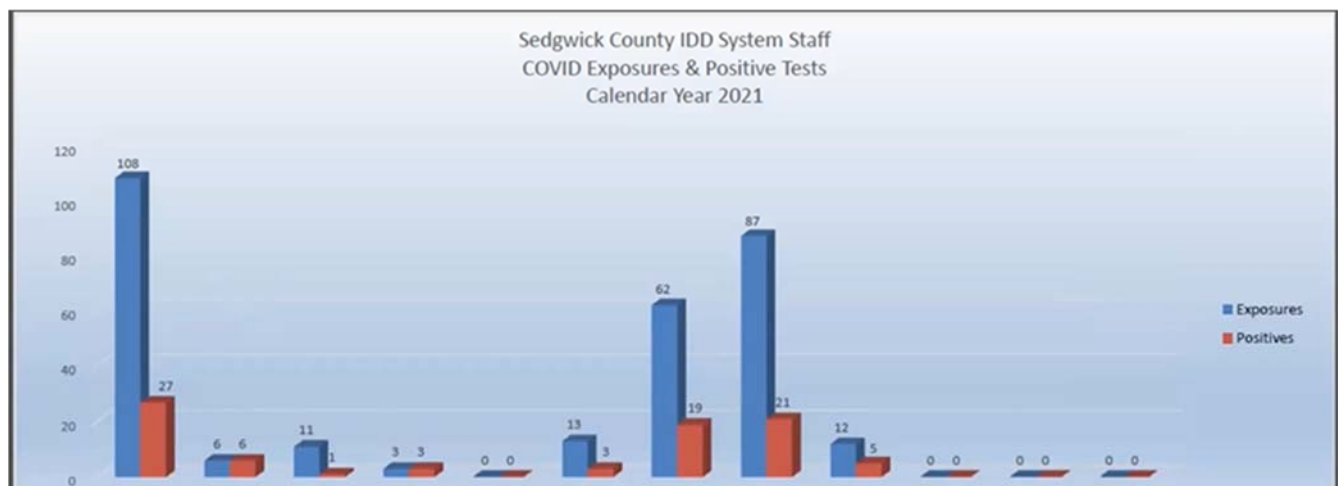
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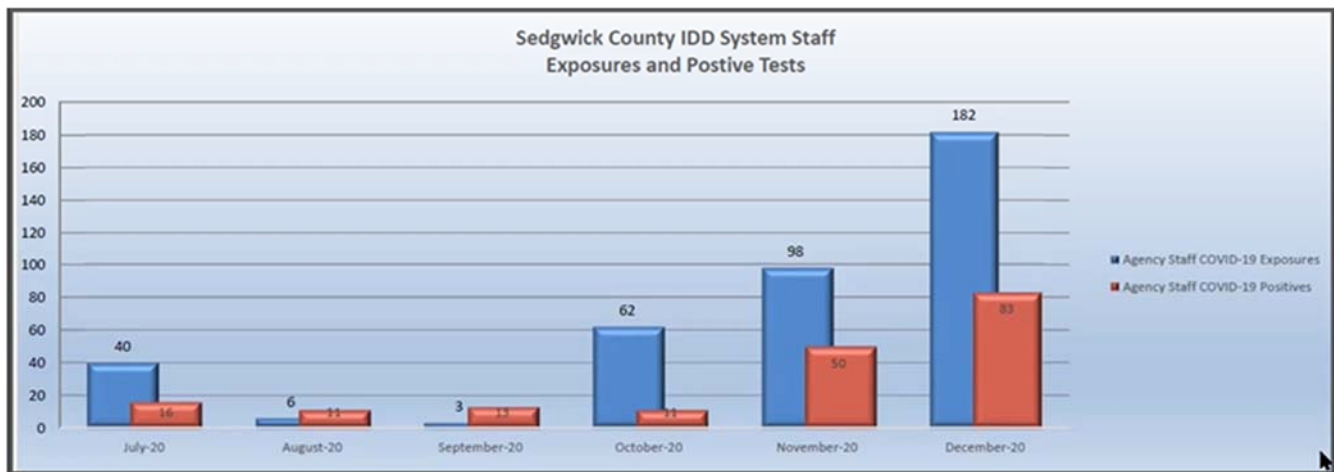
- Catholic Charities opened a new day center location in June
- Made progress on Direct Support Professional Competency Framework with WSU
- Increase in COVID-19 due to Delta variant
- Added data to the website
- Had a commitment from WSU to provide full scholarships to high school seniors from USD 259 and juniors and seniors from Haysville for the DSP Badge Courses
- Sequential Intercept Model workshop done and now waiting on the draft report from the process
- Dee participated in Project ECHO Training focused on mental health and IDD
- SCDDO received a flat budget for 2022
- The BoCC has agreed to budget \$20 million in ARPA funding premium pay for employees on the front lines during the initial response to the pandemic
- In August Dee prepared testimony for the Secretary's budget hearing sharing that they don't provide enough funding for CDDO administration
- Dee is working with InterHab to help draft a grant proposal to create a Registered Apprenticeship Program for Direct Support Professionals based off the work with WSU on the Badge Program
- We continue to work on the high school to workforce pipeline project
- SCDDO is offering full scholarships to DSPs for the Badge Program for the DSP Certificates for up to 100 participants and all of the DSPs at Goodwill have enrolled
- The InterHab Conference is October 13-15 and will be available in-person and virtually and SCDDO staff will attending mostly virtually with a few in-person
- Dee will be meeting with WSU Community Engagement Institute on our Strategic Planning process coming up and we will have meetings facilitated by WSU CEI October through December to develop the SCDDO 2022 - 2025 Strategic Plan

Jeannette Livingston – Assistant Director

COVID-19 Staff Update

- Jeannette shared staff COVID-19 data





- Dee shared that we are still trying to gather information on the vaccination mandate and that it will impact providers and County employees

Transition Adult Home

- Closed on August 31, 2021
- They had contract violations and he chose not to renew his affiliation agreement which led to their closure
- There were 7 or 8 individuals who changed providers and there was no service disruption

Community Council Meeting

- The next meeting is October 29, 2021
- LaTonia Wright from KDADS will present on the CMS Settings Final Rule

Project SEARCH

- Sedgwick County has 5 interns
- Goodwill's adult program is doing well and also has 5 interns
- Maize has a new program
- STEPS program is a new program and Goodwill is signed up as a provider and people on the wait list can sign up for community employment but they cannot have case management and be on the program

Sherry Arbuckle – Service Access and Operations

Waiting List

- 4,523 is the current waiting list number
- Sherry showed the Monthly Summary from the KDADS website that shows the waiting list numbers for different waivers
- 29 Offers
- 18 Accepted
- 8 have received an allocation from the MCO and are waiting to get into service providers
- 6 have not received an allocation from the MCO yet
- 3 have started services
- 1 person became ineligible for the waiver

Gatekeeping Update

- 5 pending discharges, 3 from Parsons and 2 from medical facilities
- 2 individuals have requested Parsons, 1 has been approved by the State and the other is going through the gatekeeping process
- 50 individuals placed in private and public ICFs
- October will be a busy month for assessments

Operations Positions

- Karie Hughes has accepted the Operations Analyst position

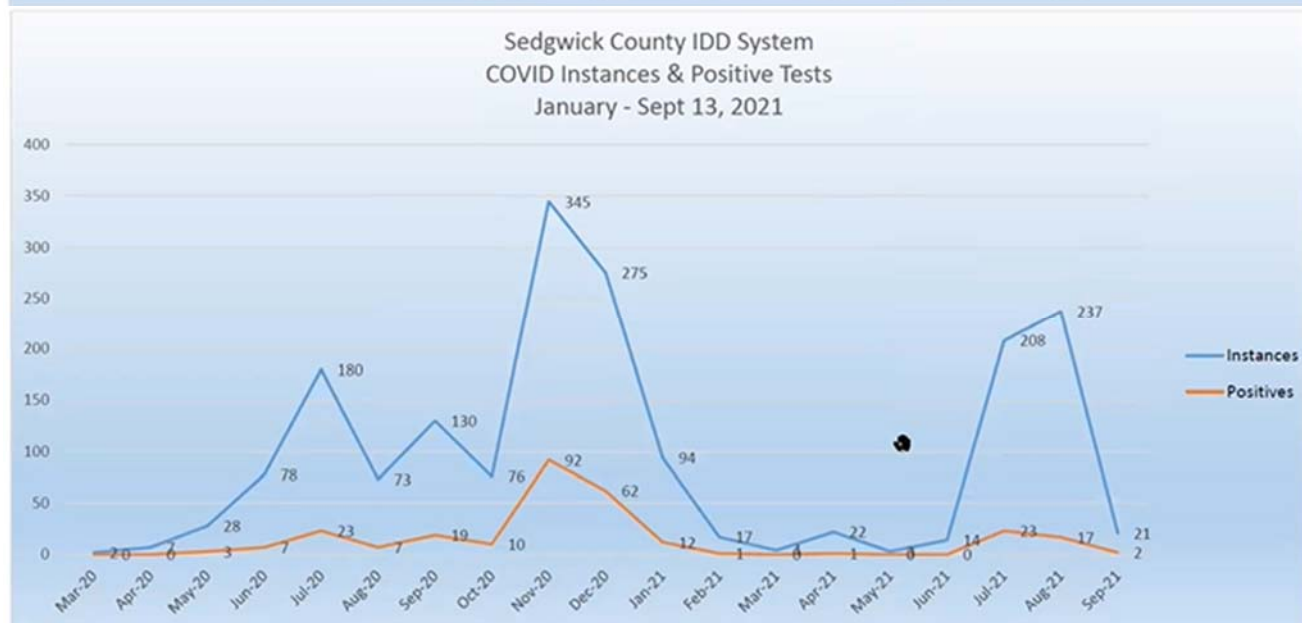
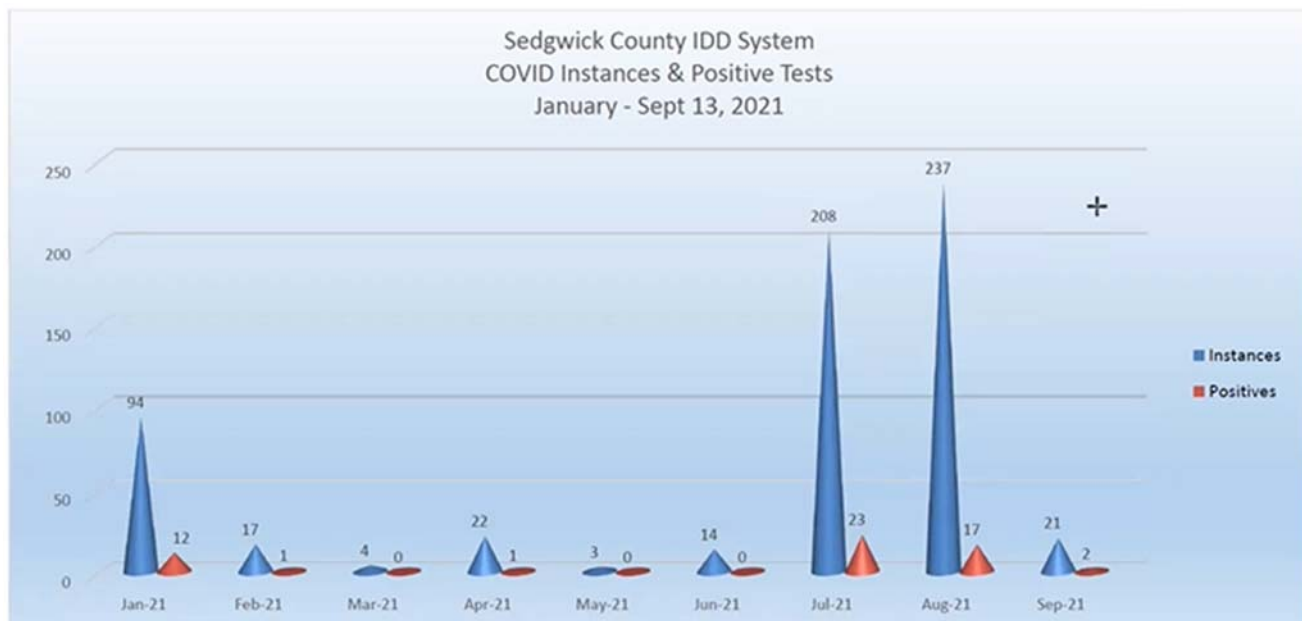
Medisked

- We continue to work through issues with Medisked implementation

Shelley Herrington – Quality Assurance

COVID-19 Update

- Shelley shared numbers for persons served
- Instances is the number of times people are exposed
- 5 or 6 persons served have had COVID-19 related deaths



- QA is back out in the community visiting programs and they have visited 39 group homes and continue to evaluate the safety of visits using pre-screening and scheduling all visits in advance
- Shelley showed data that has been added to the SCDDO website
<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/developmental-disabilities/local-data/>

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WSU Counseling Clinic – Jodi Fiorini

- The Counseling Program developed a clinic with a sensory room and play therapy room
- The clinic is free of charge and available to anyone
- The phone number is 978-PLAY

NEXT MEETING

The next IDDAB Full Board meeting is November 9, 2021

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