



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

Tuesday, May 11, 2021
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

PRESENT

Jim Dinkel
Greg Sullivan
Kara Sumner
Vanessa Lohf
Heather Pace

Grace Kneil
Leah Gagne
Peggy O'Donnell
Jeannette Livingston
Karie Hughes

Dave Jones
Kem Moore
A. P. Besser, Jr.
Shelley Herrington

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jim Dinkel called the meeting to order.

REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from February 9, 2021 were approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for the Executive Committee:

- Chair – Grace Kneil
- Vice Chair – Kara Sumner
- Treasurer – Leah Gagne
- At Large – Al Besser, Jr.
- At Large – Joanna Kilgore (pending her acceptance)

Greg motioned to accept the nominations for Executive Committee. Peggy seconded to accept nominations for Executive Committee. The board voted to accept the nominations for Executive Committee.

SCDDO MANAGERS REPORTS

Jeannette Livingston – Assistant Director

County Budget

- Budget presentation was on Monday
- SCDDO requested a flat budget
- Community Service Capacity and Crisis Plan is funded by County funds

Client Record Management System

- Medisked went live on May 6
- Eventually will have a client portal

KDADS Contract Negotiation Topics

- CDDO administration funding
- Unfunded mandates
- Shifting interpretation of policies
- Communication and collaboration issues

- Hope to have the contract in place by July 1

IRIS Software

- Collaboration software to refer people between services
- Free for non-profits

MHDD ECHO Emergent Experience

- Dee will be participating
- Consider strategic partnerships to continue work to close the gap for people with co-occurring mental health, IDD and substance abuse needs
- Current model is being adapted for the IDD population

SCDDO Tech Team

- Group of parents, guardians, individuals with disabilities, agency representatives and state advocates
- Provide technology skill and provide certification
- Team members can provide assistance for providers after certified

Strategic Plan 2022-2025

- Developing a scope of work
- Will probably collaborate with WSU on the work

Direct Support Professional (DSP) Workforce Crisis

- SCDDO White Paper is available on the website
- COVID-19 has made the workforce crisis worse
- Dee has been collaborating with different partners
- OADSP has a program for high school Juniors and Seniors that provides training and certification to become DSPs and Dee has been working with them to bring the program to Sedgwick County and has partnered with the following on the project:
 - WSU
 - Wichita Public Schools
 - Haysville Public Schools
 - Kansas Department of Education
 - Board of Regents
- Long term goal for the Department of Labor to recognize the occupational code for Direct Support Professionals
- Working toward Industry recognized credentials in Kansas
- Steps for 2021-2022 school year:
 - WSU will develop a badge course through the College of Applied Studies
 - People who pass the badge courses will be offered college credit and offered internships with providers
 - Badges will also be offered to high school students
 - Four CTE Pathways Family Studies Courses:
 - Family and Consumer Science
 - Teach and Train
 - Health Education
 - Human Services
 - In June a teacher from North High School will be shadowing DSPs from ResCare, Catholic Charities, Goodwill and Rainbows United then collaborate with Wichita Public Schools to create two weeks of course content
 - In July WSU and Wichita Public Schools will present on the program at the CTE Conference where all high schools will be educated on the project
 - Badges will also be offered to current DSPs working in the field and the hope is that agencies will increase wages for DSPs with badge certifications

Rate Increase

- A 5% rate increase was approved and is retroactive to April 1
- An additional 72% rate increase on top of the 5% increase to begin July 1

State Aid Grant

- State aid grants went out for bid
- Received 4 proposals
- A committee will review the proposals on Friday

STEPS Program

- For individuals on SSI to help them gain employment
- The pilot program is for 18 months
- The program begins July 1

Heather Pace – Service Access and Operations

Medisked

- The first part of the year has been spent implementing the new system
- Now trying to work out the bugs

Waiting List

- 29 people offered funds in Sedgwick County
- 18 people accepted
- 1 declined
- 9 did not respond
- 1 accepted but were not eligible
- 2600 people locally eligible
- Add around 30-40 people per quarter

Shelley Herrington – Quality Assurance

Handout: 2021 1st Quarter Summary - Final

Quality Assurance Committee Quarterly Outcomes

- Shelley shared the Quality Assurance Committee workflow and explained the process
- Scores of 1.5 or lower are areas of concern
- Personal Care Services Self-direction received a score of 1.25 in the behavior section
- Five out of twelve workers had a deficiency within the review
- The five workers have worked with the individuals an average of 11 years
- Examples of things they look at:
 - Does the person have a behavior support plan?
 - Can you tell me about the behaviors they exhibit?
- Experiments:
 - Provide education and resources before reviews
 - A couple agencies provided information and intentional conversations with the staff before the reviews

Quality Assurance Updates

- QA is participating in the SHIFT training for Tech Team which will be used to help individuals and providers use technology
- All day program providers are now open
- QA is getting back into the field and doing work in the community again

NEXT MEETING

The next IDDAB Full Board meeting is August 10, 2021.

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