April 2023
MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

SCDDO

Total Individuals Eligible	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2023	2652	2664	2673	2670									2665
2022	2642	2663	2662	2665	2679	2670	2704	2715	2687	2687	2659	2649	2674
2021	2595	2602	2613	2616	2625	2628	2635	2638	2650	2657	2664	2654	2631
2020	2598	2593	2598	2600	2599	2605	2611	2606	2606	2599	2605	2604	2602
Individuals Waiting for Services	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2023	931	939	953	959									946
2022	956	971	968	986	996	998	996	1004	983	989	934	932	976
2021	1003	1005	1018	1017	983	983	947	948	954	966	973	958	980
2020	994	989	983	985	985	991	1001	994	991	993	996	1001	992
Options Counseling Transactions	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2023	52	56	93	75									69
2022	77	58	61	49	62	83	44	65	57	30	42	77	59
2021	48	39	57	34	30	56	68	54	36	94	67	131	60
2020	181	93	235	68	44	54	55	71	43	43	31	34	79
Intakes Completed	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2023	13	8	15	17									13
2022	2	5	16	15	13	19	13	22	17	22	7	16	14
2021	5	5	5	3	11	19	3	10	6	12	6	9	8
2020	8	10	11	2	2	2	1	4	3	6	1	5	5
Functional Assessments Completed	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2023	141	168	180	158									162
2022	124	160	158	131	174	141	109	175	166	161	143	128	148
2021	147	147	154	147	179	203	174	146	160	178	151	143	161
2020	168	167	138	151	144	170	146	168	152	177	148	148	156

- During the month of March, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization (SCDDO) Quality Assurance Staff completed 5 day and 3 residential program visits.

- Sedgwick County celebrated the 2023 Project SEARCH graduates at the April 19 Board of County Commissioners meeting. Of the three Project SEARCH Interns, two had started jobs. A reception was held immediately after the recognition at the Commission meeting. Video of the recognition can be viewed on Sedgwick County's YouTube page at: https://sedgwick.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=34&clip_id=5104&meta_id=68475

- The Kansas Department on Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) hosted an IDD Waiver Renewal Stakeholder Kick-off event on April 26. The Kansas Medicaid waiver for intellectual/developmental disability services is set to expire soon. An updated waiver application must be submitted to the Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) by January 2024. KDADS has identified the below areas requiring changes for the waiver application and is asking for stakeholder input on these areas:

  1. **Conflict of Interest in CDDO and TCM –**
     CMS identifies the practice of case management and waiver assessments being rendered by the same service provider for waiver participants as a conflict of interest.

2. **Unbundling Day Services** –
   KDADS must be able to identify service delivery by appropriate service codes to clarify setting types for CMS. For example, unbundling day supports from vocational training/sheltered workshops.

3. **Unbundling Residential Services** –
   KDADS must be able to identify service delivery by appropriate service codes to clarify setting types for CMS. For Example, distinguishing shared living from independent living and group homes.

4. **Ratio Billing** –
   Ratio billing needs to be better defined to make sure Kansas is operating within federal regulation.

5. **Supported Employment** –
   Kansas needs to address how to bill at a competitive rate. It also needs to ensure services are being delivered in an integrated competitive setting. Actions have already started through the Employment First initiative to bring Kansas in line with competitive rates.

6. **Functional Assessment (BASIS/MFEI)** –
   There is consensus amongst most stakeholders to move away from BASIS. Currently, day and residential funding are tied to the BASIS score. As Kansas moves away from this assessment format with the MFEI, it must find a way to determine funding levels for IDD waiver services that are not connected to the level of care assessment.

7. **Assistive Technology** –
   Technology can be used to increase people's independence. Kansas must develop policies and standards to assure the use of technology is person-centered. An ARPA funds initiative is in place to gather information on assistive technology.

Workgroups will be convening this summer on these topics. Stakeholders wishing to provide feedback can visit the below website (the survey for application to participate in workgroups has closed):

https://wichitastate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6hDUNRvfZPCQDv8?Q_CHL=qr

- Sherry Arbuckle, SCDDO Service Access and Operations Director, attended the ANCOR Conference in April. The conference featured some of the leading experts and advocates for the Development Disability system. Below is a list of the trends for IDD system identified at the conference:

  o Small, not for profits will need to collaborate and partner to survive.
  o IDD agencies need to utilize data, not just collect data because they are supposed to. Also it is important to teach the individuals we serve how to use their data
  o ANCOR has developed a White paper on alternative payment options for the IDD system to include value based pay.
  o Artificial intelligence (AI) could have application in the IDD system. The session demonstrated how AI could be used to review many years of case notes, categorizing case notes in a manner that could be graphed to assist the individual and team to see trends in behaviors etc. The team reviewed the AI outcomes and found there was only a low percentage of case notes categorized incorrectly.