



New Beginnings Enterprises, Inc. Community Developmental Disability Organization

Community Council / Affiliate Meeting

March 27, 2017 ~ 10:30 A.M.

New Beginnings CDDO ~ Neodesha Minutes

Participants: In person: Lena Ouellet (NBE), Virgil O'Leary; Via phone: Corliss Spiller, Teresa LaForte (For Jake's Sake)

Community participants: Patti Blake (CRSS), Linda Young (KDADS)

Affiliate participants: In person: Rachel Crigger (NBE), Jessica Tarlton (NBE), Ruby Philbern (NBE), Joe O'Rourke (NBE), Krista Moreno (Out 'N About), Tara Cunningham (NBE CDDO)

1. Determined council quorum. Quorum was not met, therefore we will not take action on any items that require a vote today.

2. **Quality Assurance Overview**

a. **Quality Assurance Report & Disputes/Corrective Action Plans –**

Completed one Day and two Residential reviews. Multiple issues were identified in the last review. Three corrective action plans are in process to address multiple issues, including: insufficient documentation, lack of oversight/supervision of licensed services, failure to submit critical incidents to the CDDO, failure to respond to requests for information, and insufficient oversight of purchasing items for persons served. The agencies are responding and are still in the process of making necessary changes.

b. **Provider Status / Changes –**

We continue to experience serious capacity issues in our CDDO area. Ability Systems elected to close their business and ended services in January. We have a new affiliate in Chautauqua County and welcome Out 'N About. We are thankful for Out 'N About's willingness to expand to Chautauqua county and meet the needs of those who would have otherwise been forced to move to another county to seek services. Finally, New Beginnings has set a capacity on residential services and is not accepting new referrals in Greenwood and Wilson counties at this time and SKIL is not currently accepting Day and Residential referrals in all counties. *Krista with Out 'N About introduced herself and shared a little bit of information about her agency. They are a family owned business started by her dad whom previously worked at Parsons State Hospital. They serve 8 individuals in Mound Valley (SEK CDDO area) and 4 individuals in Sedan/Cedar Vale. *Patti with CRSS shared information regarding KSU Extension Office offering nutrition information as well as the option to learn about new foods that people may not be familiar with. *Lena with New Beginnings reported they had a New Year's party, Valentine's day party, Mardi Grais party with a King's baby cake, and celebrated St. Patrick's day with a celebration at the park in Independence.

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They also have some individuals working at Winkleman's nursery. *Teresa with For Jake's Sake reported that Jake went back to ICC this semester and hopes to begin a mechanics class at Coffeyville Community College this summer. He is currently doing some volunteer work to learn how to repair engines.

3. **CDDO Finance Report** – See handout. We currently have very limited county mill funds available for both on-going services and we have spent all of our one-time funds for this fiscal year, which ends June 30th.
4. **Discuss Old Business** –
 - a. **KanCare update and transition** – No new issues were reported.
 - b. **Community Council membership** – With the closure of Ability Systems, Shannon Moses is no longer a member of Community Council which has opened up a spot for another provider representative. Krista Moreno with Out 'N About has agreed to serve. Since we don't have quorum, we will postpone the vote until our next meeting.
5. **Discuss New Business** –
 - a. **KDADS/CDDO Quarterly meeting update** – We had our quarterly meeting with KDADS in January. Highlights from the meeting include:
 - KDADS hired a new I/DD Program Manager, Paula Morgan. She was previously the CDDO Director for East Central Kansas CDDO.
 - CDDO Admin dollars and State Grant funds are projected to remain the same for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - Crisis Funding Review Process – KDADS will not review the request until they receive all of the required documentation. If the risk is imminent or impending, then you should include statements about what has happened in the past that causes you to think this. It is also imperative to mention how services benefits the person and not the family.
 - AIR (Adverse Incident Reporting) – KDADS now requires all providers use the AIR system. In an effort to avoid duplication, this CDDO will no longer require the Critical Incident form, however you are required to print the AIR report and email to Tara as CDDO's don't have access to AIR.
 - In regards to waiting list offers, KDADS made offers to 81 individuals recently (we received none). In addition, they are reviewing utilization of services. KDADS reports that CMS states the person should not be on the waiver unless the person is using at least one service one time a month. KDADS has worked with the CDDOs to determine if individuals should be removed from the waiver due to non-utilization and will now review the list with the MCOs to determine if anyone should be removed. Our list was fairly accurate so I don't anticipate anyone unexpectedly losing waiver funding. KDADS review of utilization will be an on-going process.
 - New Functional Assessment Tool (MFEI) – KDADS anticipates rolling this out with 8 test sites this spring and statewide utilization by summer 2018. There is a webinar on 3/30/17 regarding what the new tool will consist of.

- b. **Legislative Update** – InterHab has created a one page document outlining the I/DD system’s Framework for Change with the KanCare Transition. (See handout). This is a great resource to refer to when speaking to families and/or your legislators. This has been an incredibly active legislative session pertaining to the IDD system. There are a number of bills being discussed that involve our system in one way or another, including:
- SB 173 – This bill increases HCBS rates 5% over the next three fiscal years and then based upon a consumer price index.
 - DDRA Bill – A bill will be introduced that will modify the Developmental Disability Act of 1995. The changes will clean up the act to meet federal and state guidelines as well as carve I/DD out of KanCare.
 - SB 160/HB 2299 - This bill moves the Ombudsman office from out of KDADS to an independent agency, either the AG office or the DD Council.
 - ADRC RFP – KDADS has published an RFP that reconfigures the scope and location of current ADRCs. The State is proposing to dramatically reduce the number of local points of access to the HCBS system—ADRCs, CDDOs, CMHCs, and CILs. If this proposal is successful, 75 local offices will be reduced to 4 regional offices. Individuals in our 4 counties would seek services from an office out of Johnson County. In addition, functional assessment assessors would no longer be local and would originate from Johnson County as well. The RFP also includes a component that requires the bidder to have a call center (similar to what we now have with Maximus for Medicaid applications). There is currently a proviso in the Senate that would prevent this from moving forward or any other changes to the HCBS system without the consent of the legislature. What is discouraging about this RFP is that it was published with no stakeholder or legislative input and was created by a team of individuals who still don’t fully understand our systems.
- c. **CMS Corrective action with KDADS/KDHE** – KDADS has submitted their corrective action plan to CMS and are awaiting feedback.
- d. **Capacity Plan discussion/agency data collection** – CDDOs across the state have been meeting since September to create a uniform capacity plan that better addresses system capacity. The draft report template has been sent to KDADS for review and consideration. This is a report that is required yearly by KDADS and is currently due May 31, 2017. The majority of the data for the report can be pulled by the CDDO, however there are some components that will be needed from each provider. Once a final plan is approved, the data collection process will begin and a request for data will be sent to providers. The anticipated goal at this time is to collect the data by the end of April, which will allow WSU or another partner entity time to analyze the data and send to the CDDO for inclusion in our full report. This information will better prepare us to create an action plan on how to address our capacity issues. More information will be shared once approved by KDADS.

The next meeting will be held May 16, 2017 at 10:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Cunningham
CDDO Director