



**New Beginnings Enterprises, Inc.**  
**Community Developmental Disability Organization**

**Community Council / Affiliate Meeting**

**June 20, 2017 ~ 10:30 A.M.**

**New Beginnings CDDO ~ Neodesha**

**Minutes**

Participants: In person: Lena Ouellet (NBE), Carol Paget, Jake Price, Teresa LaForte (For Jake's Sake)

Community participants: Patti Blake (CRSS), Adam Usry, Jeremy Scott, Jerry Scott, Linda Young

Affiliate participants: In person: Rachel Crigger (NBE), Ruby Philbern (NBE), Melanie Burnett (SKIL), Krista Moreno (Out 'N About), Tara Cunningham (NBE CDDO)

1. Determined council quorum. Quorum was met, but not a majority of persons served/family, therefore Lena Ouellet will abstain from voting today to obtain 51% majority.
2. Minutes for November 2016 meeting and March 2017 meeting. No corrections were noted. Teresa made the motion to approve the minutes for both meetings, Jake seconded and the motion passed.
3. **Quality Assurance Overview**
  - a. **Quality Assurance Report & Disputes/Corrective Action Plans –**  
Completed three Day and Residential reviews with very few deficiencies noted. Three corrective action plans remain in process and all agencies are responding and in the process of making the necessary changes.
  - b. **Provider Status / Changes –**  
We continue to experience serious capacity issues in our CDDO area. We currently have no residential service availability in Wilson or Greenwood counties and only one opening in Elk County. This means that new people approved for funding would need to either move to Chautauqua county or outside our catchment area in order to receive residential services. This topic will be discussed further later in our agenda. \*Lena with New Beginnings reported they hosted a Cinco de Mayo party at their Moline day program, participated in National Red Nose Day to raise awareness for child hunger, they have volunteered to assist with delivering commodities and they plan to attend the rodeo this weekend in Moline. The day program in Neodesha has been giving out popcorn at the local banks. The Eureka day program has secured a couple of community employment jobs by delivering orders for the local Batter Batter Bakery, participated in the Special Olympics torch run, and they are also working with the local art teacher to assist with art classes at the day program. \*Teresa with For Jake's Sake reported that Jake will continue attending classes at ICC next fall and has been spending

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the summer traveling in the RV. Jake has learned to hook up the RV, check the tire pressure, etc. Jake has also assisted with testing for the AG Eagle test flight and has been volunteering and delivering lunches every Friday. \*Melanie with SKIL reported they recently hosted the Fishing Has No Boundaries with a successful turnout and they plan to host their ADA Celebration in Parsons on July 26<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to the public. \*Krista with Out 'N About reported they have moved their day program to Sedan and have been involved in lots of activities in the community, attending rodeos, handing out commodities as well as shopping in Caney and Bartlesville.

**4. CDDO Finance Report** – We currently have unspent funds for services this prior year due to underutilization, so we will be allocating money to day service providers as a transportation subsidy. Once again, it will be based on the number of people enrolled in each day program on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Checks will be cut at the end of June. Our fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Discuss Old Business** –

a. **KanCare update and transition** – There have been changes in coverage for prescriptions, but no other substantial issues were reported.

b. **Community Council membership** – Krista Moreno with Out 'N About has been nominated to serve on Community Council. Jerry Scott and Adam Usry have also been nominated to serve on Community Council. Teresa made the motion to accept all of these nominations, Jake seconded the motion and the motion passed. Memberships that will expire at the end of 2017 include: Lena, Teresa and Andy. They have all served two consecutive terms and as required by state statute, they must relinquish their seat at the end of this term.

**6. Discuss New Business** –

a. **KDADS/CDDO Quarterly meeting update** – We had our quarterly meeting with KDADS in April. Highlights from the meeting include:

- Two new draft policies have been posted and open for public feedback. These include the HCBS Integrated Person Centered Service Plan and the HCBS Adverse Incident Reporting and Management.
- Background checks – these continue to take an extraordinary amount of time. Brandt stated providers should contact DCF for the issue with delays in CPS/APS background checks. Brandt states that CMS will not allow conditional offers of employment because it is not written into the waiver.
- KDADS has hired a company to assist with the Final Settings Rule Transition Plan. They will gather input from stakeholders and evaluate current settings for day and residential. Half of the states in the U.S.A. are in the same stage as us so we aren't terribly behind other states. More information will be shared in the near future.
- Function Assessment due date: BASIS assessments must now be completed within 365 days of the last assessment. This change has already taken effect and our CDDO area has already made the necessary changes and notified affiliates/TCMs.

- In regards to waiting list offers, KDADS made offers to 114 individuals. 18 people did not respond, 15 declined and 81 accepted the funding.
- b. **Legislative Update** — It was a very active legislative session with most of the activity coming to fruition the last week or two of the session. Among those items of interest to our group includes:
  - HCBS Rate Increase for all HCBS providers. This was spearheaded by InterHab, our advocacy group, however it benefits all HCBS waivers. This includes a 3% increase for FY 2018 and a 4% increase for FY 2019. With no increases and several cuts to funding over the last 10 years, this is a major step in the right direction.
  - ADRC RFP – there is a proviso that halts the advancement of this RFP for the next two budget cycles. KDADS had 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). 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.

The Governor has the option to veto line items in the budget and he has not yet stated his intent on these two items. He has until the end of this week to rule and approve the budget. If the increase goes into effect, it will take place July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remember to thank your legislators for supporting this monumental action!

- c. **Capacity Plan discussion** - Affiliate agencies were asked to complete a survey regarding capacity and workforce earlier this month in order to gain a better understanding of the issues faced in our local area. Thank you to those providers who completed the survey. This is a huge issue for all of us in this part of the state because it means people will need to move far away from their home communities in order to access services. In addition, many surrounding communities are experiencing the same struggles so it's not unheard of for people to move across the state just to access needed services. WSU has compiled the results and sent to both KDADS and each CDDO today. I will review the information and complete a capacity report for our CDDO area by the end of this month. This information will be shared with you at our next meeting in August.
- d. The next Community Council meeting will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. We will review each agency's policy on medication administration and restrictive intervention. Agencies should be prepared to provide the policy and discuss it briefly at our next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Cunningham  
CDDO Director