



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

**Community Council / Affiliate Meeting**

**February 21, 2019 ~ 11:00 A.M.**

**New Beginnings CDDO ~ Neodesha  
Minutes**

Participants: In person: Carol Paget, Virgil O’Leary, Jerry Scott, Adam Usry, JoLee Dwight, Gyla Marr, Tara Cunningham (NBE CDDO)

Affiliate participants: In person: Tara Finley (Accessible Home Health), Rachel Crigger (NBE), Joe O’Rourke (NBE), Melissa Gillenwater (NBE), Becca Lemon (NBE); Via phone: Rebecca (Helpers)

1. Determined council quorum. Quorum was met.
2. Steve Curtis, Benefits Specialist with KDHE, was our special guest speaker today to share information about the Working Healthy and WORK program.
3. Minutes for November 2018 meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. Jerry made the motion to approve the minutes, Carol seconded the motion and the motion passed.
4. **Quality Assurance Overview -**
  - a. **Quality Assurance Report & Disputes/Corrective Action Plans –**  
One agency remains on a Corrective Action Plan. The Quarterly Quality Assurance Report was provided and reviewed. Reviewed trends for critical incidents over the previous year.
  - b. **Provider Status / Changes –**  
We continue to experience serious capacity issues in our CDDO area. We still have no residential service availability in Wilson or Greenwood counties. JoLee with New Beginnings shared that they are currently delivering poinsettias, went to the Isle of Lights in Winfield, Christmas party in Independence and residential homes in Moline had a New Year’s Eve party. They celebrated national pie day and had a recent donation of bananas so they made banana splits for everyone in Moline. Rachel reported the other sites have been working at Winkleman’s, attending basketball games, delivering for Mason’s Hope and a new job for persons served is to deliver the Good News each week in Neodesha. Rebecca at Helpers shared they are still accepting referrals for FMS services. Tara Finley with Accessible Home Health shared they provide pediatric care as well as specialized medical care for all ages. Accessible Home Health is currently accepting applications for nurses.
5. **CDDO Finance Report –** The Finance quarterly report was reviewed. We had one individual who went multiple months without residential services so we have a higher than

normal amount of county mill funds that has not been utilized. As always, any unutilized funds will be distributed to day service providers at the end of the fiscal year based on the number of persons served. We still have one-time funds available for this fiscal year, so please share this with persons served and families.

**6. Discuss Old Business –**

- a. **KanCare Update and Transition** – Aetna replaced Amerigroup effective 1/1/19 and there have been lots of issues with the transfers. We are just beginning to hear from Care Coordinators from Aetna, so please contact the MCO or your TCM if you haven't heard from your Care Coordinator in the next couple weeks.
- b. **CDDO Business Name Update** – KDADS has approved our moving forward with changing our Doing Business As name. It will be presented to the board of directors for New Beginnings next week for their approval.

**7. Discuss New Business –**

- a. **New Community Council Member** - Gyla Marr has been nominated for Community Council and has agreed to serve. Gyla is a parent/guardian of a young woman receiving services and is a retired special education teacher. According to our policy, persons served and family members/guardians elect new Community Council members. Jerry made the motion to approve Gyla for the Community Council, Carol seconded the motion and the vote to approve Gyla was unanimous with Virgil, Carol, Jerry and Adam casting their votes.
- b. **KDADS/CDDO Quarterly meeting Update** – Tara shared information from the KDADS/CDDO Stakeholder meeting held on January 17<sup>th</sup>:
  - \*KDADS submitted the HCBS Waiver renewal to CMS, but had not yet received any feedback. They added language regarding the need for supervision as a service under Personal Care Services. Many times MCOs would not consider the need for supervision when determining the amount of hours needed for support. KDADS also clarified language regarding day services and supported employment. The current waiver expires in June.
  - \*Aetna only received authorizations for services for those assigned to them, but did not receive the previous ISPs. Therefore, initial meetings could be more time intensive as they won't have much information.
  - \*Laura Howard is the Secretary for both DCF and KDADS. Laura previously held a leadership role in our commission about 8 years ago, so we are excited to have someone in this role who is familiar with our system. She has been very positive and responsive and has stated that we can expect transparency and collaboration from her team. This is a welcome change for our system.
  - \*HCBS Waitlist – the oldest date on the waitlist is 12/9/10. Current wait is 8 years.
- c. **Future Training Topics** – Members stated they would like to learn more about special needs trusts and ABLE. This will be added to a future meeting.
- c. **Meeting Date Change for August 2019** - Our meeting will be postponed a week due to a KDADS/CDDO Stakeholder meeting on the same day. Please see the revised schedule.
- e. **Additional Items for Discussion/Concerns regarding CDDO** – Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tara Cunningham, CDDO Director