



New Beginnings Enterprises, Inc. Community Developmental Disability Organization

Community Council / Affiliate Meeting

August 22, 2019 ~ 11:00 A.M.

New Beginnings CDDO ~ Neodesha Minutes

Participants: In person: Carol Paget, Virgil O'Leary, Jerry Scott, Gene Bond, Tara Cunningham (NBE CDDO); Via phone: Adam Usry, Jolee Dwight (NBE), Krista Moreno (ONA).

Affiliate/KDADS participants: In person: Rachel Crigger (NBE), Thia Hudlin (NBE), Melissa Gillenwater (NBE); Jeanne Davied (KDADS), Via phone: Jon Gerdel (Life Patterns), Elaine Legitt (SKIL), Diane Salyers (SEKRS).

1. Determined council quorum. Quorum was met. Introductions were made.
2. Minutes for May meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. Jerry made the motion to approve the minutes, Carol seconded the motion and the motion passed.
3. **Quality Assurance Overview -**
 - a. **Quality Assurance Report & Disputes/Corrective Action Plans –**

Two agencies remain on a Corrective Action Plan. One of the agencies has made progress on one of the corrective action plans, but limited progress on the second corrective action plan. Quarterly Quality Assurance Report was provided and reviewed. 2 QA reviews of day services, 1 residential review and 1 PCS review were completed this past quarter. Summary of issues include outdated PCSPs and BSPs. Reviewed trends for critical incidents over the previous year and most trends remained fairly consistent, however there continues to be a drop in medication errors (documentation errors).
 - 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. *Krista with Out 'N About reported they have kept busy with community outings and have been to the casinos, Safari Park, the mall in Bartlesville, Chautauqua County fair, shopping and garage sales. *Rachel with New Beginnings reported they are offering cooking and nutrition classes in their day services, participating in Special Olympics, attended the Jinx, OK aquarium, and will host a dance on Friday night, which is open to other providers. Jolee reported they have attended parades, the rodeo on July 4th, have helped distribute commodities, attended garage sales, the circus and will host the Chili Cook off in September, which is also open to other providers. *Diane with SEKRS reported they are busy continuing to hire new people. *Elaine with SKIL reported they are excited that some of their individuals received HCBS waiting list funding this summer.

4. **CDDO Finance Report** – The Finance quarterly report was reviewed. We had unspent county mill and State Aid funds leftover towards the end of the fiscal year (June 30th) and the majority of it was allocated to day service providers to help offset transportation costs. The remaining portion was put into a savings account for CDDO operations in the event of the need to separate from the provider and become an independent CDDO.
5. **Discuss Old Business** –
 - a. **CDDO Business Name Update** – The consolidation between New Beginnings and TriValley is currently off the table. Based on the satisfaction survey, it remains clear that people still don't understand the difference between the CDDO and the service provider side of New Beginnings. In addition, there is still a concern at the federal level about the conflict of interest that comes with a CDDO being a part of the same agency as a service provider. While I think we do a good job locally of separating those functions, there is still a misunderstanding among those in services about the CDDO's role and how it differs from the service provider. This will remain an agenda item as there is still much to discuss and consider about this misunderstanding of roles.
6. **Discuss New Business** –
 - a. **KDADS/CDDO Quarterly meeting Update** – Tara shared information from the KDADS/CDDO Stakeholder meeting held: The state has raised the protected income limits so those with a spenddown should see a change in their fees effective 9/1/19 or shortly thereafter. KDADS plans to give CMS their final transition plan for CMS' Final Rule by 9/20. This rule affects agencies that have sheltered workshops and congregate living settings. KDADS has asked for 10 agencies statewide to volunteer to participate in a pilot program to address final rule issues and some of our neighboring providers have volunteered to participate. We hope to learn more from them as they go through this process. This will help providers determine if they are in compliance and begin making the necessary changes to come into compliance. KDADS is receiving updates on the PCSP and plans to revise/update the current PCSP based on those comments in the near future. Numerous other topics were discussed with no resolution and significant confusion, but we hope to resolve these outstanding issues when the commissioner returns from vacation.
 - b. **Satisfaction Survey Results** - The results were provided and reviewed. The responses remain consistent with previous years, but one issue that remains clear is that there is still confusion about the separation of CDDO versus service provider. This item will be added to the CDDO strategic plan as we move forward.
 - c. **Future Training Topics** – Tara will arrange for a speaker on Special Needs Trusts and VR/Community Employment at a future meeting. If there are other topics you are interested in learning more about, please let Tara know.
 - d. **Additional Items for Discussion/Concerns regarding CDDO** – No other items for discussion were raised. Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 21st at 10:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Cunningham,
CDDO Director