

Cottonwood CDDO Affiliate Meeting

1/25/22 – 2pm

Present; Amy Carlson – Banner Endings, Kevin Lee – Banner Endings, Angela Levy – CDDO, Drew Diedel - Cottonwood, Jeffrey Whittier - Cottonwood, Susan Davis – CDDO, Paula Pratt –Cottonwood, Elizabeth Barkley-Serenity, Pam Ludwick - Cottonwood, Connie Farmer- Cottonwood, Lynette Goldizen – CDDO, Dave Skinner - Monaco & Associates, Zoe Surprise – Cottonwood, Sarah Jones - Craig HomeCare, Ranita Wilks - CMS, Sarah Elliott – CDDO, Caitlyn Hendershott –Cottonwood, Andrea Pike – Cottonwood, Nancy Bullock - Achievement Services, Logan Pope – Cottonwood, Phil Bentzinger – Cottonwood, Taylor Dechant - A Step Above, Kara Walters - Cottonwood, John Dunlap - Cottonwood, Rebecca Gurera - Helpers, Inc., Mark Gonzalez – Mosaic, Kathleen Sylvester - Grateful Day Case Management, John Wubbels – GLI, Sharon Spratt – Cottonwood, Lorraine Dold – Another Day

1. Guest Speaker – Amy Carlson and Kevin Lee from Banner Endings gave a presentation on end of life doula services - <https://bannerendings.com/end-of-life-doula-role/>
2. System Updates
 - a. COVID
 - i. Please continue to report COVID positive cases to the CDDO by emailing Angela Levy – alevy@cwcdco.org
 - ii. Order 4 free at home tests - <https://www.covidtests.gov/>
 - b. HCBS Final Rule
 - i. 1/4/22: 30 day public comment period for Category 3 settings on the Community Connections website. No providers are listed for the Cottonwood CDDO area - <https://www.hcbs-kansas.org/form/public-comment>
 - ii. Stakeholder Calls on the 3rd Wednesdays at Noon & 5:30pm
 - c. KDADS/CDDO Contract
 - i. KDADS and the CDDOs agreed to extend this year’s contract for another year.
 - ii. Capacity Assessment – There are no updates.
 - iii. Workgroups
 1. CDDO Operations – This meeting was canceled.
 2. Eligibility – Nothing scheduled yet.
 3. Functional Assessment – Nothing scheduled yet.

4. Quality Assurance – The first meeting was on 1/18 to review where the group left off and determine a plan for this year's group. There were discussions regarding provider licensing, use of camera monitoring services, AIR data, and the CDDO review process.
 5. Complex Needs – The group met this morning to review where the group left off and came up with focus areas for this year to include staff training and development, provider capacity, and communication.
3. Provider Sharing – Phil of JobLink said they are starting a couple of new services with the STEPS program and Pre-ETS program work experience for high school students in their last year of school.
 4. The Consumer Marketing List is available by contacting Angela Levy-alevy@cwccddo.org
 5. The next meeting is April 26th at 2pm. Please send Angela ideas for a guest speaker!

Minutes by Angela Levy

Cottonwood CDDO Affiliate Meeting

7/26/22 – 2pm

Zoom

Present; Andrea Pike, Nancy Bullock, Janine Gracy, Colleen Himmelberg, Chris Seal, Mark Gonzales, Zoe Surprise, Logan Pope, Colleen Hunter, Kara Walters, Lynette Goldizen, Ranita Wilks, Jonathan Tran, Jeff Whittier, Sarah Elliott, Connie Farmer, Angie Dougan, Stephany Semple, Rebecca Guerrero, Alisa Snyder, Drew Diedel, Susan Davis, Caitlyn Hendershott, Nancy Lamb, Lorraine Dold, Phil Bentzinger, and Angela Levy

1. Guest Speaker – Christi Crawford of Dementia 360. Here is the link to her presentation - [Dementia360 Introduction Presentation \(canva.com\)](#)

2. System Updates
 - a. COVID – Please continue to inform the CDDO of positive cases; either by uploading an AIR or sending an email to Angela.

 - b. HCBS Final Rule – The next technical assistance session is July 28th @ 11:00am.

 - c. FY 23 HCBS rate increase – A reminder of Legislative intent is that the rate increase be used to increase direct support staff wages, due to testimony from several providers regarding the staffing crisis for direct support staff positions. There is also a reporting requirement in the budget language, so expect to be contacted to report how you used those funds by the next Legislative session. Here is the link to the new rate table - [22115 - Table.pdf \(kmap-state-ks.us\)](#)

 - d. IDD Waiver amendment for 2023 – Please review the full changes to the IDD Waiver amendment as not all language changes are typically covered in the presentation, just the highlights. Public comment information can be found here - [LTSS Public Comment Section \(ks.gov\)](#)

 - e. KDADS/CDDO Contract
 - i. The FY 22 contract has been extended for FY 23. CDDOs area still waiting on KDADS to finalize the amendment document for review and signatures.

- ii. Capacity Assessment – Capacity reports were submitted by the end of June using the 2019 template. There were no changes for our area from the 2019 report. The biggest challenge to providers opening for referrals continues to be the lack of direct support staff.
- iii. Workgroups
 - 1. CDDO Operations – The June meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is July 28th and recommendations from subgroups on how to resolve several system issues will be reviewed.
 - 2. Eligibility – There were no meetings last fiscal year. The next meeting is August 10th and the group still needs to finalize an updated eligibility policy and update the eligibility manual.
 - 3. Functional Assessment – Subgroups are meeting over the summer to review the BASIS manual and recommend updates. The next meeting is August 17th.
 - 4. Quality Assurance – No meeting is scheduled.
 - 5. Complex Needs – Subgroups are meeting over the summer to make recommendations to KDADS regarding three areas; training, crisis supports, and integration of services across systems. The next meeting will be the end of August / beginning of September.
- 3. Provider Sharing – No one had any updates or information to share.
- 4. Consumer Marketing List – You may request a copy from Angela by email.
- 5. FY 23 meeting schedule
 - a. October 25th @ 2pm - Matthew Faulk Director of Housing at Bert Nash
 - b. January 24th @ 2pm – Abby Githens & Sara Andres with DCF Pre-Employment Transition Services
 - c. April 25th @ 2pm – need suggestions for guest speakers

Cottonwood CDDO Affiliate Meeting

10/25/22 – 2pm
Microsoft Teams

Present: Amber Frost, Andrea Pike, Angela Dougan, Caitlynn Hendershott, Colleen Hunter, Connie Farmer, Corby Lockwood, Dave Skinner, Drew Diedel, Heather Thies, Hugh Murphy, Jarri Kesinger, Jeff Whittier, Jon Gerdel, Kara Walters, Lisa Ingelse, Kathleen Sylvester, Logan Pope, Nancy Bullock, Phil Bentzinger, Ranita Wilks, Sarah Elliott, Susan Davis, Traci Burney, Zoe Surprise, Mike Glaves, Colleen Himmelberg, Angie Reinking, Josh Saunders & Angela Levy

1. Guest Speaker – Matthew Faulk Director of Housing & Elizabeth Day Homeless Outreach Team Leader at Bert Nash gave a presentation on Bert Nash’s Homeless Outreach services. To refer someone to their services call 785-843-9192 and ask for the Homeless Outreach Program. They also accept walk-ins Monday through Friday from 9am to 11am and are located in the Medical Arts Building. Email contacts; Mathew Faulk - mfaulk@bertnash.org & Elizabeth Day - Eday@bertnash.org
2. System Updates
 - a. AIRS reminders – KDADS PIC staff Corby Lockwood. Angela will send out the KDADS AIR policy.
 - i. AIRs need to be submitted when PRNs are given
 - ii. Treat mental health emergencies the same as medical health emergencies; submit an AIR if the consumer is taken to intake, even if they are not admitted.
 - iii. Self-Harm Ideation/Suicide Ideation should be reported
 - iv. Day Service Providers need to complete AIRs for consumers if the incident occurred at their facility, even if they have a residential provider that handled the care.
 - b. HCBS Final Rule
 - i. There are two area Residential providers still waiting on a ruling from CMS regarding heightened scrutiny status. Don’t forget to add new locations to the KDADS HCBS Compliance Portal - <https://kdads-hcbscomplianceportal.kdads.ks.gov/sign-in>
 - c. KDADS/CDDO Contract
 - i. KDADS has now sent out contract amendments for FY 23. Angela will begin updating Affiliate Agreements and get those sent out.

- ii. Capacity Assessment – Residential providers continue to struggle with recruiting new staff.
- iii. Workgroups
 1. CDDO Operations – The October meeting was cancelled and replaced with a meeting with KDHE/KDADS/CDDOs regarding EPSDT access for children. Angela will send out the EPSDT/Kan Be Healthy information. Some children on the waiting list have been approved for Personal Care Services through their EPSDT / Kan Be Healthy screening with their doctor.
 2. Eligibility – The October meeting provided training to CDDO staff regarding eligibility with DD diagnoses.
 3. Functional Assessment – The group met at the end of September to review the sub group recommendations for BASIS manual updates, but additional time is needed to review and discuss before finalizing recommendations to be sent to the Operations group for review.
 4. Quality Assurance – This quarter’s meeting was cancelled.
 5. Complex Needs – The group met in September for a presentation on what initiatives InterHab’s complex needs workgroup has been exploring. The next meeting will be a presentation in December on the START model of community based crisis intervention.
- 3. Provider Sharing / Announcements – The Lawrence Transit system will begin a pilot program on January 1, 2023 offering free rides for all services; fixed route bus, T-Lift, Night Line, and planned Sunday micro transit - <https://lawrencetransit.org/projects/fare-free/>
- 4. The Consumer Marketing List is available by contacting Angela Levy-alevy@cwccdo.org
- 5. The next meeting will be January 24th at 2pm. Guest speakers will be Abby Githens & Sara Andres; Pre-employment Transition Services

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