

## Cottonwood CDDO Affiliate Meeting

**1/24/23 – 2pm**  
**Microsoft Teams**

Present; Angela Levy, Amy Campos, Janelle Carter, Sharon Kimbrough, Shelby Fry, Angela Dougan, Kara Walters, Connie Farmer, Mark Gonzales, Ranita Wilks, Duane Turnbull, Corby Lockwood, Logan Pope, Zoe Surprise, Alisa Snyder, Heather Thies, Chris Seal, Andrea Pike, Dave Skinner, Lynette Goldizen, Traci Burney, Nancy Bullock, Colleen Himmelberg, Sarah Elliott, Susan Davis, Paula Pratt, Taylor Dechant, Jeff Whittier, Colleen Hunter, Caitlyn Hendershott

1. Guest Speaker – Abby Githens & Sara Andres Pre-Employment Transition Services gave a presentation on their program. Pre-ETS is for preparing students for work after high school and is for ages 14-21 who are enrolled in an education program, have a diagnosed disability, and are a resident of Kansas. Referrals typically come from teachers but can come from anyone. There are 5 areas of the program; job exploration counseling, self-advocacy, work place readiness training & independent living skills training, post-secondary education counseling, and work based learning.
2. System Updates
  - a. HCBS Settings Final Rule – The deadline for compliance is March 17, 2023. There are still two providers waiting on final approval from CMS. CMS will also be touring provider settings and you can contact LaTonia Wright at KDADS if you would like to volunteer for a tour - [latonia1.wright@ks.gov](mailto:latonia1.wright@ks.gov) Some things CMS has noticed in other states include PCSPs not being followed or current, and restrictive language in lease agreements.
  - b. KDADS/CDDO Contract
    - i. Signed contract amendments have now been received from KDADS. Angela will start updating and sending out Affiliate Agreements.
    - ii. Capacity Assessment
      1. No updates from KDADS. Contract language has a due date of March 31<sup>st</sup>.
    - iii. Workgroups
      1. CDDO Operations – no updates

2. Eligibility – New KDADS policies for eligibility and ICF admission are out for public comment until 2/20/2023.
  3. Functional Assessment – no updates
  4. Quality Assurance – no updates
  5. Complex Needs – no updates
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3. Advocacy efforts to increase TCM rate – InterHab is hosting informational sessions open to all on Wednesdays 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/15, 3/29 at 1:30pm. Angela emailed out the information.
  4. Provider Sharing / Announcements – Corby announced that the KDADS AIR policy is going to be revised so she will not be offering any more trainings until after that is finalized.
  5. Consumer Marketing List is available by contacting Angela Levy- [alevy@cwcdco.org](mailto:alevy@cwcdco.org)
  6. The next meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm by TEAMS.

Minutes by Angela Levy

## **Cottonwood CDDO Affiliate Meeting**

**4/25/23 – 2pm**

### **TEAMS**

Present: Susan Davis, Chris Seal, Paula Pratt, Lynette Goldizen, Wendi Georgie, Angela Dougan, Janelle Carter, Kara Walters, Sarah Elliott, Roxanne Hidaka, Zoe Surprise, John Dunlap, Lisa Ingelse, Colleen Hunter, Caitlyn Hendershott, Jeff Whittier, Andrea Pike, Heather Thies, Nancy Bullock, Connie Farmer, Logan Pope, Phil Bentzinger, Traci Burney, Dave Skinner, Drew Diedel, Rebecca Guerra, Hugh Murphy, Ranita Wilks, Mark Gonzales, Corby Lockwood, Colleen Himmelberg, Sharon Kimbrough, Jon Gerdel, Amber Frost, and Angela Levy

1. Guest Speaker – KDHE Russell Nittler on Medicaid renewals as the Public Health Emergency ends. States are re-starting the financial reviews for Medicaid and Kansas has added 132,000 to Medicaid since the reviews stopped during COVID. A paper review form will be sent to the person, the person's guardian or conservator, and the person's medical representative. It is important to make sure the KanCare Clearinghouse has the correct addresses on file. A chat bot has been added to the KanCare website for an easy way to update address and phone number. Completed review forms are always due back to the KanCare Clearinghouse by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If the review form is late, it will still be processed and if approved within 90 days of closure their Medicaid case can be re-instated and back-dated so there is no gap in coverage but providers may need to re-submit billing. There are three types of reviews; 1 pre-populated requires the form to be completed and returned, 2 passive requires any corrections needed to the form to be completed and returned but if all information is correct then no need to do anything, 2 super passive is just a letter saying the case is approved for another year. If the person has an on-line portal account through the KanCare website they will receive an email notification to renew their Medicaid application on-line. TCMs can utilize the Facilitator Form to assist people with their Medicaid case. Facilitator Forms take about a week to process and need to be renewed annually. The person's Medical Rep cannot be a Medicaid provider. If a person receives an SSI benefit check they will not get a financial review for Medicaid. Once forms are received by the KanCare Clearinghouse, it takes 2-3 days to get entered into their system so an application can be faxed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month but not entered into their system until the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month. Case closure letters are generated by the system on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you receive a case closure letter after submitting the renewal form call the KanCare Clearinghouse and say "I'm calling about my review." Also, a person can

have more than one type of Medicaid case (HCBS, QMB) which could change their review date.

## 2. System Updates

a. HCBS Settings Final Rule – CMS completed on-site visits in Kansas at the end of March and KDADS will receive a final report on their findings in May. An overview of issues include –

### i. Person Centered Service Plans

1. MCO plans not person centered, focused on authorizations
2. Plans completed in a bare minimum way
3. Choice process not indicated
4. Confusion between Support Plan & Service Plan
5. TCM/CDDO not conflict free

### ii. Community Integration

1. Reverse integration common
2. Day Services being called employment
3. Concern about quality of activities
4. Lack of integrated employment opportunities
5. Lack of transportation
6. Some physical accessibility concerns

### iii. Residential

1. Privacy concerns
  - a. Shared showers
  - b. Staff not knocking on doors/receiving permission to enter
  - c. Cameras in common areas
  - d. Virtual supports
2. Limited access to food
3. Restrictive interventions not properly documented
4. Lack of activity calendars
5. Language that may violate tenancy component of the rule

### iv. Training

1. Staff unaware of the settings rule

## b. IDD Waiver Renewal

i. The kick-off meeting for the IDD Waiver renewal is tomorrow April 26<sup>th</sup>. KDADS will plan to address many of the issues from the CMS visit in the next version of the IDD Waiver including -

1. TCM/CDDO conflict of interest
2. Unbundling Day Services

3. Unbundling Residential Services
4. Ratio Billing
5. Supported Employment
6. Functional Assessment
7. Assistive Technology

c. KDADS/CDDO Contract

- i. FY 24 contracting – CDDOs are working on a proposal for a new distribution methodology for the additional CDDO Administration dollars that were added to the budget last year. The base CDDO Administration dollars will continue to be distributed based on each CDDO area's population from May 2012. The intent is to not take away any of the base amount from smaller CDDO areas who may have lost population but still need enough funding to function. CDDOs are proposing the new dollars be distributed based on current population to account for population growth in some areas which has increased workload / staffing needs for those areas.
- ii. Capacity Assessment – The capacity assessment was completed by the CDDO Council of Community Members during their January meeting and submitted to KDADS by the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

iii. Workgroups

1. CDDO Operations –

- a. Holly Rivera is the new IDD Program Manager. Paula Morgan now supervises the KDADS eligibility staff who handle the day to eligibility paperwork.
- b. KDADS is finishing up the Autism & SED Waiver renewals and have a target date of 9/01/23 for approval of amendments to current Waivers to continue some of the Appendix K allowance from the Public Health Emergency.
- c. IDD Waiver renewal work would need to be completed by January 2024 to be approved for a July 2024 IDD Waiver. It is unlikely that all needed work will be completed by then so KDADS plans to submit a plan of work to be completed after the renewal or CMS may grant an extension for the IDD Waiver.

- d. The Community Support Waiver will take a couple of years to implement and KDADS will build it with stakeholder input.
- e. FMAP Projects
  - i. KDADS paid out close to \$51 million in workforce recruitment and retention bonuses.
  - ii. There is an RFP for workforce training and career ladder.
  - iii. There is an RFP for Employment First to look at increasing Supported Employment rates.
  - iv. The IDD wait list study is up and running with KU to develop a predictive model for funding the waiting list.
  - v. A vendor will be announced soon for the RFP for the TCM study.
  - vi. There are funds for behavioral health for an IDD mobile crisis unit and a behavior management training pilot.
  - vii. There is an RFP for revamping the Person-Centered Support Planning process and KDADS is interested in the Charting the Life Course model.
  - viii. There is an RFP for Technology First to create independence through technology and funds for smart home technology.
  - ix. There are funds for starting up the Community Support Waiver and for the HCBS Settings Final Rule compliance.
  - x. The FMAP projects need additional staff and they are also requesting funds for the PACE program to develop offices in rural areas.
  - xi. KDADS is working on developing a website for the FMAP projects.
- f. New KDADS Eligibility and ICF policies posted -
  - i. CDDOs will need to develop a uniform IDD Eligibility Checklist and begin uploading those into KAMIS for each person determined eligible ages 5 or older.



## Cottonwood CDDO Affiliate Meeting

7/25/2023 – 2pm

### Teams

Present; Paula Pratt, Susan Davis, Dave Skinner, Nancy Bullock, Jeff Whittier, Caitlyn Hendershott, Laurie Bancroft, Logan Pope, Heather Thies, Traci Burney, Connie Farmer, Sarah Feldhausen, Zoe Surprise, Mike Glaves, Sarah Elliott, John Pimentel, Ronisha Coleman, Lynette Goldizen, Colleen Hunter, Hugh Murphy, Ranita Wilks, Kara Walters, Amy Harmon, Corby Lockwood, Michael Tubbs, Mark Gonzales, Alisa Snyder, Denise Thomas, Wendi Georgie, & Angela Levy

1. Guest Speakers – Lisa Zinnecker - [lisa\\_o\\_zinnecker@uhc.com](mailto:lisa_o_zinnecker@uhc.com) & Rick Ray - [rrey1020@gmail.com](mailto:rrey1020@gmail.com) on UHC's Dual Special Needs Plan (Medicare Replacement / Medicare Advantage Plan).
2. System Updates
  - a. KDADS staffing update
    - i. Leigh Smith is the new HCBS Director. Her position of MFP & Institutional Transition Project Manager has been posted.
    - ii. Seth Kilber is the new Assistant Commissioner.
  - b. KDADS/CDDO/Stakeholder Meeting – scheduled for 8/17 at 9:30am. Angela sent out the calendar invite.
  - c. HCBS Final Rule / IDD Waiver Renewal
    - i. Waiver renewal workgroups meeting in July
      1. Supported Employment – Angela Levy is on this group and reported that the first meeting took place. The group discussed what works and what doesn't work right now in Kansas, the need for an increased rate, flexibility to bill for the consumer's whole work schedule, and what other states offer including a small group employment service for 2-4 people in a group.
      2. TCM/CDDO Conflict of Interest – Lynette Goldizen is on this group and reported there have been two meetings. The group discussed definitions, including who can make eligibility determinations and asked KDADS to get more clarification from CMS. The group also discussed how much separation is enough to mitigate conflict of interest and how other states have addressed it.



The meeting adjourned 2:50pm

Minutes by Angela Levy

## **Cottonwood CDDO Affiliate Meeting**

**10/24/2023 – 2pm**

### **Teams**

Present: Colleen Hunter, Shanese Bowers, Chris Seal, Traci Burney, Heather Thies, Jeff Whittier, Connie Farmer, Dave Skinner, Andrea Pike, Laurie Bancroft, Zoe Surprise, Lynette Goldizen, Kara Walters, Rebecca Gurera, Bethany Kruhl, Sarah Elliott, Ranita Wilks, Hugh Murphy, Mike Glaves, Mark Gonzales, Susan Davis, Colleen Himmelberg, Angie Reinking, Caitlyn Hendershott, Angela Levy, Amy Yeager, & Michelle Niedens

1. Guest Speaker – Michelle Niedens KU Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center  
- Being Proactive; early detection of dementia in people with I/DD.
2. System Updates
  - a. HCBS Final Rule / IDD Waiver renewal
    - i. The Waiver renewal workgroups have concluded their work. The new draft IDD Waiver will be out for public comment later this fall.
  - b. KDADS/CDDO Contract
    - i. KDADS & CDDOs agreed to extend the previous contract for another year. State Aid funding plans have been sent out for signature for this fiscal year. Cottonwood CDDO distributes our State Aid allocation annually to those consumers who were previously funded for adult Day and Residential through the State General Funds grant, so those individuals did not lose services when that grant ended.
    - ii. Capacity Assessment will be due 3/31/2024
    - iii. Workgroups
      1. CDDO Operations – the next meetings is 11/30 to discuss resuming CDDO Peer Reviews.
      2. Eligibility – implementation of the new I/DD eligibility policy is on hold due to CMS feedback.
      3. Functional Assessment – this group is on hold / awaiting potential MFEI implementation.
      4. Quality Assurance – the August meeting was canceled and has not been rescheduled.

5. Complex Needs – this group submitted recommendations to KDADS and is no longer meeting.
3. Provider Sharing / Announcements – no one had anything to share for this meeting.
4. Consumer Marketing List is available by contacting Angela Levy-  
[alevy@cwccdo.org](mailto:alevy@cwccdo.org)
5. The next meeting will be January 23, 2024 at 2pm. Guest speakers will be Bert Nash & Sunflower Health Plan regarding IDD & Mental Health.

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