

Cottonwood CDDO
Council of Community Members / Quality Oversight Committee

October 22, 2025

Present: Angela Levy, Lynette Goldizen, Laura Bittenbender, Milissa Hicklin, Lisa Boulton, Kara Walters, Margert Hogan, Ian Pepin, and Jordan Platt

1. Election of new members – Angela called the meeting to order and noted that Lynette Goldizen was joining us today to observe the meeting. Also, we had two new member nominations: Ian Pepin and Jordan Platt. Both nominations were unanimously approved, welcome Ian & Jordan!
2. Annual Review of CDDO policies – This review will be scheduled for the April 2026 meeting.
3. System Updates
 - a. Wait List Offers – KDADS sent 290 offers to come off the wait list, 204 were accepted, 14 declined, and 1 person who accepted was determined functionally ineligible with the MFEI. For our CDDO area, there were 5 offers sent, 3 accepted, and 2 declined.
 - b. Community Support Waiver – Discussion about the upcoming CSW. The public comment period will be late December/early January and there will be in person and virtual meeting opportunities. KDADS plans to submit to CMS by February/March with expected implementation by September 2026. Angela highlighted the services that are being considered for the CSW and informed everyone that KDADS will send out a series of informational letters to everyone on the IDD Waiver and waiting list over the next year.
 - c. CDDO Capacity Report due by March 31st – The January 2026 meeting will focus on completing the annual capacity report for Cottonwood CDDO.
4. CDDO Management Reports – The previous quarter's CDDO report was reviewed.
5. Quality Assurance/Oversight
 - a. One quality assurance visit required follow up and that was completed and resolved within two days.
 - b. No new QA visits were assigned, everyone will need to complete the visits they haven't finished yet by the January meeting.

6. Angela announced this will be her last Council meeting due to retiring at the end of this year.
7. The next meeting will be on January 28th at 3pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.
Minutes by Angela Levy