

Cottonwood CDDO Affiliate Meeting

10/28/2025 – 2pm

Teams

Present: Angela Levy, Lynette Goldizen, Heather Thies, Nancy Bullock, Mike Graber, Jon Gerdel, Colleen Hunter, Jason Pattison, Andrea Pike, Rebecca Guerera, Ben Layton, Amber Frost, Caitlyn Hendershott, Mark Gonzalez, Jeff Whittier, Susan Davis, Bryan Woerner, Phil Bentzinger, Colleen Himmelberg, Kara Walters, Zoe Surprise-Murphy, Jessica Wood, Jennifer Star, Pam Ducklow, Hugh Murphy, Jon Tran, Janine Gracy, Logan Pope, Kyle George, Jill Dudley, Nicole Brown, Sarah Elliott, Michael Tubbs, Mike Graves, Paula Pratt, Dave Skinner, Laura Solis, Connie Wade

1. Guest Speaker – Cottonwood IT Developer Ben Layton on our replacement for BCI, the Consumer Database Portal (CDP)
 - a. Roll-Out Plan for the new CDP Website - 10/30 at 5:00PM all affiliate BCI accounts will be deactivated. 10/31 will be final “catch-up” migration of documents. 10/31 - 11/2 account invitation emails will be sent out to existing BCI users.
 - b. There is also a new CDP Account Request Form located on the CDDO website's Forms section - <https://www.cwcddo.org/index.php/cddo-forms/> This request form is to be completed for any new staff accounts or to terminate existing staff accounts. Everyone with an existing BCI account will automatically be sent CDP invitation emails and do not need to fill out a request form for an account.
 - c. Invitation emails will come from DoNotReply@mail.cwood.org (please check your Junk Mail if you do not receive it)
 - d. Demonstration of new website – Ben provided a demonstration of the new CDP website and showed how to search for consumer documents, upload consumer documents, fill out quality oversight visit forms, and check the consumer's services section.
 - e. As with anything new, there may be some glitches so please email Angela or Ben blayton@cwood.org if anything comes up.
2. 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 – 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 the new Waiver to CMS by February/March with expected implementation by September 2026. KDADS will be sending out a series of informational letters to consumers on the IDD Waiver and waiting list about the Community Support Waiver. The first letter will be a very basic introductory letter with a reference to check out the CSW website - <https://www.kansascsw.com/>
- c. KDADS/CDDO Contract
 - i. Agreement was reached on FY 26 and CDDOs are preparing for FY 27 negotiations.
 - ii. Capacity Assessment – This will be due at the end of March 2026 and our local Council of Community Members will work on completing this at their January meeting.
 - iii. Workgroups
 - 1. CDDO Operations – This group is meeting once a month. Discussion items have included consistency of KAMIS data, CDDO Administration reporting, tracking MFEI ineligibles this first year, standardizing the CDDO Affiliate Agreement, and CSW responsibilities. Since switching from BASIS to MFEI in July, our CDDO area has had one individual go from eligible to ineligible (but later found eligible per the back-up BASIS) and two individuals go from ineligible to eligible.
 - 2. Eligibility – no updates
 - 3. Functional Assessment – no updates
 - 4. Quality Assurance – Susan Davis provided an overview of this work group, which is currently focused on CDDO QA activities for the Community Support Waiver and not duplication of work/reviews by KDADS/MCOs/CDDOs.
 - 5. Complex Needs – no updates
- 3. Provider Sharing / Announcements –
 - a. Angela asked if anyone had any recommendations for therapy/counseling services for individuals with IDD. Zoe recommended Mind and Body Healing Collective in Lawrence - <https://mbhealingcollective.org/>

- b. Angela also shared that this will be her last Affiliate Meeting, as she will be retiring January 5th. Cottonwood CEO Colleen Himmelberg is in process of interviewing for a new Director of CDDO Administration.
- 4. Consumer Marketing List is available by contacting Angela Levy-
alevy@cwcdco.org
- 5. Next Meeting will be January 27th at 2pm by Teams; Guest speaker will be Bridget Dixon Bert Nash SED Waiver

Minutes by Angela Levy