

**Cottonwood CDDO Affiliate Meeting**  
**1/27/2026 – 2pm**  
**Teams**

Present: Lynette Goldizen, Ben Layton, Nicole Brown, Brian Bolen, Paula Pratt, Deb Bowden, Mike Graber, Cassie Milam, Sarah Elliott, Jon Gerdel, Zoe Surprise-Murphy, Mike Graves, Scott Hedrick, Jon Tran, Nancy Bullock, Logan Pope, Jennifer Star, Jason Pattison, Susan Davis, Steven Haack, Bridget Dixon, Andrea Pike, Heather Thies, Chase Buck, Colleen Himmelberg, Laura Solis, Sandra Yoder, Chelsea Caldwell, De'Antay Bourn, Pam Ducklow, Amber Frost, Ian Pepin, Jessica Danon, Jose Almendariz, Michael Tubbs, Ranita Wilks, Rebecca Gurera, Sarah Elliott

1. Guest Speaker – Cottonwood IT Developer Ben Layton on the Consumer Database Portal (CDP)
  - a. There is 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 a previously existing BCI account should have been sent CDP invitation emails and didn't need to fill out a request form for an account. Please reach out to Lynette if that did not occur and you need assistance.
  - b. Invitation emails will come from [DoNotReply@mail.cwood.org](mailto:DoNotReply@mail.cwood.org) (please check your Junk Mail if you do not receive it)
  - c. 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.
  - d. CDP is still fairly new and there may be some glitches so please email Lynette or Ben [blayton@cwood.org](mailto:blayton@cwood.org) if anything comes up.
2. Guest Speaker – Bridget Dixon, Program Manager for Child and Family Services for the SED waiver program at Bert Nash. Please see attached document provided by Bridget with more information. In order to be SED waiver eligible, you must be a client of the local Community Mental Health Center; this is Bert Nash in Douglas County and The Guidance Center in Jefferson County. Bridget commented that frequently dual diagnosed children need Respite: Kids TLC provides Respite and Overnight Respite is through O'Connell in Douglas County. Bridget gave the ok with her email being shared for help with the SED waiver or Bert Nash services for children, please reach out to her with any questions: [bdixon@bertnash.org](mailto:bdixon@bertnash.org)
3. Guest Speaker - Jessie Danon, Research Coordinator for Community Health Improvement Program for Intellectual Disabilities (CHIP-ID) at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Lynette will send out the documents

Jessie provided about current grant funded, local community based and community outreach programs such as the BOLD program, CHEF-ID program and KU V-Fit. Please reach out to Jessie if you would like them to offer a free exercise class at your organization and/or meet about tailored physical activity or cooking programs for your organization!  
Jessie [jdanon@kumc.edu](mailto:jdanon@kumc.edu) 785-764-3574

#### 4. System Updates

- a. Wait List Offers – We have not received any new waiting list offers since our last affiliate meeting.
- b. Community Support Waiver – The public comment period is now open through February 21<sup>st</sup> and there will be in person and virtual meeting opportunities. [https://www.kansascsw.com/public-comment?ss\\_source=sscampaigns&ss\\_campaign\\_id=6973bac41775ef22ff781d94&ss\\_email\\_id=6973bc2d4defea6b2e4ac1b7&ss\\_campaign\\_name=Join+Public+Comment+Info+Sessions+Starting+1%2F26&ss\\_campaign\\_sent\\_date=2026-01-23T18%3A21%3A53Z](https://www.kansascsw.com/public-comment?ss_source=sscampaigns&ss_campaign_id=6973bac41775ef22ff781d94&ss_email_id=6973bc2d4defea6b2e4ac1b7&ss_campaign_name=Join+Public+Comment+Info+Sessions+Starting+1%2F26&ss_campaign_sent_date=2026-01-23T18%3A21%3A53Z)  
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 which are slated to begin in March.
  - 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.
    2. Eligibility – no updates, not currently meeting
    3. Functional Assessment – no updates, not currently meeting
    4. Quality Assurance – Susan Davis shared they're working on policy for the upcoming CSW waiver.

## 5. Complex Needs – no updates

5. Provider Sharing / Announcements –
  - a. Lynette shared multiple CDDO updates since Angela's retirement. Lynette Goldizen is now Director of CDDO Administration, Sarah Elliott is the new Eligibility and Referral Manager, Chase Buck is a new Eligibility Specialist. Find current contact information for all CDDO staff here: <https://www.cwcdco.org/index.php/contact/>
  - b. Ranita Wilks from Case Management Services introduced Chelsea Caldwell, a new TCM to our CDDO area.
6. Consumer Marketing List is available by contacting Lynette Goldizen – [lgoldizen@cwcdco.org](mailto:lgoldizen@cwcdco.org)
7. Next Meeting will be April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm by Teams; We already have one speaker lined up, Joseph Caridi from [www.Kibu.com](http://www.Kibu.com) They provide platforms for documentation, programming and reporting for IDD providers. Please reach out to Lynette if you have potential ideas for future guest speakers.

Minutes by Lynette Goldizen