

Cottonwood CDDO Affiliate Meeting

1/23/2024 – 2pm

Teams

Present: Angela Levy, Kat Sweeney, Kristine Meier, Sherry Biddle, Shawne Lampe, Andrea Pike, Zane Hayden, Dave Skinner, Angela Dougan, Bethany Kuhl, Ranita Wilks, Kara Walters, Amber Frost, Kofi Boye-Doe, Heather Thies, Lynette Goldizen, Sarah Elliott, Jon Gerdel, Connie Farmer, Caitlyn Hendershott, Traci Burney, Jeff Whittier, Zoe Surprise, Logan Pope, Susan Davis, Hugh Murphy, Nan Perrin, Colleen Hunter, Josh Saunders, Corby Lockwood, Rayna Goldsmith, & Colleen Himmelberg

1. Guest Speaker – Kat Sweeney (Bert Nash) and Kristine Meier and Sherry Biddle (Sunflower) on a new training series; Mental Health Approaches to IDD. They gave a teaser presentation on the training series being offered February through April. The link to register for the training will be sent out at 9am this Friday.
2. System Updates
 - a. IDD Waiver renewal – the draft IDD Waiver and public comment period has been delayed until February.
 - b. HCBS Final Rule – KDADS has switched from dedicated Final Rule calls to regular HCBS stakeholder calls. Angela sent out the link to register for the March call this morning.
 - c. KDADS/CDDO Contract
 - i. KDADS and CDDOs are discussing the negotiation process for the Fiscal Year 2025 contract and neither side anticipates any major changes to the current contract.
 - ii. Capacity Assessment – due March 31, 2024
 - iii. Workgroups
 1. CDDO Operations – this group met on 11/30 and discussed updating the CDDO Peer Review process. Feedback was given on updating the review forms and to stay with the on-site reviews every two years instead of alternating between on-site and desk reviews. The next step will be to work on a policy.
 2. Eligibility – on hold
 3. Functional Assessment – on hold
 4. Quality Assurance – on hold

5. Complex Needs – on hold

3. Provider Sharing / Announcements – Corby asked if anyone had any questions or concerns about the new AIR system and policy. Angela reminded providers to upload copies of AIRs to BCI and hit the "save and send" button to notify the CDDO of an AIR.
4. The Consumer Marketing List is available by contacting Angela Levy-alevy@cwccdo.org
5. The next meeting is April 23rd at 2pm. Please email Angela ideas for guest speakers.

Minutes by Angela Levy

Cottonwood CDDO Affiliate Meeting

**4/23/2024 – 2pm
Teams**

Present: Angela Levy, Alisa Snyder, Angie Reinking, Caitlyn Hendershott, Colleen Himmelberg, Colleen Hunter, Connie Farmer, Dave Skinner, Katie Fitzgerald, Heather Thies, Hugh Murphy, Ian Pepin, Janine Gracy, Jon Gerdel, Jon Tran, Kathleen Sylvester, Lynette Goldizen, Mike Glaves, Nancy Bullock, Nicole Brown, Ranita Wilks, Rebecca Guerra, Sarah Rutledge, Sally Martin, Susan Davis, Josh Saunders, Corby Lockwood, Mark Gonzales, Missy Floyd, Amber Frost, Jenny Horn, Ali Sloan

1. Guest Speakers – Sean Swindler, Hanna Traphagan, & Rakeem Akkika of the Kansas Family Support Center gave a presentation on behavioral support training and resources available to families, PCS workers, and other direct support staff.
2. System Updates
 - a. IDD Waiver Renewal – The public comment period has ended and KDADS is waiting on approval from CMS for the IDD Waiver to be renewed with updates effective July 1, 2024.
 - b. HCBS Final Rule – LaTonia Wright of KDADS will be the guest speaker at our July meeting to provide updated training regarding the Final Rule.
 - c. KDADS/CDDO Contract
 - i. KDADS and CDDOs are in the process of negotiating the contract for Fiscal Year 2025, which starts on July 1, 2024.
 - ii. Capacity Assessment – This was submitted to KDADS on March 31st with much of the same information as the previous year. Providers and families continue to struggle with hiring and retaining direct support workers.
 - iii. Workgroups
 1. CDDO Operations – the March meeting was canceled.
 2. Eligibility – on hold
 3. Functional Assessment – on hold
 4. Quality Assurance – on hold
 5. Complex Needs – on hold

3. Provider Sharing / Announcements – No one had anything to share.
4. Consumer Marketing List is available by contacting Angela Levy-
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5. The next meeting will be July 23rd at 2pm.

Minutes by Angela Levy

Cottonwood CDDO Affiliate Meeting

**7/23/2024 – 2pm
Teams**

Present: Angela Levy, Paula Pratt, Wendi Georgi, Jon Gerdel, Alisa Snyder, Shelby Fry, Jennifer Brancaccio, Lynette Goldizen, Zoe Surprise-Murphy, LaTonia Wright, Colleen Hunter, Sarah Elliott, Faith Gooch, Sarah Rutledge, Ian Pepin, Rayna Goldsmith, Logan Pope, De'Antay Bourn, Connie Wade, Andrea Pike, Janine Gracy, Holly Koigi, Yolanda Hargett, Ranita Wilks, Susan Davis, Erin Crapser, Catilyn Hendershott, Josh Saunders, Michael Tubbs, Hugh Murphy, Jeff Whittier

1. Guest Speaker – LaTonia Wright of KDADS gave a training on the Final Rule for HCBS Settings. The Final Rule is to ensure that people have full access to their community and that their community-based services are not like institutional based services. Kansas is currently on a corrective action plan with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for not being in compliance with the Final Rule in HCBS settings. LaTonia's power point presentation is attached and here is the link to the recording of today's meeting. The link will expire by July 1, 2025 - [Cottonwood CDDO Quarterly Affiliate Meeting - July 2024-20240723_140542-Meeting Recording 1.mp4](#)

2. System Updates
 - a. KDADS updates
 - i. A Community Support Waiver Town Hall will be July 31st at 1pm by Zoom – Angela emailed everyone the information to register for this meeting.
 - ii. The renewal of the HCBS IDD Waiver for July 1, 2024, is still being reviewed by CMS.

 - b. KDADS/CDDO Contract
 - i. KDADS and CDDOs have not reached agreement yet on the FY 2025 contract.

 - ii. Workgroups – All groups are on pause for now.
 1. CDDO Operations
 2. Eligibility
 3. Functional Assessment
 4. Quality Assurance
 5. Complex Needs

3. Provider Sharing / Announcements – No one had anything to share today.
4. The Consumer Marketing List is available by contacting Angela Levy-
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5. The next meeting will be October 22nd at 2pm by Teams. Angela does not have a guest speaker confirmed yet. If you have any suggestions, please send her an email.

Minutes by Angela Levy