

**Shawnee County CDDO
Affiliate Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021**

Present: Shayla Bleidissel, AIS; Jon Gerdel, Life Patterns; Amy Vickers, Positive Impact; Sara Ditch, Tanya Gragg, Caring and Compassionate Care; Anthony Neal, Sally Martin, Stephany Semple, Angie Dougan, Shelby Fry, Eileen Doran, TARC; Tracy Martin, Pearlie Mae's; MaryAnn Hughes, Sunflower Supports; Sara Dinkel, DreamCatchers; Robert Haddon, Juvy Haddon, Supportive Living; Frank Greco, EVF; Abbie Ryan, Mosaic; Deirdre Humphrey, Arc of Douglas County; Dave Skinner, Monaco & Associates; Frankie Holloway, EVF; Lisa Marx, DCCCA; Rebecca Guerera,, Helper's Inc; Elizabeth Barkely, Amber Brewster, Chelsea Gann, Seressa Opoku, Chandra Nichols, Serenity; Bill Perez, GT Independence; Lorraine Dold, Another Day; Erica Koontz, LifeBridge; Ramona Macek, Capper Foundation; Jon Allen, Gina Allen, Compassionate Care Community Services; Sabrina Winston, Tiffanie Krentz, Michelle Shirey, Paula O'Brian, Rachael Piecukonis, Coleen Hernandez, Christine Hurla, SNCDDO.

Guest Presenters:

Elizabeth Tate & Abby Noyes, Emporia State University

Effects of Masks on Emotional Appraisal Ability of Adults and Children With and Without Autism

The study predicts that people with and without Autism will have a more difficult time reading the emotions of a person wearing a face mask than reading the emotions of a person not wearing a face mask, but people with Autism will have more difficulty than people without Autism. The researchers are asking for those with an Autism diagnosis who would be willing to participate in the study by taking an online test, which takes about 20-40 minutes. The test presents photos of faces and asks participants to decide which emotion matches the face. There are 2 versions of the test, one for those under 18 and one for adults. The test is up and running at the following links and participants can begin taking the test now:

LINKS:

This link is for the **children's** (participants under 18) version of the study:

https://emporiattc.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6DTJrCQPEircG7b

This link is for the Dyssemia Rating Scale for **caregivers/parents/guardians/etc. to complete on behalf of child participants:**

https://emporiattc.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0c6TEQa1Y1JlrL

This link is for the **adult's** version of the study. It has the DRS questions built in, so participants might want a caregiver/parent/guardian/etc. nearby to supervise/help them complete those questions: https://emporiattc.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3q7Xfr8oG4hrn1z

The consent forms are built into the questionnaires. If desired, Elizabeth can send document versions of the consent forms in case any of the affiliates, parents, etc. would like to see them before they begin the questionnaires.

Please email Elizabeth etate2@g.emporia.edu, or Abby anoyes1@g.emporia.edu for any questions.

CDDO Agenda Items:

Poll: Now that more people are getting vaccinated, what are day services doing as far as having individuals continue to wear face masks?

AIS: If they can social distance at 6 feet, they have the option not to wear the mask. If going on outings or in a vehicle or will be closer than 6 feet, both vaccinated and un-vaccinated individuals have to wear a mask.

EVF: Both vaccinated and unvaccinated are to wear masks inside, if outside and social distancing they don't have to wear masks. Waiting for further guidance.

LHTC: Still wearing masks.

Poll: Providers who have had booster clinics, how did it go?

EVF: We just had our clinic with Heartland and it went well. At least 80% of people eligible got the booster

LHTC: About 90% of clients received the booster who were eligible. Heartland offered boosters to staff and volunteers as well. Most who had gotten 1st and 2nd doses did get the booster.

SLI: Our clinic went well, we had high participation.

Poll: We are looking at going back to in-person meetings for assessments. Who is ready/able to provide space?

LHTC: We are willing to do face to face, all participants will have to wear masks.

TARC SD: We are doing a hybrid mode, with some people together and some zooming in.

EVF: We are open for face to face. We ask visitors to wear masks inside as well as answer the screening questions at the door. If symptomatic, we will not be able to meet face to face.

TARC: We are open for in-person meetings, we have large conference rooms and fully vaccinated staff.

LifeBridge: We are allowing in-person meetings

Sunflower Supports: We really like Zoom meetings. We like to have clients in person with staff. It is difficult for us to have 6 ft. of space if more than 3 present.

TCM Agencies:

Mosaic: We are leaving it up to what the individuals and guardians want.

Monaco: We are operating in a hybrid mode.

Caring and Compassionate Care: We are still doing phone conferences.

Arc of Douglas County: We have been meeting face to face with clients with masks, but still primarily meeting on ZOOM due to client's preference.

TARC TCM: We have been doing as many face to face as providers and guardian's will allow. Hybrid for meetings.

SNCCDO: Even with Zoom meetings, we are often not seeing the individuals on camera, so we are wanting to go back to in person so we can do the testing as we need to do it.

- Free testing kits from KDHE will no longer be available as of 11/30/21. Attached please find information regarding the New Free Covid 19 Testing Program offered by US Health and Human Services and the Midwest Coordination Center. This program is a free program available to all Schools K-12, Congregate Settings, and Day Care Centers in the State of Kansas as well as 15 other Midwestern States. The Midwest Coordination Center's parent company is the Battelle Memorial Institute. For questions, contact Debbie Freund, MCC State Liaison – Kansas. Office number: 614-424-4016, email: freund@testedandprotected.org. See additional information attached.
- CDDO Booster Clinic went well, 90 boosters/vaccinations were given, 35 consumers and 55 staff/caregivers
- Affiliate Agreements are due Friday 11.12.21
- PAS Tools – not all TCM's have been doing them. You need to be doing a PAS tool on each and every individual who receives a service.
- PCSP's – should be signed when everyone agrees with the plan, should not be signed until the final document has been reviewed.
- Status Action Form has been updated, see attached. Please send any questions to Robert Smith, rsmith@sncddo.org
- BASIS document checklist has been updated, see attached.
- Special Diet: We are not requiring the diet is updated every 2 years. We are just checking to make sure it is being followed.
- Please continue to submit the documents 2 days prior to the Assessment, even as we go back to in person meetings, so the Assessors have time to review prior to the meeting.

CDDO Updates/Reminders:

- Providers please remember to let us know when you open
- All documents for BASIS assessments must be sent 2 days prior to the meeting so the Assessors have sufficient time to review the documents.
- We continue recruitment for the Council of Community Members. Send Nomination forms to Coleen.
- If you were in attendance via telephone, send an email to churla@sncddo to be counted for attendance.

Training Opportunities/Resources:

- December 9, 8:30 – 12:30 CDDO Training Session 1 (CDDO Overview, Article 63, BASIS Assessments, Status Action Forms) **This training will be in-person.**
- CDDO Training Session 2 TBD
- Email Christine to sign up for CDDO Training

Next Meeting:

December 8, 2021 11:00