

**Shawnee County CDDO
Affiliate Meeting
April 8, 2013**

Present: Chris Ostrander, Easter Seals Capper Foundation; Flor Smith, Compassionate Care; Ramona Macek, SNCDDO; Shelby Fry, TARC; Cathy Baer, Catholic Charities; Cari Blankingship, TARC Self-Determination; Chuck Mohney, Easter Seals Capper Foundation. Via teleconference: Barb Zimmerman, Helpers, Inc.; Kelly Zink, Dream Catchers; Merilee Larson, Life Works; Patty Cornett, Monaco & Associates and Mitzie Tyree, Sheltered Living.

I. CDDO Updates:

- March Affiliate Report Overview
 - 1064 individuals receiving services (827 adults, 237 children) in Shawnee County.
 - There were 8 individuals determined eligible; 0 determined ineligible; 1 ported in and 0 that ported out of Shawnee County.
 - There were 8 crisis requests reviewed by the funding committee; 2 were approved; 4 were denied and 2 pending.
 - 27 individuals have been crisis approved during FY2013.
 - There are 52 individuals who have not chosen a case manager; 29 Medicaid eligible and 23 Non-Medicaid eligible.
 - Individuals changing service providers included: 5 - day services (includes multiple providers); 5 - residential services; 0 - case management; and 6 - FMS Provider.
 - There were 377 POC's reviewed for the month. Of the POCs reviewed for in home supports, 56% was over allocation and 44% at allocation.

- Plan of Care approvals –Sandy Chatham has a different position at KDADS so is no longer approving POCs. KDADS hired a person; also whose name is Sandy, to review/approve POCs. Ramona stated it is taking about a month for POCs to be approved by KDADS after entered into the state system.

- Legislative updates – The legislature is out of session until May 8th.
 - HB2029 – DD carve out of KanCare; there has been no further action taken.
 - HB2155 (previously SB194) – The bill changes Kansas statute for CDDO responsibilities and recommends I/DD eligibility, Needs Assessments and case management be completed by an entity who is not also a service provider. The bill has not been voted on and remains on the legislative calendar. If passed, it would be implemented January 1, 2015.
 - HB2025 –KanCare advisory committee and oversight bill passed and has been forwarded to the governor for approval.

- HB2150 – The Employment First initiative assists persons with disabilities obtain employment. The oversight commission will be required to work the state agencies and nongovernmental organizations to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain employment. The revised bill removed goals.
- Ramona reminded everyone that when a child receiving DD waiver services is to be released from state custody, the child care placing agency is to notify the CDDO and DD case manager. This has not been happening. The CDDO should have a copy of the custody paperwork issued by the court and the permanency plan reflecting the persons need for DD services so it may be approved as a contract exception. She stated that we have had three instances recently where the CDDO and DD case manager are not notified until months later. KVC received the state foster care contract which will begin July 1, 2013. Ramona stated that the case managers not being informed and involved with the transition to adult services is a concern.
- It has been reported to the CDDO that there are many doctors and dentists that have not contracted with any of the three MCOs. People are encouraged to call Jim Bart, Ombudsman, at 1-855-643-8180, when there are unresolved medical provider issues due to KanCare.
- Ramona reminded everyone about the scheduled Rapid Response conference calls from 9-10 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. (877-0247-8650, code 79687456). There have been several issues with lateness of provider reimbursements for claims submitted. Questions and answers are posted on the KanCare website.
- Ramona will be attending the KanCare Health Home forum on Aug. 16th. She is hopeful there will be some clarification about the health home concept and provider qualifications. The target group for a health home is individuals with severe mental illness and/or diabetes.
- It was asked if the DD KanCare pilot program has started. As of right now only the providers and beneficiaries have been identified.
- The KDAD-CDDO-Stakeholder meeting is at 9:30 on May 16 at the DCF Learning Center. Email Billie at bpadilla@sncddo.org if you want to attend the conference call at TARC or Ramona at rmacek@sncddo.org if you plan to attend the meeting at the Learning Center.
- The Autism Awareness Carnival is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 27, 2013 at Washburn Tech, 5724 South West Huntoon Avenue, Topeka, KS 66604
- 2013 Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas Conference for people with disabilities is June 14-16, 2013 at the Ramada Inn. 420 SE 6, Topeka, KS 66607

V. Upcoming training opportunities

- BCI Training at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library from 8:30 –Noon on April 11, 2013.

Next meeting is scheduled June 10, 2013