

**Shawnee County CDDO  
Affiliate Meeting  
Feb. 8, 2016**

**Present:** Tim Gorton, SLI; Robert Smith, CDDO; Laura Kahler, Mosaic; Mary Stafford, Exploring Life; Coleen Hernandez, CDDO; Adrian Rivera, CDDO; Sabrina Winston, CDDO; Ramona Macek, ESCF; Paula O'Brian, CDDO; Daniel Gassman, TARC; Tym Frear Morris, Lifeworx; Janice Duran, Enabled Hearth; Antonio Castaneda, Loving Hearts; Merilee Larson, Lifeworx; Billie Padilla, CDDO

**I. CDDO Updates:**

- December 2015 and January 2016 Affiliate Report Overview – See Attachments
- Oral Health Survey – see attachments
- Timili Gartner Award – see attachment
- The CDDO continues to update individuals on the waiting list in BCI in the Services section. The CDDO is waiting on confirmations from the state.
- Kimberly Pierson and Aquila Jordan are no longer at KDADS. The most current contact list from KDADS was forwarded on Feb. 4, 2016.
- Discussion on the ending of Health Homes.

**II. Guest Speaker:**

Pam Keller, LMSW, Social Work Supervisor, East Region Prevention & Protection Services

PowerPoint Handout – see attached.

- Crisis Exceptions requests are to be sent directly to the CDDO and cc Laura Leistra. Explain in detail why the exception is needed to assist in making the decision.
- Not all cases are found to be substantiated. It was asked if found unsubstantiated does it impact the crisis request. No, it doesn't.
- It was stated there have been times that APS has sent the Crisis Request before the CDDO knew anything about the crisis.
- When submitting an APS report make sure that there is clear and convincing evidence corroborating the report. It was stated that sometimes it takes more than one report before it is found to be substantiated.
- It was asked if you can find out if a call has been screened in. You can be told if has been if you as the reporter give your name and state that you want to be notified. As a mandated reporter you are encouraged to give your name.
- APS data system (KIPS) as of 2011 tracks reports whether they are screened in or screened out.
- Everything must go through the reporting line. In NE Kansas a social worker must go out to investigate. The social worker will call law enforcement if needed.

- APS has 30 days to make a finding, the case must be closed in 90 days. If law enforcement takes the lead APS can request an extension.
- Cases are assigned by severity. Once a case is determined severe an APS worker must go out immediately; for abuse but not in immediate danger they have three work days, for neglect and exploitation they have five work days.
- If an employee has been turned in and the accusations are found to be substantiated the individual has 33 days to appeal. If they do not reply their name will be added to the registry and it cannot be expunged.
- It was asked how long does it take for someone's name to appear on the registry. It is a minimal of 33 days if they do not appeal. If it is appealed there is a conference call, a written summary and a hearing.
- If they want to have their name expunged the individual must submit letter which shows their changes. After a conference call and consultation with a social worker the Secretary of State makes the final decision of whether or not to expunge.
- Understanding Your Role as Power of Attorney – brochure attached
- APS has some emergency funds to assist with individuals before an APS Report is made.
- AAA contracted with the state in 2015 to assist with emergency funding but there must be a connection with the person they are assisting. If APS is involved they will not fund.

***Next meeting 2 pm April 11, 2015***