



Sedgwick County
Developmental Disability Organization
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***Meeting of the Sedgwick County
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board***

Tuesday August 08, 2023

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In-Person and Zoom option

SCDDO, 615 N. Main, Wichita, KS 67203

Al Besser, Jr.
Carolyn Walters
Cassandra Sines
Grace Kneil
Vanessa Lohf

Dave Jones
Annette Graham
Rebecca Shell
Jeannette Livingston
Peggy O'Donnell

Shelley Herrington
Sherry Arbuckle

Welcome and Introductions

Grace called meeting to order.

Review Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes dated 05/09/2023 were approved.

Affiliation Application – MedLife, LLC for residential supports

This is a new company owned by Juliana Petro and Jei Sawaya

Juliana Petro has experience starting and running businesses. She ran a home daycare from 2012 to 2018.

Ms. Petro also started and runs a transportation service.

Compared to most applicants for affiliation, MedLife's owners come with more experience and training. Ms. Petro has started and run two businesses and is a registered adult care home operator.

Main concern for this provider is rate of pay for staff especially with the work force crisis we are having.

Approved pending licensure.

2nd Q 2023 Quality Assurance Committee outcomes

29/44 individuals reviewed needed service modification plans (SMPs) – 66% (up 8%)

19/23 providers reviewed were assigned SMPs – 83% (up 5%)

75 SMPs were assigned out of a possible 812 – (up 2.1%)

Services area showed a decline in all four program areas, including Targeted Case Management, Day, Residential, Personal Care Services Agency Directed and Self Directed. This area questions whether staff understands or knows medical supports, goals, or what the purpose of their service is.

In the future we will be looking at engaging non case managers in the QAC process

Board Discussion

Chair and Vice-Chair to work on drafting agenda with the assistance of the SCDDO. The SCDDO will then send the agenda out to the Board members.

SCDDO Merger with Department on Aging

SCDDO has been merged with the Department of Aging to create a new department called Department of Aging and Disabilities. Annette is looking to hire a Deputy Director for Department of Aging to reduce some of her responsibilities there so she can engage in both departments.

Current Department of Aging departments include Sedgwick County Department on Aging which gets Mill Levy funding, Central Plain Area on Aging which receives State and Federal funding, Transportation program which receives Mill Levy, Federal and State funding, Contracts for Agency and Disability Resource Center call center, Administrative Case Management

IDDAB Bylaws

Approved changes to be made to the bylaws.

Move election of officers from every year to every 2 years.

Reduce number of executive meetings from 4 to 1 with the option of scheduling special sessions when needed.

Remove treasurer position

Add that Chair will notify any County Commissioner of attendance issues.

Will also look over bylaws to make sure that all other language is in line with new amendments.

CDDO Contract Update

Current contract will be extended into FY 2024. Sedgwick County has 2 amendments. Our current contract will be extended into FY 2024, and any funds that were returned to the State in FY 23 will be returned back to the SCDDO in Sept 2023.

Waiver Renewal Update

Waiting list steering committee was formed with KU and KDADS staff to go over project status.

There is a link to state testimony that Jeannette or Sherry will share with board.

Sherry will check on which waivers are included in the steering committee.

Affiliate Engagement

A suggestion was made to ask Affiliates to attend board meeting. They would attend, listen and provide any information requested. Each meeting we would focus on a service to provide specific engagement on that topic.

Will reach out to some residential providers to see if they can attend the next meeting. Will have them provide information on the changes they have made or will make around Final Rule.

Other Business/Announcements

Adjourn