

**Shawnee County CDDO
Affiliate Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2025**

Present: Stacy Bleidissel, AIS; Beth Letourneau, Chandra Nichols, A Step Above; Tanya Gragg, Shawna Lampe, Caring & Compassionate Care; Mary Stafford, Exploring Life; Mary Pierson, Stephanie Broxterman, Capper, Erica Koontz, LifeBridge; MaryAnn Hughes, Jose Almendariz, Kristol Fonseca, Sonia Hill, Sunflower Supports; Gina Allen, Jon Allen, Compassionate Care Community Services; Vince Garcia, Roberta Lehmann, RICO Services; Dave Skinner, Ashley Seimears, Erica Swander, Monaco & Associates; Frankie Holloway, Equi-Venture Farms; Mary Ann Hughes, Sunflower Supports; Missy Floyd, CALM; Quinta Avance, Avance-d Community Alternatives; Angie Reinking, Mike Glaves, The Arc of Douglas County; Crystal Walquist, Cospers Day Service; Shelby Fry, TARC; TARC Case Management; Rebecca Gurera, Helpers; Jenell Jones, Pearlmae's; Sara Dinkel, Dream Catchers; Jon Gerdel, Life Patterns, Bethany Kuhl, S&L Ranch; Cynthia Marta, DCCCA; Corby Lockwood, KDADS; Robert Smith, Michelle Shirey, Coleen Hernandez, Callie Simmons, Rachael Piecukonis, Koree Bell, Christine Hurla, SNCDDO

Guest Presenters:

Liz Long, Working Healthy Director and Erin Sanders, STEPS Program Manager
[Program information attached.](#)

CDDO Updates/Reminders:

- MFEI updates
 - Assessors completed training
 - Implementation date still expected to be July 1, 2025
 - Documentation requirements still not finalized
 - MFEI meetings will be a little longer than the BASIS. Plan for about 1.5 hours.
 - Please direct questions to Rachael Piecukonis, rpiecukonis@sncddo.org.
- Shelby Fry, TARC shared discussions from day service unbundling meetings. Haven't received final definitions from KDADS yet.
- State/CDDO contract negotiations nearly finalized except some financial pieces for CDDO. May be completed by July.
- TCM/CDDO conflict of interest - several recommendations moving forward for legislative input.

Training Opportunities/Resources:

- **CDDO Training:** May 27, 2025 8:30-12:00 (Session 1: CDDO Overview, Article 63, BASIS, Status Action Forms, Crisis Funding Requests)
- **CDDO Training:** June 16, 2025 1:00-4:00 (Session 2: BCI, Transition Checklist, Critical Incident Reports, PAS Tools).
- **Parsons Trainings:** June 24, 2025
 - 10:00 Developmental Disabilities and Co-Occurring Mood Disorders
 - 1:00 Sexuality, Healthy Relationships, and Consent
 - Contact Callie Simmons csimmons@sncddo.org for questions. Register with Christine Hurla, churla@sncddo.org
- **HCBS settings Final Rule training** June 25 and June 26. Save the Date information emailed to affiliates May 9, 2025. Registration information to follow.
- **Resource Fair:** October 4, 2025.

If you attended via telephone and were not able to add your name to the chat, send an email to Christine churla@snccddo.org to be counted for attendance.

Next Affiliate Meeting: July 10, 2025 at 11:00

In person at TARC 2701 SW Randolph Ave, Topeka, KS 66611

There will **not** be a virtual option for this meeting.

Guest presenter: Amy Mullins, Valeo