Executive Director’s Report/Legislative Update

August 17, 2018

KCDC Meeting

Since the May KCDC meeting:

I continue to be on loan to the KanCare Ombudsman’s office three half-days a week. I do not see this changing in the near future.

I participated in the following meetings:

* Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Symposium
* Medicaid Functional Eligibility Instrument-Intellectual/Developmental Disability (MFEI-IDD) monthly meetings. The IDD instrument is now in testing. Several Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDO) are using the tool to assess consumers and evaluating the tool’s effectiveness in providing the information they need.
* Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Settings Rule committee
* KU transition planning committee
* No Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) coordinators calls occurred over the summer. Roger Frischenmeyer is our state coordinator. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in July and is undergoing treatment. I will start the calls again in September. I will also look for a new state coordinator to take over until Roger is better.
* Commission on Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR)
* Assistive Technology for Kansans (ATK)
* KanCare Ombudsman has bi-weekly education calls.
* Subcabinet on Disability.
* Kansas Department of Transportation Coordinated Plan Steering Group. This was the last meeting for the plan. Members agreed to participate an annual or twice a year meetings.

I made a presentation to the Wichita Homeless Shelter advisory council in August on service dogs. Extensive research was done to make sure the information was correct. At the ADA Symposium I met Leonard Sandler, at attorney with the University of Iowa who is an expert on service dog laws. He was very helpful in getting the information for the presentation. I am willing to share his contact information if you need information on service dog laws.

Work on updating the KCDC website and disability service maps continues at a slow pace.