

# Using Alternative Approaches to Individual Budgeting - Kansas

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# Community Supports and Services – Vision

- ◆ People with disabilities live a meaningful and productive life with supports and services in their community.



# Introduction

- ◆ Kansas began its Self-Determination Project in 1996 with a grant from Robert Wood Johnson.
- ◆ 2 pilot sites which expanded to 6.
- ◆ Serving a total of 125 individuals through self-determination.
- ◆ Since completion of the grant, Kansas has continued offering self-determination as a service option for individuals in limited areas of the State.



## Introduction (cont)

- ◆ We did not mandate that this option be offered in all areas.
- ◆ The program has not grown as we had hoped. I will discuss the reasons for this as we discuss the current process for entering services in Kansas.
- ◆ As a result we have had to take a step back and evaluate our goals and objectives.



# The DD System In Kansas

- ◆ The single point of entry into the DD system is through out Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDOs) as established by the DD Reform Act.
- ◆ There are 28 CDDOs across Kansas.
- ◆ The CDDOs are given an annual allocation to serve individuals in their area.



## Kansas DD System (cont)

- ◆ The allocation is determined by the number of individuals in each area and the tier level of each individual.
- ◆ The CDDOs are responsible for remaining within their allocation each year.  
Therefore, they make the determination of the amount of funding that will be available for an individual's services.



## Kansas DD System (cont)

- ◆ The State has a contract with each CDDO. In the contract the CDDO assures that all individuals health and welfare needs will be met.
- ◆ So, how do we determine how much funding will be available to meet an individuals needs?



# Eligibility and Funding

- ◆ First a person must be determined to be either mentally retarded or otherwise developmentally disabled per K.S.A. 39-1803.
- ◆ If the person is determined to be either mentally retarded or otherwise developmentally disabled an assessment to provide information concerning and individual's functional disabilities is conducted.



# Eligibility and Funding (cont)

- ◆ This assessment, by using information regarding adaptive functioning, maladaptive behaviors and health is used to determine an individuals tier level.
- ◆ Tier levels are therefore determined by level of disability.
- ◆ Tier levels range from 5, which is the lowest level of disability to 1 which is the highest level of disability.



## Eligibility and Funding (cont)

- ◆ At the point the assessments are completed a person centered plan is developed. This is done by working with the individual and their support system.
- ◆ At this point, if self-determination is a service option in the area, they will be given the information regarding self-determination.



# Budgeting

- ◆ To determine funding for self-determination we use the total of what is allocated for residential services (daily rate) and day services (daily rate).
- ◆ Example – Tier 2 is \$111.77 per day for residential services and \$61.66 per day for day services, therefore the individual choosing to access services through self-determination is allocated \$5,202.90 per month.
- ◆  $\$111.77 \times 30 = 3,353.10$   
 $\$61.66 \times 30 = 1,849.80$   
TOTAL for the month is \$5,202.90



# Budgeting (cont)

- ◆ Budgets are developed using:
  - SSI/SSDI
  - Wages
  - Medicaid funds
  - State general funds if available

Funds can be used for: residential services, day services, staffing, equipment, job coaching, fiscal intermediary services, etc. The service must be a service that would be covered by Medicaid.



## Budgeting (cont)

- ◆ Planning networks for individuals include family, friends, co-workers, schoolmates and invited professionals.
- ◆ Each individual and their support network negotiate their budget with the CDDO.
- ◆ The final agreement delineates how funds will be dispensed and to whom.



# Budgeting (cont)

- ◆ Many individuals use an independent fiscal intermediary.
- ◆ The fiscal intermediary is responsible for:
  - paying bills
  - background checks
  - compliance with state and federal laws
  - support to individual



## Budgeting (cont)

- ◆ What if the individual requires more funding than is allocated in their tier level?
- ◆ Tier is a “soft cap”
- ◆ The concept is that some individuals will require all or more of the funding allocated and others will require less. With this method, funding is available for individuals requiring increased funding with a demonstrated need.



## Budgeting (cont)

- ◆ What if an individual requires increased funding during the year?
- ◆ 10% of an individuals budget is set aside each month for crisis or other needs as they arise. They may use this funding for equipment or home modifications if they chose, but must keep some set aside for possible changes in condition.



## Budgeting (cont)

- ◆ Case Managers work with individual throughout the process.
- ◆ Kansas does not have independent support brokers at this time.
- ◆ Each CDDO that offers self-determination as an option must have policies and procedures in place that are approved by the State.



# Self-Determination

- ◆ Within the policies and procedures a CDDO must have a Conflict Resolution policy in place.
- ◆ The policy must include the Council of Community Members which is composed of 51% service recipients or family members and Community Service Providers.



# Other Resources

- ◆ The Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities granted funds to the Self-Advocacy Coalition of Kansas to conduct training across the State on self-determination.
- ◆ They have also developed training materials for individuals requesting self-determination as a service option.



# What Next?

- ◆ Development of an 1115c waiver for self-determination.
- ◆ Offer self-determination on a statewide basis.
- ◆ An implementation date of July 1, 2004.



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